

ORDINANCE NO. 07-594-2023

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS

The City Council of Karlstad, Minnesota ordains:

Subd. 1. Definitions. The following terms, as used in this Section, shall have the meanings stated:

A. Scope. The definitions in this Subdivision apply only to Ordinance No. _____.

B. Person. An individual or an organization.

C. Motorized Golf Cart. Any golf cart functioned by gas or electric motor.

D. Owner. A person, other than person with security interest, having a property interest in or title to a golf cart and entitled to use and possession of the vehicle.

E. Designated Roadways. All roadways under the jurisdiction of the City of Karlstad.

Subd. 2. Operation.

A. Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset, unless equipped with road-legal headlights and rear lights. Motorized golf carts may not be driven on sidewalks.

B. No person under 16 years of age shall operate a motorized golf cart ~~alone~~ in the City of Karlstad, except if:

i. they are accompanied by a person age 18 or older; or

ii. they possess a valid ATV safety certificate in accordance with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources ATV safety training requirements.

C. When on a public street, the driver of a motorized golf cart must obey all traffic laws including stop or yield signs, speed limits, and other posted warnings, and including the laws prohibiting driving while impaired. Motorized golf carts must display a slow-moving vehicle sign as required by Minn. Stat. § 169.045, Subd. 4 when driving on any public roadway.

D. The number of occupants on a motorized golf cart may not exceed the design occupant load capacity.

E. All owners of motorized golf carts operated on public streets within the City of Karlstad must maintain a policy of liability insurance for any injuries to third persons or property which may result from the operation of the motorized golf cart. Every operator of a motorized golf cart must bear proof of identification while operating the golf cart.

Subd. 3. Registration and Fees. The City Council shall enjoy the right to require registration of and proof of insurance for motorized golf carts, which registration may be required to be renewed no more frequently than annually, and further shall enjoy the right to set reasonable fees (including after-the-fact fees) for the same.

Subd. 4. Assumption of Liability. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the City for any injuries to persons or property which may result from the operation of a motorized golf cart. When registering a golf cart, every golf cart owner may be required to agree in writing to assume liability for any injuries to persons or property which may result from the operation of a motorized golf cart, and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Karlstad for the same.

Subd. 5. Other Statutory Authority. This ordinance does not restrict any allowable uses provided in Minnesota Statute relating to any state or county roadways within the city limits.

Subd. 6. Violations and Penalties. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of \$100 payable to the City of Karlstad within 30 days of dated fine.

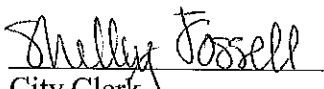
Subd. 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment and publication.

Effective Date: 9/5/23

Passed by the City Council of Karlstad, Minnesota this 5th day of September, 2023.


Mayor

Attested:


City Clerk