

§73.08 MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS.

(A)(1) No person shall operate a motorized golf cart on streets, alleys, sidewalks or other public property without obtaining a permit as provided herein. Anyone under the age of 14 is prohibited from operating a golf cart within city boundaries.

(2) Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the city and shall contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of the applicant;

(b) The nature of the applicant's physical handicap, if any;

(c) Model name, make and year and number of the motorized golf cart;

(d) Current driver's license or reason for not having a current license; and

(e) Other information as the city may require.

(3) The annual permit fee shall be as set forth in the city's fee schedule.

(4) Permits shall be granted for a period of 1 year and may be renewed annually January 1 to December 31.

(5) No permit shall be granted or renewed unless the following conditions are met:

(a) The applicant must demonstrate that he or she currently holds or has held a valid Minnesota driver's license;

(b) The applicant may be required to submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart on the roadways designated;

(c) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes concerning insurance coverage for the golf cart;

(d) The applicant has not had his or her driver's license revoked as the result of criminal proceedings.

(6) Motorized golf carts are permitted to operate only on city streets and county roads (must have a county permit for operation on county roads within the City of Avon, and only permissible on county roads where the posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less), not state or federal roadways, except to cross at designated intersections. However, operation on County Road 9 from Blattner Drive to First St. N. is entirely prohibited.

(7) Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

(8) Motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in M.S. § 169.522, as it may be amended from time to time, when operated on designated roadways.

(9) Motorized golf carts shall be equipped with a wing-style rear view mirror to provide the driver with adequate vision from behind.

(10) The operator of a motorized golf cart may cross any street or highway intersecting a designated roadway.

(11) Every person operating a motorized golf cart under permit on designated roadways has all ~~the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of M.S. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, except when these provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts and except as otherwise specifically provided in M.S. § 169.045(7), as it may be amended from time to time.~~

(12) The City Council may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any of the provisions of this section or M.S. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, or if there is evidence that the permit holder cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart on the designated roadways.

(13) The number of occupants in the golf cart may not exceed the design occupant load.

(a) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**DRIVER.** The person driving and having physical control over the motorized golf cart.

**MOTORIZED GOLF CART.** Any passenger conveyance being driven with 4 wheels with 4 low pressure tires that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight less than 800 pounds.