

VI. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

607 OPERATION OF MOTORIZED GOLF CART

607.010 Findings and Purpose. The City Council finds that the operation of motorized golf carts on certain roadways may improve the mobility and accessibility of physically disabled individuals. The State of Minnesota authorizes cities to allow the operation of motorized golf carts on some roadways, as defined in Minnesota Statute 169.045.

607.011 Permit Required. No person shall operate a motorized golf cart on roadways within the City unless granted a permit under this ordinance. Registration does not exempt compliance with all applicable local, state, or federal laws.

607.012 Definitions. Certain words or phrases when used in this section shall have the following meaning:

1. Motorized Golf Cart. A motorized golf cart is a vehicle with four wheels used primarily for light terrain slow moving operation. For purposes of this ordinance, the motorized golf cart shall be equipped with the following: front and rear turn lights, head lights and tail lights, rear view mirror and a windshield.

2. Designated Roadways. Roadways within the City of White Bear Lake with a posted speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less.

3. Physically Disabled. A White Bear Lake resident who meets the criteria set forth in Minnesota Statute 169.345 to obtain a disability parking certificate.

607.013 Application of Permit. Every application for permit under this section shall be made on a form supplied by the City. The application shall include:

1. Copy of a current permanent, long term, or temporary disability parking certificate.

2. Evidence of insurance complying with the provisions of Minnesota Statute 65B.48 subdivision 5.

3. Evidence of Valid driver's license

607.014 Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem. The motorized golf cart shall display the slow-moving emblem as described in Minnesota Statute 169.522 when operating on designated roadways.

607.015 Crossing Intersecting Highways. The motorized golf cart may cross any street or highway intersecting a designated roadway.

607.016 Application of Traffic Laws. Persons operating a motorized golf cart have the same rights and duties applicable to drivers of any other motor vehicle under the provisions of Minnesota Statute.

607.017 Times of Operation. A motorized golf cart may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions, or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

607.018 Term of Permit. A permit issued under this ordinance will be effective beginning with the date of issuance. Permit may not be granted for a period over one year, and may be annually renewed. The license shall expire March 31 each year or the date of expiration on the disability parking certificate.

A permit may be revoked by the White Bear Lake Police Department at any time if there is evidence that the licensee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart on designated roadways.

607.019 Permit Displayed. The permit issued shall be displayed so that it may be viewed from the rear and left side of the motorized golf cart.

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