

ORDINANCE 191 MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PERMITTING AND USE OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE CITY OF ADAMS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ADAMS, MINNESOTA ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.) AUTHORIZED USE

Pursuant to the authority granted by Minnesota Statute 169.045, the use of motorized golf carts is permitted within the city limits only with a valid operator permit under the conditions set forth below. The provisions of Minnesota Statute 169.045 are incorporated herein by reference, except as specifically addressed or modified by this ordinance.

SECTION 2.) GOLF CART OPERATOR PERMITS

- A. Each person desiring to operate a golf cart within the city limits shall submit an application to Adams City Hall with a \$10.00 application fee. The city council shall have the right at any time to set a reasonable fee to cover the cost of issuing such permits.
- B. Conditions for the issuance of a permit are as follows:
 - 1.) Each applicant shall show proof of insurance which meets the requirements of Minnesota Statute 65B.48, subdivision 5, as it may be amended from time to time
 - 2.) Each motorized golf cart shall display the slow moving vehicle emblem, attached to the rear, provided for in Minnesota Statute 169.522, as it may be amended from time to time and be equipped with a rear view mirror, which provides the operator adequate vision from behind.
 - 3.) Operational brakes are required and they should be adequate enough to stop and hold the motorized golf cart under any condition of operation.
 - 4.) Applicant must have a valid drivers license and be 16 years or older.
 - 5.) A completed application form, specifying name, address, telephone number, driver's license number, birthdate and insurance information along with payment of an application fee submitted to Adams City Hall are required.
- C. If the applicant satisfies the conditions described above, a permit shall be issued by the city. Permits are valid from January 1 through December 31 of each year or any part of a year thereof. Permits will not be prorated for being purchased for less than twelve months.
- D. A permit may be revoked at any time that there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate a motorized golf cart on the designated roadways within the City of Adams.

SECTION 3.) GOLF CART OPERATION WITHIN THE CITY OF ADAMS

- A. A granted permit shall be affixed to the rear of the golf cart as to be visible from the rear.
- B. Motorized golf carts shall only be operated on city owned streets and alleys located within the city limits. Golf cart use is not authorized on bike trails, sidewalks or in parks unless specifically permitted by the city.
- C. Golf carts may not be operated during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke or fog or when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
- D. Golf cart operators must obey all traffic laws which can be applied to motorized vehicles.
- E. The number of occupants in a golf cart may not exceed the design occupancy load.

- F. Golf carts not equipped with brake lights or turn signals must use the appropriate hand signals defined by Minnesota State Statute 169.19 Subdivision 8.

SECTION 4.) CITY LIABILITY

The City of Adams assumes no liability for any injuries to persons or property which may result from the negligent or inappropriate operation of a golf cart by a permit holder, or from the city’s failure to revoke a permit.

SECTION 5.) ENFORCEMENT

- A. Issuance of Citations. The City of Adams may authorize any police officer or any authorized representative of the law to issue a citation to any person, firm or entity for any violations of this ordinance or any other ordinance or statute which provides the basis for prosecution of violations of this ordinance as often as each day the violation persists. Nothing within this ordinance shall be construed to limit the authority of police officers to enforce any provisions of this ordinance or related statutes or ordinances.
- B. Revoking Permits. The City of Adams may revoke a permit at any time if it is revealed that the permit holder or operator:
 - 1.) Cannot safely operate the golf cart on the designated roadways
 - 2.) Has had a driver’s license revoked or suspended and is currently under revocation or suspension
 - 3.) Cannot provide current proof of insurance coverage
 - 4.) Has had repeat offenses while driving a golf cart
 - 5.) Has knowingly or negligently allowed non-permit holders to operate a golf cart affixed with the permit holder’s permit
- C. Penalties. A violation of this ordinance is considered a petty misdemeanor, except that violations committed under circumstances that endanger or are likely to endanger persons or property are misdemeanors. See Minnesota Statute 609.02, 609.101).
- D. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of any provision to a particular section is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be invalidated, nor shall such invalidation prohibit the application of the ordinance to any other situation.

SECTION 6.) EFFECTIVE DATE

After its passage and publication, this ordinance shall be effective 11/15/2021.

ADOPTED this 12th day of October, 2021, by the City Council of the City of Adams, MN.

CITY OF ADAMS

Brian Anderson (Mayor)

ATTEST:

Jake Goodale (City Clerk)