

ORDINANCE NO. 124

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GLADBROOK, IOWA BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GLADBROOK CITY COUNCIL:

SECTION 1. **NEW CHAPTER.** The following is hereby enacted as Chapter 71 of the Gladbrook Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 2. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the operation of golf carts on city streets.

SECTION 3. **DEFINITIONS.** "Golf cart" means a four wheeled vehicle designed to transport person(s) on a golf course, and generally used for transportation of person(s) in the sport of golf, that is either electric powered or gas powered which weighs less than 800 pounds.

SECTION 4. **OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS PERMITTED.** Golf carts may be operated on city streets or alleys by persons not less than eighteen years of age, possessing a valid driver's license from sunrise to sunset. However, a golf cart shall not be operated upon a city street which is a primary road extension through the city but shall be allowed to cross a city street which is a primary road extension through the city including Hwy 96 and T-47. Golf carts shall not be operated on Lincoln, Front or 2nd Streets with the exception of the blocks of 2nd Street between Washington and Garfield Streets. Golf carts shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign and an orange bicycle safety flag which extends not less than eight feet above ground, and shall be equipped with adequate brakes and a rear view mirror.

SECTION 5. **OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC LAWS.** Golf cart operators shall obey the Gladbrook Traffic Code contained in Chapters 60 through 70 of the Gladbrook Code of Ordinances and all of the rules of the road imposed by the State of Iowa applicable to vehicles.

SECTION 6. **SPEED LIMIT.** No Golf cart shall be operated on any city street at a speed in excess of twenty-five miles per hour.

SECTION 7. **PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street or alley for any purpose, unless the operator possesses a City of Gladbrook permit to operate a golf cart on City streets approved by the City Council and issued by the City Clerk.

SECTION 8. **REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMIT.** In order to obtain a permit the applicant for the permit must:

1. Provide proof of ability to respond in damages for liability on account of accidents arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a golf cart in the amount of twenty thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, and, subject to the limit for one person, the amount of forty thousand dollars because of injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and the amount of fifteen thousand dollars because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident.
2. Pay an annual permit fee to the City of Gladbrook of \$35.00.
3. Be at least eighteen years of age.
4. Possess a valid driver's license.

SECTION 9. **OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.**

1. No golf carts shall be operated or parked upon City sidewalks.
2. Golf carts shall be parked on the street or in parking lots in the same manner as automobiles and shall not be driven through the grass.
3. No golf cart shall be operated while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotics or habit forming drugs.
4. No person shall operate a golf cart in a careless, reckless or negligent manner endangering the person or property of another or causing injury or damage to same.
5. The number of occupants in the golf cart may not exceed the design occupant load.
6. The operator of the golf cart must be in the driver's seat.
7. The operator of the golf cart must have in his or her possession a valid operator's permit issued by the City.

SECTION 10. **REPEALER** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. **SEVERABILITY.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Gladbrook City Council the 14th day of January, 2013 and approved this 1st day of February, 2013.

First Reading: October 18, 2012
Second Reading: November 12, 2012
Third Reading: January 14, 2013

Keith Sash
Keith Sash, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Bearden
Lori Bearden, City Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 124 on the 18th day of January, 2013.

Lori Bearden
Lori Bearden, City Clerk