

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 GENERAL REGULATIONS. Golf carts may be operated upon the streets of the City by persons possessing a valid Iowa operator's license, and at least eighteen (18) years of age, except as prohibited in Section 77.03 of this chapter.

77.03 PLACE OF OPERATION. Golf carts shall not be operated upon any City street that is a primary road extension through the City. However, golf carts may cross such a primary road extension. First Street, School Street, Market Street and Highway 5 are hereby designated as primary road extensions in the City.

77.04 EQUIPMENT. Golf carts operated upon City streets shall be equipped with at least the following:

1. A slow moving vehicle sign.
2. A bicycle safety flag, the top of which shall be a minimum of five (5) feet from ground level.
3. Adequate brakes.
4. Head lights and tail lights.

77.05 HOURS OF OPERATION. Golf carts may be operated on City streets only between sunrise and sunset.

77.06 SPEED. No golf carts shall be operated on any City street at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour.

77.07 PERMIT REQUIRED. No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street or alley for any purpose unless the operator possesses a permit to operate a golf cart on City streets, issued by the City Clerk. Golf cart owners may apply for a permit from the City Clerk on forms provided by the City. The City Clerk shall not issue a permit until the owner/operator has provided the following:

1. Evidence that the operator is at least eighteen (18) years of age and possesses a valid Iowa driver's license; and
2. Proof that owner/operator has liability insurance covering operation of the golf carts on City streets.

The operator of a golf cart shall display the permit sticker prominently on a rear fender or similar component. All permits issued shall uniquely identify the name and address of the owner/operator.

77.08 FEE FOR PERMIT. The fee for such permit is \$25.00.

