

ORDINANCE NO. __171__

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTHWOOD, IOWA, 2012. OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Northwood, Iowa:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER ADDED. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Northwood, Iowa, 2012 is amended by adding a new Chapter 74, OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

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

74.02 DEFINITION. "*Golf cart*" means a three or four wheeled recreational vehicle generally used for transportation of person(s) in the sport of golf, that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of less than 800 pounds.

74.03 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS PERMITTED. Golf carts may be operated upon streets of the City by persons possessing a valid Iowa operator's license, and at least sixteen (16) years of age.

74.04 PROHIBITED STREETS. Golf carts shall not be operated upon but however, may cross over Highway 65 or Highway 105.

74.05 UNLAWFUL OPERATION.

1. No golf carts shall be operated or parked upon City sidewalks.
2. No golf cart shall be operated while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotics or habit forming drugs.
3. No person shall operate a golf cart in a careless, reckless or negligent manner endangering the person or property of another or causing injury or damage to same. Must obey all traffic signs.
4. No golf cart shall carry more passengers than the golf cart is designed for.

74.06 EQUIPMENT. Golf carts operated upon City streets shall be equipped with a minimum of the following safety features.

1. A slow moving vehicle sign.
2. A bicycle safety flag, the top of which shall be a minimum of five (5) feet from ground level.
3. Adequate brakes.
4. Working headlights and tail lights – if so equipped.
5. Rear view mirror—driver's side.

74.07 HOURS OF OPERATION. Golf carts may be operated on City streets only between one-half hour (1/2) after sunrise and one-half hour (1/2) before sunset. No twilight operation.

74.08 SPEED. No golf cart shall be operated on any City street at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour. Posted speed must be followed in accordance with the *Code of Iowa*.

74.09 PERMITS. No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street or alley, for any purpose, unless the operator possesses a City of Northwood permit to operate a golf cart on City streets, issued by the City Clerk of Northwood, Iowa.

1. Golf cart owners may apply for a permit from the Northwood City Clerk on forms provided by the City.
2. The Clerk shall not issue a permit until the owner/operator has provided the following:
 - A. Evidence that the operator is at least 16 years of age, and possesses a valid Iowa driver's license.
 - B. Proof that owner/operator has liability insurance covering operation of golf carts on City streets in the amount required by the *Code of Iowa*.
3. All permits shall be issued for a specific golf cart. Permits holders will be issued a number and will purchase 3" minimum reflective numbers to affix to the left side rear fender or similar component.
4. The fee for such permits shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Permits will be granted for one (1) year valid from January 1 through December 31. Permits may be purchased at any time during the year but will be valid only through December 31.
5. The permit may be suspended or revoked upon finding evidence that the permit holder has violated the conditions of the permit or has abused the privilege of being a permit holder. There will be no refund of the permit fee.

74.10 PENALTY. In addition to the suspension or revocation of the permit, a person who violates this chapter is guilty of a municipal infraction.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.247)

74.11 CITY CELEBRATION WAIVER. The permit requirements of Section 74.9 shall be waived for golf carts used by officials, workers, and volunteers while carrying out duties related to and during a City Celebration or parade.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council on the _____ day of _____, 2017, and approved this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

First reading _____

Second reading _____

Third reading _____

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. _____ on the _____ day of _____, 2017.

City Clerk