

Section 1340 - Operation Of A Motorized Golf Cart And Designating The Manner And Location Of Its Use And Operation.

1340.01. Definitions. Subdivision 1. Whenever used in and for the enforcement of this Ordinance, the following words, titles or phrases shall have the following meaning:

Subd. 2. "Permit" means an unexpired document issued by the Hopkins City Clerk or his representative which certifies and allows the operation of a motorized golf cart within the City of Hopkins in the manner provided for and allowed herein.

Subd. 3. "Physically Handicapped" means any person who has sustained an amputation or material disability of either or both arms or legs, or who has been otherwise disabled in any manner rendering it difficult and burdensome to walk. (Added Ord. No. 86-564, Sec. 1)

1340.03. Subdivision 1. Golf Cart Use. No person shall drive or operate a motorized golf cart upon or across a public street, avenue or roadway within the City of Hopkins except by permit as hereinafter provided. (Added Ord. No. 86-564, Sec. 2)

Subd. 2. Application for Permit. Application shall be made in writing upon forms furnished by the City of Hopkins and shall include but not be limited to the following information:

- a. Name and address of owner/operator;
- b. Description and serial number of golf cart;
- c. Driver license number and date of expiration;
- d. Statement outlining the physical handicap;
- e. Signed statement of a physician describing to the physical handicap and certifying that the applicant can safely operate a golf cart.

Subd. 3. Each permit shall be for a period not to exceed one year and may be annually renewed. The City of Hopkins may revoke an existing permit at any time upon receipt of evidence that the person to whom the permit was issued can no longer safely operate a motorized golf cart on the designated roadways. At any time during the permit period and upon request by the City of Hopkins, the applicant shall submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart on the designated roadways. (Added Ord. No. 86-564, Sec. 3)

Subd. 4. Designated Roadways. The roadways upon which a motorized golf cart may be operated pursuant to permit under this Ordinance are the routes as outlined in the application by the applicant. The operation of golf carts authorized hereunder shall only be operated from sunrise to sunset. Such operation shall not be permissible in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions impeding visibility, or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles at a distance of 500 feet on the designated roadways. Each motorized golf cart shall display the "slow moving vehicle" emblem when operating on designated roadways. (Added Ord. No. 86-564, Sec. 4)

Subd. 5. Application of Traffic Laws. Every person operating a motorized golf cart pursuant to permit hereunder on designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to a driver of any other vehicle pursuant to the state highway traffic laws and regulations except when those provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts except in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 171 pertaining to driver licenses. (Added Ord. No. 86 - 564, Sec. 5)