

§ 73.16 MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS; OPERATION; PERMITS.

(A) *Operation authorized.* Operation of motorized golf carts is hereby authorized on the roadways of all streets, except those as are prohibited by resolution of the Council, and only in strict compliance with this section.

(B) *Permits.*

(1) Permits shall be issued only to persons 18 years of age or older who have a valid driver's license of this state. Application for a permit to operate a motorized golf cart on the roadways of streets shall include the name and address of the applicant and other information as may from time to time be required by the Council. All permits shall be granted for a period of one year and may be renewed annually. The annual fee for a permit shall be \$5.

(2) The Chief of Police or his/her designee shall have the authority to grant the permits described in this section without action by the City Council subject to division (E) below.

(C) *Designation of roadways.* The Chief of Police shall designate city roadways or portions thereof upon which motorized golf carts shall be permitted to operate. At no time shall a golf cart be driven upon a state highway except at an intersection, and only for the purpose of crossing the state highway at the intersection on a designated roadway. Each golf cart driven upon a designated roadway shall remain at, or as close as possible to, the curb. All golf carts shall use the most direct route to and from the golf course.

(D) *Unlawful acts.* It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorized golf cart on the roadway of a street unless:

- (1) The operator has in possession a valid, current and unrevoked permit from the city;
- (2) The operation is on a roadway which has not been designated as prohibited for this type of operation, except crossing at an intersection;
- (3) The operation is from one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset;
- (4) The operation is not during inclement weather, nor when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, nor when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons or vehicles thereon at a distance of 500 feet;
- (5) The motorized golf cart displays a slow moving vehicle emblem, as described by statute, on the rear thereof;
- (6) The motorized golf cart is equipped with rear view mirrors;
- (7) The operator has insurance coverage as provided by statute (presently M.S. § 65B.48(5), as it may be amended from time to time) for motorcycles; and

(8) The operator observes all traffic laws, except those which cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts, and except as otherwise specifically provided by statute (presently M.S. § 169.045(7), as it may be amended from time to time).

(E) *Suspension or revocation of permit.* The Council may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provisions of this section or M.S. Chapter 169, as it may be amended from time to time, or if there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart on designated roadways.

(^ 89 Code, § 8.11) (Am. Ord. 05-0411, passed 8-9-05) [Penalty, see § 10.99](#)