

ORDINANCE #2018-1

CITY OF WATKINS
MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF
WATKINS PERTAINING TO MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATKINS, MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 70.03 of the Municipal Code of the City of Watkins, Minnesota (Motorized Golf Carts) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§70.03 MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS.

(A) *Operation authorized.* Motorized golf carts may be operated on all city streets when a permit has been obtained pursuant to this section and the terms of this section are complied with. Any person operating a motorized golf cart under permit has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any vehicle, except when those provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts.

(B) *Permits.* Authorization to operate a motorized golf cart on city streets is by permit only. Permits shall be issued by the City Clerk's office, or authorized designee, to persons who have supplied the information required on the permit application. All permits shall expire three years from the date of issuance unless renewed. The fee for a permit shall be \$10.00.

(C) *Permit applications.*

(1) Each application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the City and shall include the following:

- (a) Date of Application;
- (b) Name and address of the applicant;
- (c) The make and model of any identification number of the motorized golf cart to be operated under the permit;
- (d) Insurance company, policy number and liability limits;
- (e) Any other information as deemed necessary;
- (f) Proof that the motorized golf cart and the permitted operator are insured with bodily injury liability limits of \$30,000/60,000 and with property damage limits of \$10,000.

(2) The applicant must provide all information required above prior to being issued a permit.

(D) Required equipment.

(1) The following equipment is required on any motorized golf cart during operation upon the roadway of any street:

(a) The slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for by state statute, properly mounted on the rear of the golf cart pursuant to state regulations; and

(b) A rearview mirror, properly mounted on the golf cart so as to reflect to the operator a view of the street for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the golf cart.

(2) Any motorized golf cart during operation upon a roadway or street within the City shall at all times be insured as follows:

(a) Bodily injury liability limits of \$30,000/60,000; and

(b) Property damage limits in the amount of \$10,000.

(3) A certificate of valid insurance shall be present at any time any motorized city golf cart is operated upon any roadway or street within the City.

(E) Other requirements.

(1) All permits shall be issued for a specific golf cart. The current permit shall be carried in the golf cart, indicating the number and year for which issued.

(2) Motorized golf carts shall not be operated during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions.

(3) The motorized golf cart can only be operated during daylight hours between sunrise and sunset.

(4) If a licensed vehicle is disabled through mechanical failure or for needed repairs, the permit may be temporarily transferred to another golf cart for a seven-day period upon approval by the City Clerk's office or authorized designee.

(F) The City Council may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any of the provisions of this section or Minn. Stat. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, or if there is evidence that the permit holder cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart on the designated roadways.

(G) *Appeal.* Any person whose permit to operate a motorized golf cart has been revoked may appeal the revocation to the City Council. Appeals shall be submitted in writing to the City Clerk within 30 days of the date of revocation.

(Ord. 98-1, passed 6-11-1998)

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

(A) Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any provision of this code for which another penalty is not specifically provided shall, upon conviction, be penalized as provided in § 10.99.

(B) Any violation of the statutes adopted by reference in § 70.01 is a violation of this code and the violator shall be guilty of the offense and shall be punished by the penalty as prescribed by those statutes.

(C) Any person violating § 70.02 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$300 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days or both.

(Ord. 83, passed 8-5-1971)

Section 2. This ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

Ordained by the Watkins City Council this 14th day of June, 2018.

Those Council Members voting for: Tschumperlin, Unterberger, Carlson

Those Council Members voting against: None

ATTEST: (SEAL)



Frank Eder, Mayor



Debra Kramer, Clerk

