

# CHAPTER 76

## GOLF CARTS

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**76.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on the streets in the City as authorized by Section 321.247 of the *Code of Iowa*. This chapter applies whenever a golf cart is operated on any street or alley in the City.

### **76.02 REGISTRATION OF GOLF CARTS.**

1. No golf cart shall be permitted or operated upon the streets of the City until it passes inspection by the Sheriff's Department. After passing inspection and payment of a registration fee of \$50.00 the golf cart may be registered with the City. A registered golf cart will be issued a permit number.
2. Golf carts can only be registered by the owner of legal age and in possession of a current valid non-temporary driver's license.
3. Golf carts shall meet the requirements of Section 76.03 prior to being registered and issued a permit number to specific golf cart and shall be non-transferrable.
4. Permits shall expire on December 31, regardless of date of issue, and be renewed annually for a fee of \$25.00. No full or partial refund of permit fee will be issued.

### **76.03 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

1. A State-approved slow-moving vehicle sign attached to the back of the golf cart.
2. A bicycle safety flag attached to the golf cart.
3. Adequate brakes.
4. A motor or battery that is standard golf cart equipment.

### **76.04 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.**

1. Golf carts may be operated upon the streets of the City by persons possessing a valid driver's license except as prohibited in Section 76.05 of this chapter.
2. All golf carts shall be operated with all passengers inside the cart and sitting on the seats. No one shall operate a golf cart with anyone hanging on the back or sides. The number of occupants shall not exceed the design occupant load of the golf cart.

### **76.05 PROHIBITED STREETS.**

1. Golf carts shall not be operated upon any street which is a primary road extension through the City. However, golf carts may cross such primary road extensions at right angles to the road.
2. Golf carts are prohibited from operating on City sidewalks on residential private property, except the owner of the golf cart may operate it on his/her own property.

**76.06 HOURS OF OPERATION.** Golf carts may be operated on City streets only between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

**76.07 VIOLATION.** Any conviction for violation of this chapter or Section 321.247 of the *Code of Iowa* shall cause the forfeiture of the City permit to operate the golf cart on City streets for the rest of the current year.