

CHAPTER 81

GOLF CARTS

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81.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on 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, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

81.02 TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES. Every person operating a golf cart upon a street or alley shall be granted all of the rights and privileges and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations applicable to the driver of a vehicle and to the laws of the State declaring the rules of the road applicable to the driver of the vehicle, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application.

81.03 RIDING ON GOLF CARTS. A person operating a golf cart shall not ride other than on a permanent regular seat attached thereto. No golf cart shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

81.04 OPERATION PERMITTED. Golf carts may be operated upon the streets of the City except as prohibited in Section 81.05 of this chapter. Golf carts shall be operated only on the roadway or traveled portion of the street and shall not be operated on any sidewalk, private property without the express consent of the owner, public property or other public grounds.

81.05 PROHIBITED STREETS. Golf carts shall not be operated upon any City street which is a primary road extension through the City, to wit, Main Street. Anyone who resides on the prohibited street may operate a golf cart on such prohibited street, but only to get to the nearest street upon which golf carts are permitted. A golf cart may cross such primary road extension.

81.06 DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED. Any person operating a golf cart upon any City street shall possess a valid motor vehicle license issued by the State.

81.07 EQUIPMENT. Golf carts operated upon any street shall be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag at all times during operation, and shall have adequate brakes.

81.08 HOURS OF OPERATION. Golf carts may be operated on City streets only from sunrise to sunset.

81.09 REGISTRATION. Golf carts operated on City streets are not required to be registered under Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa; however, the operator of a golf cart is subject to the financial responsibility provisions of Chapter 321A of the Code of Iowa.

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