

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN
ANOKA COUNTY**

ORDINANCE 330, SECOND SERIES

**AN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 7, AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 3-6
“RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES (INCLUDING SNOWMOBILES)”**

THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Code Addition. That Chapter 7, Section 3-6 shall hereby read as follows:

“Exhibit A”.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2024.

APPROVED:

Joseph Muehlbauer
Mayor of St. Francis

ATTEST:

Jennifer Wida
City Clerk

“Exhibit A”

7-3-6. Recreational motor vehicles (including snowmobiles).

E. *Golf Carts*. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, a person may operate a Golf Cart on ~~certain designated City streets~~ public roads under the jurisdiction of the city, subject to the following:

1. For purposes of this subdivision, the term motorized “golf cart” means a self-propelled four-wheel vehicle of the type and style designated for and commonly used for transportation on a golf course that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of less than 800 pounds. ~~“Golf Cart” shall mean an electric-powered recreational motor vehicle that has four wheels, a speed attainable in one mile of at least twenty (20) miles per hour but not more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour on a paved level surface, is designed for use on golf courses as a means of transporting golfers and golf equipment and is permitted on the Ponds Golf Course.~~
2. Golf Carts shall be limited to public city roads ~~City streets in an area immediately surrounding the Ponds Golf Course using 237th Avenue as the northern boundary, 230th Avenue as the southern boundary, the 2400 block as the eastern boundary, and the 3000 block as the western boundary.~~ No person shall operate a golf cart on private property or upon lands not belonging to the operator of the vehicle without the written or oral permission of the landowner(s), or other person(s) entitle to the use and position of such property.
3. Permit. ~~St. Francis residents who live within the designated zone~~ must apply for and obtain a permit from the City of St. Francis Police Department prior to the operation of a Golf Cart on City streets.
 - a. The permit application shall include the name and street address of the owner, the vehicle identification number of the Golf Cart, and evidence of liability insurance in amounts required by state law.
 - b. Permits shall be obtained from the City on an annual basis and for the fee set by City Council resolution. Permits shall expire on December 31st of each year.
 - c. Individuals must comply with all permit requirements and the requirements of this subdivision.
 - d. If the application for the permit meets all of the requirements of this section, the permit application shall be approved by the police department and a permit shall be issued by the city.~~ed.~~ The City may revoke any permit for failure to comply with all permit requirements and the requirements of this subdivision.
 - e. No permit shall be granted or renewed if the applicant has had his or her driver's license revoked as the result of a criminal proceeding.
 - f. As part of the permit process, the police department may require the applicant to demonstrate their knowledge in the use of hand signals for turning and stopping.
4. The following rules shall apply at all times a Golf Cart is being operated on a City street:
 - a. ~~Golf Carts may be operated for the sole purpose of traveling to and from the Ponds Golf Course and operators must use the shortest available route to and from the Ponds Golf Course.~~ Every person operating a motorized golf cart under permit on designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of Minn. Stat. ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, except when these provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts and except as otherwise specifically provided in Minn. Stat. § 169.045, subd.7, as it may be amended from time to time.
 - b. ~~The operator must follow all laws and regulations otherwise applicable to motor vehicles.~~
 - ~~ed.~~ Operators must be age sixteen (16) or older and possess a valid driver's license.

- cd. Golf Carts may only be operated between the hours of sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights, rear-facing break lights, and a rear-view mirror as defined in Minn. Stats. § 169.70. Golf Carts shall not be operated in inclement weather, except during emergency conditions, or when visibility is imparted by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, or at any time when there is insufficient visibility to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
- de. Golf Carts must display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minnesota Statute Section 169.522.
- ef. -The operator and all passengers must be seated at all times.
- fg. All items being carried on the Golf Cart must be securely fastened.

5. State and county highways. No person shall operate a golf cart on the roadway, on the shoulder, or on the inside bank or slope of any trunk, county state-aide, or county highway.

6. The operator, under permit, of a golf cart, may cross over any street or highway intersecting a designated roadway.

7. The authorized operator must have his or her actual valid, current, and unrevoked golf cart permit displayed on the motorized golf cart at all times while operating the motorized golf cart on a designated public right-of-way along with proof of insurance. A motorized golf cart must only transport as many persons as it was designed by the manufacturer to carry. No objects shall be overhanging from the motorized golf cart.

8. Motorized golf carts must be parked in designated public parking stalls or areas used by automobiles only. No parking is permitted on public sidewalks, public parks, public boulevard areas or other similar public areas. Parking in the parking lot stalls of public parks is allowed if the parking lot is accessible by designated public right-of-way.

7-3-7. Exemptions.

- (a) City operations. The city police and fire departments, parks and recreation department, and public services departments are authorized to utilize motorized golf carts to carry out their operations and are exempt from all requirements under this article.
- (b) Golf course operations. Authorized motorized golf carts utilized on property associated with a golf course are exempt from all requirements under this article.
- (c) Community or special events. Motorized golf carts on public streets during parades and special events by event organizers, and others authorized by the city for such use, are exempt from all requirements under this article. The police chief or their appointee shall determine if an event qualifies for the exemption. Notwithstanding the foregoing, additional conditions and/or restrictions may be imposed upon individuals authorized to use motorized golf carts on designated public rights-of-way under this section.
- (d) Private property. Motorized golf carts utilized on private property, by the property owner or with the property owner's express permission, are exempt from all requirements of this division.
- (e) Physically disabled person. For physically disabled persons, as defined under Minn. Stats. § 169.345, subd. 2, the applicant must provide credible assurance that he/she is a physically disabled person to gain a permit (state-issued parking placard or verbally stating

7-3-8. Violation; penalty.

Any person violating the terms of this division or if there is evidence that the licensee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart may lose his or her permit to operate a motorized golf cart on designated public rights-of-way in the city. The police chief, or their appointee, may suspend or revoke a permit upon finding evidence that the person cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart. The applicant reserves the right to appeal this revocation to the city council. The penalties shall be as follows:

- (a) All driving offenses are subject to the provisions of the Minn. Stats. ch. 169 and drivers may be subject to an appearance in district court. Citable offenses may result in a revocation of the permit. Motorized golf carts found without a permit may be cited administratively in the amount of \$75.00 or in violation of equipment requirements may be cited administratively in the amount of \$50.00.
- (b) A permit may be revoked at any time for violating any provision of this article, or Minn. Stats. ch. 169, or if there is evidence that the permit holder cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart, after an investigation by the police department and final determination by the police chief or their appointee. The permit holder is subject to the provisions of this chapter in which the following may occur:
 - (1) For the first violation: revocation of permit for one year from the date of the offense, and \$75.00 fine.
 - (2) For the second violation: revocation of permit for three years from the date of the offense, and \$150.00 fine.
 - (3) For the third violation: revocation of permit is indefinite, and \$300.00 fine.
- (c) Any permit revocation may be appealed to the city council by providing a written request for an appeal within ten business days of the revocation to the city clerk. The revocation will remain in full force and effect until the appeal process has been completed.
- (d) Reinstatement of a permit requires a new permit application to be completed and submitted.

(City Code, eff. 6-1-1990; Ord. 83, SS, eff. 4-19-2004; Ord. 119, SS, eff. 4-21-2008; Ord. 135, SS, 11-2-2009; Ord. 261, SS, 3-2-2020, eff. 4-1-2020, Ord.XXX, SS)

