

CHAPTER 45: REGULATION OF GOLF CART USE

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SECTION 40.01 DEFINITIONS.

Except as otherwise defined in the Code, words and terms defined in M.S. § 169, as they may be amended time to time, shall be applicable to this subchapter.

SECTION 40.02 DRIVING, OPERATING, OR CONTROL OF GOLF CARTS.

Motorized golf carts may be driven, operated or controlled on the roadways or shoulders of roadways under the jurisdiction of the city except such roadways prohibited by resolution of the City Council and only in strict compliance with this section. Operation of motorized golf carts on sidewalks and boulevards is prohibited.

SECTION 40.03 PERMITS

No motorized golf cart shall be driven, operated or controlled on the roadways or shoulders of roadways under the jurisdiction of the city unless the driver, operator or person in control has in his or her actual physical possession a valid, current and unrevoked permit of the city for such driving, operation or control of a motorized golf cart.

SECTION 40.04 PERMIT ISSUANCE

Permits shall be issued by the Police Chief, or authorized designee, upon compliance with this section.

- (A) *Individual permit.* Application for an individual permit shall include the full name and address of the applicant; the applicant's date of birth; the state of issuance of the applicant's current driver's license, the number of the driver's license; the date of application and applicant's signature, the name of applicant's insurance company; the number of applicant's insurance policy; and the date of expiration of insurance coverage for the vehicle. The applicant shall supply proof of insurance for the vehicle such as a copy of an insurance certificate or a written statement from an insurance agent confirming the vehicle has general liability insurance. As a condition to obtaining an individual permit, the Police Chief may require an applicant to submit a certificate signed by a physician to the effect that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart on the roadways or shoulders under the jurisdiction of the city. Copies of insurance and licenses shall be current or the application will be denied.
- (B) *Revocation of permit.* An individual permit may be revoked by the Police Chief if there is any material misrepresentation made in the permit application, liability insurance is no

longer in effect, or if there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart. An individual permit shall also be revoked if the permittee no longer has a valid driver's license. The Police Chief shall issue a notice of revocation of a permit in writing and either hand deliver the notice to the permit holder or send the notice by certified mail to the address on the application. The revocation shall be in effect immediately after personal service or 3 days after the mailing.

- (C) *Permit expiration.* Permits shall expire the last day of March each year unless revoked for reasons stated in subsection B. If the ownership of the vehicle changes, the new owner shall be required to apply for a license.

SECTION 40.05 FEES

An individual applicant shall pay a fee of \$5.00 that may be adjusted from time to time by council resolution. If the application is not approved the fee is not refundable.

SECTION 40.06 UNLAWFUL ACTS

The occasional use of golf carts is permitted for general transportation, but in any event no motorized golf cart shall be driven, operated or controlled:

- (A) Between sunset and sunrise;
- (B) Without the use of lights if equipped with the same;
- (C) In inclement weather, when visibility is reduced or impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light clearly to see a person or vehicle on a roadway at a distance of 500 feet;
- (D) Without prominent display of a slow-moving vehicle emblem provided in M.S. § 169.522, as it may be amended from time to time, on the rear of such vehicle;
- (E) Without liability insurance coverage;
- (F) Contrary to any traffic law of the city or the state, except those which cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts or are not applied, by reason of M.S. § 169.045 subd. 7, as it may be amended from time to time.
- (G) Contrary to any provisions of this Code;
- (H) By any person under the age of 16;
- (I) By any person who does not have a valid driver's license;
- (J) In any area where vehicle traffic is prohibited, blockaded, or presents hazardous travel.

SECTION 40.07 VIOLATON

Any person violating any provision of this subchapter shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine as set forth in § 10.99. Penalty, see § 10.99.

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