

CHAPTER 82

GOLF CARTS

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82.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on streets in the City as authorized by Section 321.247 of the *Code of Iowa*. This chapter applies whenever a golf cart is operated on any street or alley.

82.02 OPERATION PERMITTED. Golf carts may be operated upon the traveled portion of streets in the City by persons possessing a valid driver's license.

82.03 PROHIBITED STREETS. Golf carts shall not be operated upon any City street that is a primary road extension through the City or on Robins Avenue. However, golf carts may cross such prohibited streets.

82.04 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED Golf carts operated upon City streets shall be equipped with a bicycle safety flag at all times during operation and shall be equipped with adequate brakes.

82.05 TIME OF OPERATION. Golf carts without both headlights and rear lamps may be operated on City streets only between sunrise and sunset. Golf carts operated after sunset must be equipped with and have in operation both headlamps and taillamps as required by *Code of Iowa*, Sections 321.384, 321.385, and 321.387. No golf cart, with or without lights, will be allowed on City streets after 11:00 p.m.

82.06 RIDING ON GOLF CARTS. A person operating a golf cart shall not ride other than on a permanent regular seat attached thereto. No golf cart shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

82.07 PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. The owner of a golf cart operated on City streets shall provide proof of financial responsibility in accordance with Chapter 321A of the *Code of Iowa*.

82.08 RULES OF OPERATION. A person operating a golf cart upon City streets shall be subject to all applicable provisions of Chapter 321 of the *Code of Iowa* and to the following additional rules.

1. Except when executing a left turn, golf carts shall be driven as close as practicable to the right-hand edge of the street.
2. Golf carts shall yield the right-of-way to other motor vehicles at all uncontrolled intersections, regardless of the provisions of Chapter 321 of the *Code of Iowa*.
3. When necessary to prevent congestion of traffic, golf carts shall pull over to the right-hand edge of the street and stop to allow other motor vehicles traveling in the same direction to pass.
4. When two or more golf carts are being operated in the same direction and general vicinity, they shall proceed in single file.

82.09 CITY REGISTRATION. No person shall operate a golf cart on City streets unless such golf cart is registered with the City and bears a current plate and sticker evidencing such registration.

1. Golf cart registration shall be made on a form specified by the City and submitted to the City Clerk. The initial annual registration fee is \$20.00; subsequent annual registration fees for the same golf cart shall be \$10.00. Upon registration and payment of the fee, the Clerk shall issue a plate and sticker, which shall be placed on the rear driver's side of the golf cart. A registration is required for each golf cart. Registration plates and stickers are not transferable from one cart to another.

2. The golf cart registration shall be effective from the date of registration through the following December 31 and all registrations shall be renewed by December 31 of each year.

82.10 VIOLATIONS. The operation of a golf cart in violation of this chapter shall be a violation of this Code of Ordinances and the owner of a golf cart shall be liable and may be charged with any offense committed by a minor operating the owner's golf cart.

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