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TO: City Council

**FROM: Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager**



DATE: January 12, 2023

**SUBJECT: Possible Changes to Golf Cart Ordinance to be Considered at
January 16, 2023 Council Meeting**

As you are aware, it has been publicized for some time now that Monday's Council meeting agenda will include discussion of possible changes to the City's ordinance on operation of golf carts on city streets.

The attached memo, which went out earlier this week to the 51 individuals who currently have golf carts registered for on-street operation in the city, identifies the possible changes that have been discussed at past Council meetings. Those are all changes that may be put into the form of an ordinance amendment for future consideration, if so directed by the Council.

Also, in preparing for this discussion, staff has reviewed our existing ordinance and the state statute that gives municipalities the ability to allow golf carts on streets. In the course of this review, we have determined that the current ordinance on golf cart operation is inconsistent with state statutes. Specifically:

- WI Statutes Section 349.18 permits municipalities, by local ordinance, to allow **operation** of golf carts on any streets with speed limits of **25 MPH or less** and to allow golf carts to **cross** streets or highways with speed limits of **35 MPH or less**.
- The City's current ordinance allows operation of golf carts of streets with speed limits of 35 MPH or less.

This error in our existing ordinance definitely needs to be corrected. The attached draft ordinance amendment would take care of that.

CITY OF TWO RIVERS
ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-9 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
TO CONFORM WITH PROVISIONS OF STATE STATUTES PERTAINING
TO OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

The City Council of the City of Two Rivers ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 8-9 of City Ordinances, entitled “Golf Carts,” Section 6, “Operation,” Subsection B, is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

B. Golf carts may be operated on any public streets, within the city limits, with a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less. Golf carts may cross, but may not travel along, public streets with a posted speed limit higher than 25 miles per hour but not higher than 35 miles per hour.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its date of passage and publication of same.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Adam Wachowski
President, City Council

Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager

Attest:

Jamie Jackson
City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

John M. Bruce
City Attorney