Ordinance Relating to and Regulating the Use and Operation of Motorized Golf Carts on City Roadways

The City council of the City of Ellendale, Minnesota, ordains:

Section 1: Permit Required. It shall be unlawful to operate a motorized golf cart on the roadways of the City of Ellendale without a permit.

Section 2: Persons Eligible. A permit to operate a motorized golf cart on a roadway within the City of Ellendale shall be issued only to a person with a current, valid Minnesota driver's license or a person who is physically disabled as defined by Minnesota Statutes 169.345, subd. 2.

Section 3: Issuance of Permit. Permits for motorized golf carts shall be issued by the City Clerk upon an applicant's compliance with this Ordinance.

Section 4: Application. Every application for a permit to drive a motorized golf cart shall be made on a form supplied by the City and shall contain the following information.

- a. Date:
- b. Name, address and phone number of the applicant;
- c. Nature of the applicant's physical disability, if applicable;
- d. Applicant's current driver's license number, if applicable; and
- e. Serial number, year, and manufacturer of the motorized golf cart which applicant intends on using.

A physical-disabled applicant must submit with an application a certification signed by a physician indicating that the applicant is physically disabled as defined by Minnesota Statutes 169.345, subd. 2 and the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart.

All applicants must furnish to the City Clerk any other information which the City Clerk reasonable requests.

Section 5: Insurance. Before such a permit is issued to an applicant, the applicant shall furnish to the City Clerk evidence of insurance complying with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 65B.48, subd. 5 for golf cart to be used.

Section 6: Period of Issuance. Such permits shall be issued for a period of one year.

Section 7: Cost. The cost of such permit shall be \$10.00.

Section 8: Designation of Roadways. All roadways in the City of Ellendale are designated for use of motorized golf carts except no motorized golf cars shall be operated on:

- a. 5th Avenue;
- b. 8th Avenue;

- c. 6th Street:
- d. 5th Street, 4th Street, 3rd Street and 2nd Street within 25 feet of the north or south line of 5th Avenue.

Section 9: Times of Operation. Motorized golf carts may only be operated on the designated roadways within the City from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

Section 10: Application of Traffic Laws. Every person operating a motorized golf cart in the City of Ellendale on the designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of Chapter 169 of the Minnesota Statutes, except when those provisions cannot reasonable be applied to a motorized golf cart and except as otherwise specifically provide for in Minnesota Statures 169.045, subd. 7.

Section 11: Crossing Intersecting Highways. The operator, under permit, of a motorized golf cart, may cross any street or highway intersecting a roadway on which the motorized golf cart legally can travel even if the roadway being crossed is a roadway upon which motorized golf carts are not allowed to be operated pursuant to Section 8 of this ordinance. Pursuant to this Section 11 and Section 8, 5th Avenue may only be crossed at its intersection with 1st Street.

Section 12: Slow-Moving Emblem. Motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minnesota Statutes 168.522, when operated on City roadways.

Section 13: Allowing a Person without a Permit to Operate a Motorized Golf Cart. A person issued a permit pursuant to this Ordinance shall not allow any other person who has not been issued such a permit to operate the motorized golf cart for which the permit was granted on any roadway in the City of Ellendale.

Section 14: Permit Revocation. The City Council may, at any time, revoke the permit of any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 15: Passengers. No person operating a motorized golf cart on a roadway in the City of Ellendale shall have more than 3 passengers on said golf cart.

Section 16: Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 17: Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of Ellendale, Minnesota, this 23rd day of July, 1998