

Golf Cart Ordinance

Ordinance No 11-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS WITH A CITY ISSUED PERMIT

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of North Liberty, Iowa:

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

**CHAPTER 74
OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS**

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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 North Liberty, Iowa.

74.02 DEFINITIONS. “*Golf cart*” means a four wheeled recreational vehicle generally used for transportation of person(s) in the sport of golf that is either electric powered or gas powered with an engine displacement of less than 351 cubic centimeters, and a total dry weight of less than 800 pounds.

74.03 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS PERMITTED. Golf carts may be operated upon the streets of the City by persons possessing a valid Iowa operator’s license, and at least eighteen (18) years of age, except as prohibited in Section 22.03 of this chapter.

74.04 PROHIBITED STREETS. Golf carts shall not be operated upon Interstate 380, Highway 965, Dubuque Street, or any part of Penn Street west of Front Street. However, golf carts may cross said streets except Interstate 380.

- 74.05 UNLAWFUL OPERATION.**
1. No golf carts shall be operated or parked upon City sidewalks or trails.
 2. No golf cart shall be operated while under the influence of alcoholic beverages, 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.
 4. No golf cart shall carry more passengers than golf cart is designed for.

5. No one under the age of six (6) years old shall be a passenger at any time.

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 bottom of which shall be above the top of the golf cart.
3. Adequate brakes.
4. Headlights and taillights
5. Rear view mirror – driver’s side

74.07 HOURS OF OPERATION. Golf carts may be operated on city streets and alleys only between sunrise and sunset.

74.08 SPEED. No golf cart shall be operated on any City street at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour. Posted speed limits must be followed in accordance with the Code of Iowa.

74.09 PARKING PROHIBITED. Golf carts shall not be parked on City streets or alleys at any time.

74.10 PERMITS. No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street or alley, for any purpose, unless the operator possesses a City of North Liberty’s permit to operate a golf cart on City streets, issued by the City Clerk.

1. Golf cart owners may apply for a permit from the 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 18 years of age, and possesses a valid Iowa driver’s license.
 - B. Proof that owner and operator have liability insurance covering operation of golf carts on City streets in the amount required by Iowa Code.
3. All permits shall be issued for a specific golf cart. Permits holders will be issued a number and a sticker 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 anytime during the year but will be valid only through December 31.
5. The permit may be suspended or revoked by the Police Chief 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.

74.11 PENALTY. In addition to the suspension or revocation of the permit, a person who violated this chapter is guilty of a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under Iowa Code.

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

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law and shall be repealed effective December 31, 2012.

First reading on September 13, 2011.
Second reading on October 11, 2011.
Third and final reading _____.

CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY

By: _____
Thomas A. Salm, Mayor

Attest:

Tracey Mulcahey, City Clerk

Drafted and approved as to form by City Attorney:

Scott C. Peterson, City Attorney

I certify that the forgoing was published as Ordinance No. ____ in the *North Liberty Leader* on the ____ day of _____, 2011.

Tracey Mulcahey
City Clerk

Proposed Street Restrictions for Golf Cart Ordinance

