

TRAFFIC AND USE OF STREETS AND PARKS
Chapter 79

79. Regulation of Motorized Golf Carts on Roadways

- 79.010 Operation and Regulation of Motorized Golf Carts: Persons who are physically handicapped as defined in Minn. Stat. § 169.345, subd. 2, are authorized to operate motorized golf carts on designated roadways or portions thereof within the City.
- 79.020 Permit Required: No person shall operate a motorized golf cart without obtaining a permit from the City Council.
- 79.030 Application: Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the City and shall contain the following information:
- (1) Date.
 - (2) The name, address and phone number of the applicant.
 - (3) The nature of the applicant's physical handicap.
 - (4) The roadways or portion thereof on which the motorized golf cart will be operated.
 - (5) The time of operation of the motorized golf cart.
 - (6) Such other information as the City may require.
- 79.040. Permit:
- (1) Term of Permit. Permits shall be granted for a period not to exceed one (1) year and may be renewed annually.
 - (2) Conditions of Permit. No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The applicant must demonstrate that they are a physically handicapped person as defined in Minn. Stat. § 69.345, subd. 2.
 - (b) The applicant must submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart on the roadways designated.
 - (c) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 65B.4B, subd. 5.
 - (3) Permit Fee. The fee for a permit shall be set by the City Council as part of the annual fee resolution.
- 79.050 Designation of Roadways. Golf carts may be operated on city streets as designated by the permit.
- 79.060 Times of Operation. Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet.
- 79.070 Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem. Motorized golf carts shall display the slow moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minn. Stat. § 169.522, when operated on designated roadways.
- 79.080 Application of Traffic Laws. Every person operating a motorized golf cart under permit on designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of Chapter 169 of Minnesota Statutes, except when those provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts except as otherwise specifically provided in Minn. Stat. §169.045, subd. 7.

- 79.090 Suspension or Revocation of Permits. The City may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any of the provisions of this Section or Chapter 169 of Minnesota Statutes, or if there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operated the motorized golf cart on the designated roadways.
- 79.100 Sidewalks, Trails. No person shall operate a motorized golf cart on a public sidewalk or trail unless otherwise authorized.
- 79.110 Liability. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the City for any injuries to persons or property which may result from the operation of a motorized golf cart by a permit holder or the failure by the City to revoke said permit.
- 79.120 Penalty. Any persons violating any of the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

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