

CHAPTER 78

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78.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this Chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on certain streets in the City of Glenwood, Iowa, as authorized by Section 321.247, Code of Iowa, as amended. This Chapter shall be applicable whenever a golf cart is operated on any street or alley, within the City as provided in this Chapter.

78.02 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS PERMITTED. Golf carts may be operated upon the streets of Glenwood, Iowa, by persons possessing a valid Iowa operators license and at least eighteen (18) years of age, except as otherwise prohibited by this Chapter or the Code of Iowa.

78.03 PROHIBITED STREETS AND OTHER RESTRICTED AREAS OF OPERATION. Golf carts shall not be operated upon the City street which is a primary road extension through the City. Primary road extensions are those streets that are also a State Highway. Golf carts are also prohibited from traveling on the following streets within the City of Glenwood:

1. Sharp Street
2. Locust Street

78.04 OPERATION.

1. Traffic Code. Any person operating a golf cart, including those for which a City of Glenwood permit has been issued, shall adhere to all traffic signs and signals, and all other traffic rules and regulations and shall obey the orders and direction of any law enforcement officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or the direction of a fire department officer during a fire.

2. Speed. No golf cart shall be operated at a speed in excess of the lesser of 25 miles per hour or a posted speed limit, nor shall any golf cart be operated at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper for the existing conditions.

3. Trails. Golf carts shall not be operated on any recreational, bike or walking trails, unless the trail is specifically designed to allow use of motor vehicles.
4. Sidewalks. Golf carts shall not be operated upon sidewalks.
5. Parking. Golf carts shall not be operated upon that portion of a street right-of-way between the curb or edge of street paving and the sidewalk, referred to as "the parking."
6. Direct Crossing. Golf carts may make a direct crossing of a prohibited street provided:
 - A. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees (90°) to the direction of the street and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
 - B. The golf cart is brought to a complete stop before crossing the street;
 - C. The driver/operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.
7. Parks. Golf carts shall not be operated within City parks and other land owned by the City, unless for a special event authorized by the City Council and the operator possesses a valid permit issued by the City of Glenwood.
8. Equipment. Golf carts operated upon streets within the City of Glenwood shall be equipped with at least the following:
 - A. Slow moving vehicle sign;
 - B. A bicycle safety flag, the top of which shall be a minimum of 5 feet from ground level;
 - C. Adequate brakes;
 - D. Headlights;
 - E. Taillights;
 - F. Brake lights.
9. Hours of Operation. Golf carts may be operated on City streets only from sunrise to sunset between March 1 and November 30. However, a person operating a golf cart shall pull over to the side of the public street or alley and come to a complete stop at all such times a Glenwood Community School District school bus is operating within three hundred (300) feet of the golf cart, and shall remain stopped until the bus is beyond the 300 foot radius of the golf cart.

10. Riding on Golf Carts. A person operating a golf cart shall not ride other than on a permanent seat which is designed to be a part of the golf cart and permanently attached thereto. No person operating a golf cart upon a public street or alley shall allow a passenger in the golf cart who has not yet obtained the age of fourteen (14) years. No golf cart shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

11. Permits. No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street or alley for any purpose unless the operator possesses a City of Glenwood permit to operate a golf cart on the City streets, issued by the Glenwood Police Chief or authorized designee.

A. Golf cart owners may apply for a permit from the Glenwood Police Chief on forms provided by the City;

B. The Police Chief shall not issue a permit until the owner/operator has provided the following:

(1) Evidence that the operator is at least eighteen (18) years of age and possesses a valid driver's license.

(2) Proof that the owner/operator has liability insurance covering operation of golf carts on City streets;

C. The applicant for a permit to operate a golf cart on the City streets, as a part of the application, shall verify the golf cart complies with State law and the provisions of this chapter;

D. The operator of a golf cart shall prominently display the Glenwood permit on a rear fender or similar component of the golf cart;

E. All permits issued shall uniquely identify the name and address of the owner/operator of the golf cart;

F. The fee for a permit to operate a golf cart on the City streets and alleys shall be \$25.00 annually.

78.05 MOTOR VEHICLE LAW. Persons authorized to operate golf carts pursuant to this chapter shall obey all statutes and ordinances governing the operation of motor vehicles to the extent practically applicable.

78.06 GOLF CART INSURANCE. Financial responsibility required. The owner/operator of every golf cart being operated upon the streets and alleys of the City of Glenwood, Iowa, shall have in effect liability insurance covering operation of the golf cart in the same limits, as required of automobiles by the financial responsibility provision of Section 321A, Code of Iowa.

78.07 VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

1. Any person guilty of violating the provisions herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and revocation of the City of Glenwood permit for a period of two (2) months.
2. Any person guilty of violating this Ordinance two (2) times in a twelve (12) month period shall be subject to a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and revocation of the City of Glenwood permit for a period of two (2) years.
3. Any person guilty of violating this Ordinance three (3) times shall be subject to a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and permanent revocation of the City Glenwood permit.

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