

ORDINANCE 2014-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.04 USE AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC STREETS BY DELETING REQUIREMENTS FOR A PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT AND MECHANIC'S STATEMENT AND DELETING THE DEFINITION OF PHYSICALLY DISABLED

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRIMONT DOES
ORDAIN:

Section 1. Section 5.04 of the Trimont City Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 5.04 **Use and Operation of Golf Carts on Public Streets.**

Subd. 1. **Adoption By Reference of Minnesota Statutes.**

Except as herein specifically addressed or modified the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 169.045 are hereby incorporated by reference.

Subd. 2. **Motorized Golf Carts on City Streets.**

Purpose.

- A. The State of Minnesota has authorized the use of golf carts on designated roadways within a City on streets under their jurisdiction and authorized by the City through its ordinances.
- B. The City Council of the City of Trimont sees the need to limit the availability of access to City streets and roadways using golf carts.

Subd. 3. **Requirements for Permit.**

Application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the City of Trimont. All permits shall be issued to the owner of a specific golf cart. The permit shall be carried in the vehicle, indicating the year issued. Permits shall be renewed every three years.

- A. Permits will be issued to persons who are at least 16 years of age who possess or have possessed a valid driver's license, or those who are physically disabled, making it difficult or impossible for the person to operate a standard motor vehicle, without modification to the vehicle.
- B. The permit fee shall be determined by the Trimont City Council and must be paid prior to issuance of the permit. The permit fee may be adjusted upon annual review by the Council and set by resolution.

Subd. 4. **Issuing Officer.**

The City Clerk shall execute the issuance of all permits upon approval

of the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police may revoke a permit at any time upon finding that the holder has violated any of the provisions of this ordinance or Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169 or if there is any evidence that the permit holder Cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart.

Subd. 5. **Other Requirements.**

- A. All golf carts, and their drivers, must carry liability insurance at all times when operating on a public street or roadway. A certificate of insurance must be provided at the time of permit application.
- B. Motorized golf carts must display the slow moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minnesota Statutes 69.522 when operating the vehicle on a public street or roadway.
- C. Hours of permitted operation shall be from sunrise to sunset. Operation of a golf cart shall not be permitted during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, or at any time wherein there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the street or roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

Subd. 6. **Assumption of Liability.**

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the City for injuries to persons or property which may result from the operation of any motorized golf cart by a permit holder or the failure by the Chief of Police to revoke a permit.

Subd. 7. **Violations and Penalties.**

Any person violating a provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Petty misdemeanor.

Thomas Eckmann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Flohrs, City Clerk

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