

CHAPTER 77

GOLF CARTS

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77.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on certain streets in the City, as authorized by Section 321.247 of the *Code of Iowa*, as amended. This chapter applies whenever a golf cart is operated on any street or alley, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

77.02 DEFINITION. For use in this chapter the following terms are defined: Golf cart operation on City streets.

77.03 RULES OF OPERATION. The following rules shall apply to the operation of golf carts within the City:

1. Golf carts shall not be operated upon Highway 71, but shall be allowed to cross Highway 71.
2. Golf carts may be operated on City streets only by persons possessing a valid motor vehicle license.
3. Golf carts may be operated on City streets twenty-four (24) hours a day and must be equipped with operating headlights and taillights.
4. No golf carts shall be operated on a City street at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
5. Any golf cart operated upon a City street shall be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign on the back thereof, as well as a bicycle safety flag, the bottom of which shall be above the top of golf cart or which shall be a minimum of five (5) feet from ground level whichever is higher, and all golf carts shall have adequate brakes.

A golf cart operated upon a City street only for the purpose of crossing the street at or near a ninety-degree angle and not otherwise operated upon a City street shall not be required to be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag as otherwise herein required.

6. Golf carts operated on City streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements imposed by the governing body.

7. Golf carts shall not be operated without a lighted headlight and lighted taillight from sunset to sunrise; and, at such other times when conditions provide insufficient lighting to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead.

(Section 77.03 – Ord. 20-02 – Feb. 20 Supp.)

77.04 RESTRICTIONS OF USE.

1. No golf cart shall be operated or parked upon any City property including, but not limited to, City parks, sidewalks or trails.

2. Except when executing a left turn, golf carts shall be driven as close as practical to the right-hand edge of any street.

3. Golf carts shall yield the right-of-way to other motor vehicles at all uncontrolled intersections regardless of the dictates of Sections 321.319 of the *Code of Iowa*.

4. No golf cart shall carry more passengers than the golf cart is designed for.

5. Golf carts shall operate in single file.

6. Shall have current liability insurance.

7. No towing and no trailers, including, but not limited to, towing mowers.

8. Golf carts are not subject to the registration provisions of Chapter 321, *Code of Iowa*.

9. Any violation is subject to state laws and City ordinance.

77.05 UNLAWFUL OPERATION.

1. Golf carts shall not be operated in City parks, on all bike trails, and all sidewalks within the City; and on Highway 71, but may cross Highway 71 at a ninety-degree angle.

2. Golf carts may only be operated on 135 feet of bike trail along the south side of Pirate's Cove to access Lake Street from Historic Arnolds Park, Inc's southwest parking lot.

3. No golf cart shall be operated while operator is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotics, or habit-forming drugs.

4. No person shall operate a golf cart in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner endangering the person or property of another or causing injury to damage to same.

5. Operating shall require observation all State and local traffic code provisions.
6. Golf carts must follow all parking regulations.
(Section 77.05 – Ord. 2022-13 – Nov. 22 Supp.)

77.06 PERMITS. The following rules shall apply to the permitting of golf carts within the City.

1. Golf carts shall not be operated on City streets without a permit issued by the office of the City Clerk.
2. Golf cart permit fees are \$50 per cart; valid for up to two (2) years.
3. Fees will not be prorated; no refunds will be given.
4. Golf cart permits expire on December 31 of even numbered years.
5. Golf cart permits are non-transferable and void upon sale.
6. Business owners may apply for a fleet rate of \$50 good for up to ten (10) golf carts used for business purposes only.
7. The Chief of Police has the authority to revoke a golf cart permit in the event of repeated violations following a notice and the opportunity for a hearing.

(Section 77.06 – Ord. 2022-13 – Nov. 22 Supp.)

77.07 VIOLATIONS. Any violation of this chapter shall be considered a simple misdemeanor.
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