

**TITLE VI TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

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**6-17-1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this new chapter is to provide for the operation of golf carts on the public streets in the City of Woodbine under certain conditions pursuant to Section 321.247 of the Code of Iowa, as amended.

**6-17-2 DEFINITIONS**

**GOLF CART** A motor vehicle that is originally designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 25 mph. (*This does not include ORVs.*) To be considered a "golf cart" for the purpose of this chapter, the vehicle must have at least three or four (3 or 4) wheels and draw propulsion from a rechargeable traction battery with a least four (4) Kilowatt hours of capacity or a gasoline engine with a gas tank of a minimum capacity of three (3) gallons or more.

**6-17-3 MANNER OF OPERATION-GENERAL REQUIREMENT**

No person shall operate a Golf Car with a bench seat in the City except as hereinafter provided.

**6-17-4 OBSERVATION OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS MANDATORY**

Golf Cart operators shall observe all state and local traffic control regulations and devices.

**6-17-5 PERMIT REQUIRED**

No Golf Cart shall be operated in the City unless a permit from the City Clerk / City Administrator has been issued to the owner of said Golf Cart. The permit received from the City must be with the Golf Cart whenever it is operated within the City. The permit is good for the calendar year within which it is issued and shall be renewed annually. The fee for said permit is twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year. Prior to any initial renewal permit being issued, the golf cart shall be inspected by a person designated by the City to make sure said golf cart complies with the requirements of this chapter. There shall be no permits issued if in the previous year the applicant was cited and convicted of any violations of this chapter.

#### 6-17-6 PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

As part of the permit process, the owner of the golf cart must provide proof of liability insurance with minimum limits of \$100,000 each person, \$300,000 each accident before a permit will be issued. The proof of insurance must be with the golf cart whenever said golf cart is in operation.

#### 6-17-7 STANDARD EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

All golf carts shall be equipped with the following:

- A. Brakes
- B. Slow Moving Vehicle Sign
- C. Bicycle Safety Flag on a Staff Holder. **Flag must be at least five (5) feet above the surface of the street!**
- D. Any other safety equipment which may be required for golf carts by Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa.

#### 6-17-8 OPERATING REGULATIONS

The following regulations apply to the operation of a golf cart within the City.

- A. Any operator of a golf cart must have a valid driver's license
- B. All riders in the golf cart must remain seated at all times
- C. No more than two (2) adult people may ride in the front seat of a golf cart and no more than two (2) adult people may ride in the backseat of a golf cart, if said back seat exists.
- D. While in operation, all rides must be seated on the seat and no part of the body of any rider will extend beyond the sides of the cart.
- E. Children must be accompanied by an adult driver and must follow all requirements of this subsection except the capacity limits as long as all children are seated on the seat and no part of the body of the child extends beyond the sides of the cart.

#### 6-17-9 TIMES OF OPERATION

Golf carts may be operated during the following times:

- A. From sunrise to sunset
- B. Golf Carts are prohibited on streets during inclement weather when visibility is reduced or impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any other time there is insufficient light clearly to see a person or vehicle on a roadway at a distance of 500 feet, or when road surface conditions prevent safe operation.

#### 6-17-10 SIDEWALKS AND ADJACENT AREAS

- A. No golf cart shall be operated upon the public sidewalk, nor shall they be operated upon that portion of the street located between the curb line and the sidewalk or property line, referred to as the "parking" except for purposes of crossing the same to a public street.
- B. Two golf carts may use one parking space provided the both park within the parking space lines.

**6-17-11 STREETS UPON WHICH GOLF CARTS MAY BE OPERATED**

Golf carts may only be operated on streets except golf carts are prohibited from being operated on the following streets or roads, except to cross said streets or roads:

**US Highway 30**

**6-17-12 CARELESS OPERATION UNLAWFUL**

No person shall operate a golf cart in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damages thereto.

**6-17-13 OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

No person shall operate a golf cart on a city street while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit forming drugs.

**6-17-14 TOWING**

No item shall be towed by a golf cart.

**6-17-15 TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

No golf cart shall be operated upon private property without the express consent of the owner thereof.

**6-17-16 OPERATION LIMITATION - CEMETERIES**

No golf cart shall be operated on roadways or other areas in cemeteries located in the City, except for bona-fide graveside, funeral or visitation purposes.

**6-17-17 COMMUNITY EVENTS- EXCEPTION**

The City Administrator may grant exceptions and allow any type of golf cart to be used on any City street by community and civic organizations for community events.

**6-17-18 TIME OF OPERATION LIMITED**

Golf carts may be operated during the following times:

A. From sunrise to sunset;

B. Golf carts are prohibited on streets during inclement weather when visibility is reduced or impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any other time there is insufficient light clearly to see a person or vehicle on a roadway at a distance of 500' feet, or when road surface conditions prevent safe operation.