CHAPTER 76: GOLF CARTS AND ATVS

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§ 76.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV). ATVs are motorized flotation-tired vehicles with at least three but no more than six low pressure tires that have an engine displacement of less than 1,000 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of up to 1,800 pounds total dry weight. Dry weight is normally the weight of the vehicle without fluids.

INSURANCE. Motor vehicle insurance which complies with the requirements set forth in M.S. § 65B.48, subd. 5, as it may be amended from time to time.

MOTORIZED GOLF CART. A vehicle, usually three or four wheeled, which is self propelled and designed to normally provide transportation on a golf course.

PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSON. Any person meeting the criteria set forth in M.S. § 169.345, subd. 2, as it may be amended from time to time, that qualifies for a certificate allowing the person to park in a handicapped parking space.

SLOW MOVING VEHICLE EMBLEM. A sign which complies with the requirements set forth in M.S. § 169.522, as it may be amended from time to time.
(Ord. passed 9-27-12)

§ 76.02 PERMIT APPLICATION.

Any person desiring a permit to operate an all terrain vehicle or motorized golf cart shall submit an application to the appropriate city department along with a fee established by the City Council, and the following information:

(A) Application date;

(B) Applicant's name and address;

(C) Streets or trails upon which applicant wishes to drive;

(D) Time periods within which applicant wishes to drive;

(E) Proof of insurance company and policy number for operation of the all terrain vehicle or motorized golf cart;

(F) If the applicant does not possess a valid driver's license the applicant must submit a certificate signed by a licensed physician that applicant is able to operate an all terrain vehicle or motorized golf cart; and

(G) Applicant must be at least 18 and possess a valid driver's license.

(H) Applicant must have proof of DNR registration for ATV's.
(Ord. passed 9-27-12)

§ 76.03 RULES OF OPERATION.

(A) All terrain vehicles or motorized golf carts are allowed to operate on city streets if the owner obtains a permit under this chapter. Permits shall ~~be valid for a period not to exceed one year and shall~~ be renewed every three years.

(B) All terrain vehicles or motorized golf carts may make a direct crossing of a city street without obtaining a permit or displaying a slow moving vehicle emblem.

(C) All terrain vehicles are not required to obtain a permit if they are being utilized to clear snow from sidewalks and/or driveways from the operators property or from a neighbor's within 350 feet of operators property.

(D) All terrain vehicles are not required to obtain a permit if they are being utilized to drag a ball field.

(E) A person shall not operate an all terrain vehicle or motorized golf cart on city streets without a permit issued by the city. A person who has been granted a permit shall have the permit in possession while operating the all terrain vehicle or motorized golf cart.

(F) All terrain vehicles or motorized golf carts may be operated on city streets only between sunrise and sunset.

(G) No person shall operate an all terrain vehicle or motorized golf cart in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired.

(H) All terrain vehicles or motorized golf carts shall display the slow moving vehicle emblem provided for in M.S. § 169.522, as it may be amended from time to time.

(I) Operators of all terrain vehicles or motorized golf carts shall obey all traffic laws, except those which by their nature have no application, when traveling on city streets. All terrain vehicles or golf carts shall operate on the far right hand side of the road or shoulder.

(J) No towing of people is allowed.

(K) Permitted all terrain vehicles or motorized golf carts may only carry the number of passengers for which the vehicle is designed.

(L) All terrain vehicles or motorized golf carts must be operated on the extreme right hand side of the roadway and no faster than 20 mph.

(M) No person operating a motorized golf cart or ATV under this ordinance shall cross Highway 14 or drive along 2nd Avenue NW or 7th Street NW and 7th Street NE, those portions of 7th Street that are considered to be a County Road.

(N) Permit holder is not allowed to drive golf carts or all-terrain vehicles on Byron's walking/bike trail system and/or sidewalks.
(Ord. passed 9-27-12) Penalty, see § 76.99

§ 76.04 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

Nothing in this chapter 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 or ATV by a permit holder, granting of such permit, or the failure by the city to revoke said permit.
(Ord. passed 9-27-12)

§ 76.05 REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

The city may revoke the permit to operate an all terrain vehicle or motorized golf cart if a violation of this chapter occurs.
(Ord. passed 9-27-12)

§ 76.99 PENALTY.

Violation of any section is a petty misdemeanor punishable as provided in § 10.99.
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