CHAPTER 77

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77.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on 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.

77.02 DEFINITION. "Golf cart" means a three or four wheeled recreational vehicle generally used for the transportation of persons in the sport of golf on a golf course. Golf cart does not include an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or other similarly designed and operated vehicles.

77.03 TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES. Every person operating a golf cart upon a street or alley shall be granted all of the rights and privileges and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations applicable to the driver of a vehicle and to the laws of the State declaring the rules of the road applicable to the driver of the vehicle, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

77.04 RIDING ON GOLF CARTS. The number of riders on a golf cart shall not exceed the number of occupants for which the golf cart is designed. All riders must be seated on a seat designed for that purpose and seats shall not be overcrowded.

77.05 PROHIBITED STREETS. 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 extensions. For purposes of this Chapter primary road extensions shall include State Highway No. 4 and any detour established for such highway from time to time.

77.06 MINIMUM AGE; DRIVER'S LICENSE. Any person operating a golf cart upon any City street must be 16 years of age or older and have in his possession a valid motor vehicle driver's license.

77.07 EQUIPMENT. Golf carts operated upon any street shall be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag and shall have adequate brakes. Golf carts operated upon any streets shall also be equipped with all lighting equipment required for motor vehicles operating upon a highway within the State of Iowa.

77.08 HOURS OF OPERATION. Golf carts may be operated on City streets only from sunrise to sunset.

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