

## **Murray County Golf Cart Ordinance**

**Adopted: August 26, 2008**

**Effective: January 1, 2009**

**Revised: August 3, 2010**

### **1.01 DEFINITIONS.**

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

- **GOLF CART**, a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour. All golf carts operated within Murray County shall have no increased power, wheel base or tire modifications from a standard manufactured gas or electric golf cart. Speed-modified golf carts or “hybrid” golf carts are not authorized for use.

### **1.02 OPERATION PROHIBITED.**

No motorized golf carts shall be operated in Murray County at any time on state or federal highways or highways or areas within incorporated cities without a city permit.

### **1.03 PERMITS REQUIRED.**

- (A) No person shall operate a motorized golf cart on roads, streets, cart ways and alleys within Murray County without first obtaining a written permit from the County, except no permits will be required for parades.
- (B) The permits shall prohibit operation of a motorized golf cart on state and federal highways within Murray County.
- (C) A person operating a motorized golf cart by permit shall have the permit displayed on the driver’s rear fender of the golf cart when operating a motorized golf cart and shall also produce proof of insurance upon demand of a peace officer.

### **1.04 APPLICATION FORMS.**

Applications for a permit to operate a motorized golf cart shall be made to the Murray County License Center on forms furnished by the County. All permit applications shall include at least the following information and documentation:

- a. Date of application;
- b. Full name and address of owner of motorized golf cart or;
- c. Make, model and identification or serial number of the motorized golf cart to be operated under permit;

- d. A satisfactory certificate of insurance complying with MN Statute 65B.48, Subd. 5 and with any other insurance required by MN Statute 169.045;
- e. Such additional and further information as the Murray County Board may deem necessary or appropriate to process the application.

**1.05 PERMIT PERIOD.**

Permits shall be issued for up to three (3) successive one (1) year period commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31, renewable at expiration. Applicants will be allowed to purchase in advance three (3) one (1) year permits.

**1.06 PERMIT FEE.**

- (A) A permit fee in the amount \$10.00 per year or \$30.00 per three years shall be charged and will be required to be paid when an application for a permit is submitted to the Murray County License Center.
- (B) The permit fee will not be prorated if issued after January 1 during any calendar year.
- (C) A duplicate permit fee in the amount of \$5.00 each

**1.07 REVOCATION OF PERMIT.**

A permit may be revoked at any time if there is evidence that the Permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart vehicle for which the permit has been issued.

**1.08 INSURANCE REQUIRED.**

Each applicant for a permit shall be required to furnish evidence of insurance complying with the provisions of M.S. Chapter 65B.48 Subdivision 5, as it may be amended from time to time.

**1.09 WHERE OPERATION IS PERMITTED.**

Permittees will be allowed to operate their golf carts on all roads, cart ways, streets and alleys within Murray County except on state highways, federal highways and within incorporated cities: unless otherwise permitted in the cities.

**1.10 TIMES OF OPERATION.**

Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is unpaired by weather, smoke, fog or other 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.

### **1.11 SPEED LIMIT.**

The maximum speed at which a motorized golf cart may be operated as permitted, under the provisions of this chapter is 20 mph.

### **1.12 SLOW-MOVING VEHICLE EMBLEM.**

Motorized golf carts shall display the slow moving vehicle, emblem provided for in M.S. Chapter 169.522, as it may be amended from time to time, when operating, as permitted in this ordinance.

### **1.13 APPLICATION OF TRAFFIC LAWS.**

Every person operating a motorized golf cart, under permit, in Murray County has all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of M.S. Chapter 169, including a valid Minnesota driver's license, as it may be amended from time to time, and traffic ordinances and laws of Murray County, except when those provisions cannot reasonable may be applied to motorized, golf carts and except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter.

### **1.14 NON-APPLICATION OF CERTAIN LAWS.**

- (A) The provisions of M.S. Chapter 169, as it may be amended from time to time, relating to equipment on vehicles, except for the requirements of M.S. § 169.70, as it may be amended from time to time, are not applicable to motorized golf carts operated under permits issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

### **1.15 RIGHT TO APPEAL.**

- (A) If an application for a permit is denied, the party applying for the permit shall have the right to appeal the denial to the County Board by filling a written request for a hearing before the County Board within 5 days after the party's application for a permit has been denied.
- (B) The hearing before the County Board will be held in the County Commissioners' Room within 30 days after the written appeal has been filed and the appealing party shall receive a t least 7-days notice of the date and time of the hearing. The decision the County Board makes by majority vote after the hearing has been held will be final and will be made immediately following the hearing.

### **VIOLATIONS.**

Violations of these ordinances are petty misdemeanors, except that violations committed under circumstances that endanger or are likely to endanger persons or property are misdemeanors. A violation of these ordinances within twelve (12) months of a conviction for a prior violation of these ordinances are misdemeanors.

*Approved by Murray County Board of Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_.*