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## Sec. 8-9-6. Operation.

Golf carts shall not be operated on the public streets of the city, except in full compliance with the provisions of this section.

- A. *Hours of operation.* Golf carts may be driven on approved public streets from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. Golf carts may not be operated when fog, smog, smoke or other conditions reduce visibility so that the golf cart is not visible for a distance of 250 feet.
- B. *Streets.* Golf carts may be operated on any city-owned streets, within the city limits with a posted speed limit of ~~3~~25 miles per hour or less.
- C. *Motor vehicle laws.* All laws regarding the use of motor vehicles in the State of Wisconsin, including possession of a valid driver's license, and all ordinances regarding the use of motor vehicles in the city not inconsistent therewith shall be observed, except that no golf cart may be operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour, or the top speed set by the manufacturer, whichever is lesser.
- D. *Right-of-way.* The operator of a golf cart shall yield the right-of-way to overtaking motor vehicles.
- E. *City property and sidewalks.* Golf carts shall not be operated on any sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, bicycle path or trail, jogging path, greenway, or park or on any beach, or trail except for official police business or by city personnel while on city business. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, golf carts shall not be operated on property owned or leased by the city except with the express written consent of the city council and upon the terms and conditions as may be set forth in such written permission.
- F. *Golf cart capacity.* The manufacturer's recommended seating capacity shall not be exceeded, nor shall the operator or any passenger be permitted to stand while the golf cart is in operation. **Children whom have not reached age 8, more than 80 pounds in weight, or more than 4 ft. 9 in. tall, must be seated while using an adjustable seatbelt manufactured and installed for golf carts, and with the intention to restrain, prevent, and reduce the likelihood of passengers falling out accidentally.**
- G. *Commercial purposes.*
  - (1) Golf carts may not be used as a taxicab or bus. The commercial carrying of passengers is permitted to the extent that a business or organization may use a golf cart as a shuttle in direct connection with said business or organization and then only to the extent that the passenger capacity is not exceeded as noted above.
  - (2) The hauling of freight is permitted to the extent that a business or organization may transport products or materials in direct connection to said business. The transportation of hazardous or flammable materials is prohibited. Freight in combination with the operator and any passengers may not exceed the cart manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR).
  - (3) The rental or the use of any golf cart for consideration shall be considered a commercial use.
  - (4) Golf carts used under this subsection shall be insured for liability for property damage and personal injury by a reputable insurer satisfactory to the city. A certificate of insurance verifying insurance coverage shall be filed with the city with each application for registration or renewal. Such insurance shall provide for policy limits of at least \$1,000,000.00 for one person and \$1,000,000.00 for any number of persons injured or killed in one accident and \$100,000.00 property damage per incident. Additionally, it shall be agreed that the city is released from liability for any accidents involving the registered golf cart and to indemnify and hold the city harmless from any claims arising from any such use.

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- H. *Parking.* Golf carts may only be parked in the same manner and at the same places designated for the parking of motor vehicles. The stopping, standing or parking of golf carts in an area where parking is not allowed or in any place that impedes the flow of traffic, pedestrian walkways or a passageway is prohibited.
  - I. *Unattended vehicles.* No person shall leave or allow any golf cart owned or operated by him/her to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition.
  - J. *Towing.* Golf carts may not be used for the purpose of towing another cart, trailer, or vehicle of any kind including a person on roller skates, skateboard or bicycle.

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