
Sec. 46-171. Operation; equipment.

- (a) No person shall operate a golf cart, as defined in section 46-170, on the streets, alleys and roadways of the city except as follows:
- (1) Golf carts owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use.
 - (2) A person operating a golf cart on a street, highway or alleyway pursuant to this article shall be at least 16 years of age and have a valid operator's or chauffeur's license on his or her person while said golf cart is in operation.
 - (3) No golf cart shall be operated within the city unless a current special permit is first obtained and current decal placed on the golf cart, all as provided for in section 46-172.
- (b) Any person operating a golf cart pursuant to this section shall:
- (1) Not operate it at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour.
 - (2) Operate it in the far right-hand lane of traffic; if the width of the roadway is sufficient, the golf cart operator shall drive to the extreme right.
 - (3) Not operate it in any manner so as to injure the person or property of another.
 - (4) Not operate it except between the hours of sunrise and sunset.
 - (5) Not operate it while in an intoxicated or drugged condition.
 - (6) Not operate it with eight-hundredths of one percent or more by weight of alcohol in such person's blood.
 - (7) Comply with all traffic laws and ordinances as the same would apply to motor vehicles.
 - (8) Subject to subsection (b)(9) of this section, not operate it on any state or federal highway, except it may be operated upon such highway in order to cross a portion of the state highway system which intersects a municipal street.
 - (9) Not cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 45 miles per hour.
 - (10) Not operate it with a number of passengers which exceeds the seating capacity thereof.
 - (11) Yield right-of-way to all pedestrians and other vehicular traffic.
 - (12) Not use it to tow any type of trailer.
- (c) All golf carts operated in the city pursuant to this article shall be equipped as follows:
- (1) All golf carts shall have a bicycle flag and a slow moving vehicle insignia, with both attached to the rear thereof. The bicycle flag shall extend to a height not less than seven feet above the ground.
 - (2) All golf carts shall have at least one working headlight and not less than two working taillights which show red to the rear at a distance of 200 feet and which shall be lit while the golf cart is in operation.
 - (3) All golf carts shall be equipped with at least one rear view mirror.
 - (4) All golf carts shall have a working horn.
 - (5) All golf carts shall contain a seat which does not allow the operator thereof to straddle the vehicle.
 - (6) All golf carts shall be equipped with adequate brakes kept in good working order.

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- (d) Golf carts that are equipped with a "bed" have special restrictions. The bed portion of the golf cart shall be used for the transportation of goods only. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride in the bed portion of such golf cart and it shall be unlawful for any person to operate such golf cart while another person is riding in the bed portion thereof.

(Code 1991, § 12-232; Ord. No. 1723, § 1, 8-17-2009; Ord. No. 1846 , §§ 19, 20, 2-18-2019)

Sec. 46-172. Permits; insurance.

- (a) Before any golf cart is operated on the streets, alleys or roadways of the city, a special permit shall be obtained from the city at city hall. The city clerk shall prepare an application form for a special permit and charge an annual fee in the amount provided in the city fee schedule for each permit issued. Golf cart operators shall affix a decal representing the purchase or acquisition of a current special permit issued by this city. However, no veteran, disabled person, or city resident over the age of 55 years shall be required to pay a registration fee to receive a permit, one shall be issued without charge. This sticker shall be placed on the driver's side of the vehicle below the driver's seat and forward from the rear wheel.
- (b) Permits shall be renewed annually on or before January 1 of each year. Stickers are nontransferable and a new owner shall register his cart within ten business days of purchase if he desires to operate it on the street.
- (c) Operators of golf carts shall carry insurance coverage for the operation of golf carts pursuant to this article in the minimum amount of \$25,000.00 for bodily injury or death to one person; \$50,000.00 for bodily injury or death of two or more persons in any one accident; and \$10,000.00 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident. Proofs of such insurance coverage shall be carried on golf carts and produced upon request by any law enforcement officer.

(Code 1991, § 12-233; Ord. No. 1723, § 1, 8-17-2009)