

CHAPTER 81 - GOLF CARTS

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81.01 PURPOSE.

In order to facilitate and allow the safe operation of golf carts upon streets within the City, it is necessary to enact rules and regulations for the operation thereof.

81.02 DEFINITION.

For purposes of this chapter, the phrase "golf cart" shall mean any vehicle with three (3) or more wheels, powered either by electricity or an internal combustion engine, which is used and designed primarily for the transportation of golfers and golf clubs upon golf courses.

81.03 DRIVERS.

Any person operating a golf cart upon designated City streets shall be at least sixteen (16) years old and possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

81.04 HOURS OF OPERATION.

Golf carts may be operated upon designated City streets only from sunrise to sunset, unless the golf cart is equipped with lights as required by State law for a motor vehicle. If so equipped, such a golf cart may be operated at any time of the day or night.

81.05 SAFETY.

Any golf cart operated upon designated City streets shall be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign on the back thereof as well as a bicycle safety flag, and all carts shall have adequate brakes. A golf cart operated upon a designated City street only for the purpose of crossing the street at or near a right angle, and not otherwise operated upon a City street, shall not be required to be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag, as otherwise herein required.

81.06 PROHIBITIONS.

Golf carts may be operated on all City streets and public rights-of-way, except 175th Street, 180th Street and Highway 86. Golf carts shall be allowed to cross a City street which is a primary road extension by the most direct route. Golf carts are prohibited from operation on trails.

81.07 RULES OF OPERATION.

Drivers of golf carts upon designated City streets shall be subject to all applicable provisions of Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa, as subsequently amended, and any violation of the applicable provisions of said chapter shall also constitute a violation of the Wahpeton City Code. In addition, drivers of golf carts operated shall be subject to the following additional rules:

1. Except when executing a left turn, golf carts shall be driven as close as practicable to the right-hand edge of any road;
2. Golf carts must yield the right-of-way to other motor vehicles at all uncontrolled intersections regardless of the dictates of Section 321.319 of the Code of Iowa.
3. Golf carts shall not be parked upon streets.
4. When necessary to prevent congestion of traffic, golf carts shall be pulled to the right-hand edge of streets and be stopped to allow other motor vehicles traveling in the same direction to pass.
5. When two (2) or more golf carts are being operated in the same direction and general vicinity, they shall proceed in a single file.

81.08 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Each owner of a golf cart operated on City streets shall provide proof of financial responsibility in accordance with Chapter 321A, Code of Iowa.

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