

SEC. 8.31. MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS.

Subd. 1. Authorization. Motorized golf carts may be operated on streets within the City only pursuant to a permit issued under this ordinance. This ordinance does not authorize operation of motorized golf carts on State trunk highways within the City.

Subd. 2. Motorized Golf Cart. A self-propelled vehicle of the type and style designated for and commonly used by patrons of golf courses, but excluding vehicles commonly known as all terrain vehicles or ATV's.

Subd. 3. Permit. A permit issued under this ordinance by the City of Pipestone and allowing the operation of a motorized golf cart on designated streets in the City.

Subd. 4. Permit Required. Motorized golf carts shall not be operated on streets in the City except by an authorized operator pursuant to a valid permit.

A. Only those persons identified on a permit as an authorized operator may operate a motorized golf cart pursuant to that permit.

Subd. 5. Permit Application Forms. Application forms for permits shall be obtained from the City Office.

Subd. 6. Applications. All applications shall include at least the following information and documentation:

- A. Date of application;
- B. Full name and address of applicant;
- C. Full name and address of the owner of the motorized golf cart, if other than the applicant;
- D. Make, model and identification or serial number of the motorized golf cart to be operated under the permit;
- E. A satisfactory certificate of insurance complying with Minnesota Statutes 65B.48, Subd, 5, and with any other insurance required by Minnesota Statutes 169.045;
- F. Home and work telephone numbers;
- G. Minnesota driver's license number;
- H. Date of birth;
- I. Such additional and further information as the City may deem necessary or appropriate to process the application.

Subd. 7. Granting or Denying Permits.

A. The City Council shall grant a permit to applicants satisfactorily providing all information required by this ordinance, The City Council may deny an application in whole or in part for any of the following reasons:

- a. The application or documentation submitted in support of the application is incomplete or contains false, fraudulent

- or deceptive statements,
- b.** An authorized operator for the applicant does not have a valid Minnesota driver's license,
- c.** Required information or documentation by any other applicable law has not been filed with the City Administrator.
- d.** The applicant does not qualify for a permit.

B. The City Council may issue a permit subject to special conditions if the Council determines that the applicant does not otherwise qualify for a permit, or that such conditions are necessary to ensure public safety.

C. For public safety considerations, a permit issued under this ordinance also may:

- a.** Limit operation of the motorized golf cart to use only on specific streets within the group of designated streets.
- b.** Prohibit operation on certain designated streets during specified times, dates or occasions.

Subd. 8. Possession of a Permit. A person operating a motorized golf cart by permit must have the permit in possession when operating the motorized golf cart and shall produce it upon demand of a peace officer.

Subd. 9. Operations Regulations. Motorized golf carts operated pursuant to permit must follow these regulations:

- a.** The operator must have and possess a current, valid, Minnesota driver's license.
- b.** The motorized golf cart may be operated only between sunrise and sunset.
- c.** Motorized carts shall be permitted on City streets between April 1 and October 31 of each year.
- d.** The motorized golf cart shall not be operated during inclement weather; nor when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions; nor at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons in vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
- e.** The motorized golf cart must display the slow moving vehicle emblem provided by Minnesota Traffic Regulations.
- f.** All rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle shall apply to the motorized golf cart, except those provisions that cannot reasonably be applied to the motorized golf cart.
- g.** The motorized golf cart shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

- h.** Motorized golf carts shall not be operated on public sidewalks.

Subd. 10. Revocation, Suspension or Modification of Permits.

A. Permits may be revoked or temporarily suspended by the City if there is evidence that:

- a.** The application for permit contained false or misleading information or documentation;
- b.** A violation has occurred as provided in Subd. 10B below, regardless of whether the violation resulted in a conviction;
- c.** The insurance required by law for a permit is no longer in effect.

B. The City may administratively revoke, modify or temporarily suspend a permit if there is evidence satisfactory to the City that a permit holder or authorized operator has committed, permitted or otherwise allowed:

- a.** A violation of any provision of this ordinance;
- b.** Conduct constituting a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony offense involving the operation of a vehicle;
- c.** A violation of any special conditions of the permit.

C. A revocation, modification or suspension shall be effective when notice of the same is personally delivered to the permit holder, or mailed by first class mail to the permit holder at the address stated in the permit application.

Subd. 11. Appeal. Any authorized operator or institution may appeal a revocation, modification or suspension to the City Council by written notice of appeal submitted to the City Administrator within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of the revocation, modification or suspension.

Subd. 12. Permit Term. Permits shall be issued for a period not to exceed one (1) year and may be annually reviewed. The Administrator may use a short form application for renewal of existing permits.

Subd. 13. Separability. Should any provision of this ordinance be declared by a court to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any part of the ordinance.

Subd. 14. Violations. Violations of this ordinance are a petty misdemeanor, except that violations committed under circumstances that endanger, or that are likely to endanger, persons or property are misdemeanors. A violation of this ordinance within twelve (12) months of a conviction for a prior violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor.

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