

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 08-209**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Title I, Chapter 11, General Code Provisions, Section 11.01, Definitions by adding the following definitions:

***GOLF CART.*** A self-propelled three or four-wheeled vehicle designated for and commonly used for transportation on a golf course that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of less than 800 pounds. Vehicles that are required to be registered with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources do not fall within the definition of a golf cart for purposes of this code.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends the title of Title VII, Chapter 70, Off Road Vehicles, Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles by deleting the ~~stricken~~ language and adding the underlined language as follows:

**CHAPTER 70: SNOWMOBILES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, AND GOLF CARTS**

**SECTION 3.** The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Title VII, Chapter 70, Snowmobiles, All-Terrain Vehicles, and Golf Carts to add a new Section 70.03 which shall read as follows:

**§ 70.03 GOLF CARTS.**

(A) *Permit required.* No golf cart may be operated on a street, alley, sidewalk, or other public property without first obtaining a permit from the city.

(B) *Permit application.* Every application for a permit must be made on a form supplied by the city and must contain all of the following information:

- (1) The registered owner's name, address, and telephone number;
- (2) The make, model, year, and number of the golf cart;
- (3) Proof of insurance. The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes concerning insurance coverage for golf carts;
- (4) Current driver's license or reason for not having a current license; and
- (5) Other information as the city may require.

(C) *Permit fee.* The permit fee shall be as set forth in the city's fee schedule.

(D) *Approval.* No permit shall be granted or renewed unless the following conditions are met:

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

If the application for the permit meets all of the requirements of this section, the permit application shall be approved by the Planning Director or his or her designee and a permit shall be issued by the city.

(E) *Appeal.* If a permit application is denied for any reason, the denial may be appealed to the City Council.

(F) *Duration.* Permits shall remain valid for a period of three years from the date of issuance.

(G) *Golf cart operation requirements.* The issuance of a permit and adherence to the criteria set forth below are specific to the City of Lake Elmo. Within the city, golf cart operators holding permits from the city may only operate the golf cart on city streets designated by this section. The following operation requirements shall apply:

- (1) The operator must have in his or her actual physical possession a valid, current, and unrevoked golf cart permit while operating the golf cart on a city street along with proof of insurance;
- (2) The operator is responsible for operating the golf cart in accordance with this section, and all other city, county, and state laws and regulations;
- (3) Golf carts must be operated on the pavement and not within any boulevard or ditch, city sidewalk, trail or walkway used for pedestrian travel, or other publically owned land;
- (4) A golf carts must only transport as many persons as it was designed by the manufacturer to carry;
- (5) Golf carts must not be operated on city streets during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient visibility to clearly see persons or vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet;
- (6) Every person operating a golf cart on a city street has the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle and must comply with the provisions of any traffic law of the City of Lake Elmo and Minnesota Statutes Chapter 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 Minnesota Statutes Section 169.045, subdivision 7, as it may be amended from time to time.

(H) *Equipment required.* All golf carts must have the following equipment when operating on city streets:

- (1) A slow-moving vehicle emblem provided in Minnesota Statutes Section 169.522 prominently displayed on the rear of the vehicle;
- (2) A rear-view mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the roadway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle; and
- (3) Parking brakes to hold the vehicle in place when unattended.

- (4) *Night Driving.* Golf carts may only be operated between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless equipped with original headlights, taillights, and rear-facing brake lights.

(I) *Designated city streets.* Golf carts are only permitted to be operated on designated city streets. Designated streets are those which are considered to be local in nature, under Lake Elmo jurisdiction, and 30 mph or less. Golf Carts are not permitted to travel down County, State, or roads built with State-Aid funds. The streets which are designated for golf cart operation are shown on the city's Golf Cart Street Map, which is on file and of record with the Planning Director. Golf carts are permitted to cross over any non-designated street or highway that intersects a designated city street. With this exception, golf carts shall not, for any period of time or distance, travel down any streets or highways not permitted for golf cart use.

(J) *Permit revocation.* The City Council may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder has violated any of the provisions of this section or Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169, as it may be amended from time to time, or if there is evidence that the permit holder cannot safely operate the golf cart on the designated city streets.