

Chapter 324

VEHICLES, GOLF CARTS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Buffalo City **-*-2024]

Sec. 324-1

A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish routes and regulations for operation of Golf Carts on streets within the municipal limits of the City.

B. **Authority.** This Ordinance is created under the authority granted by *Wis. Stat. §349.18(1)(b)* and *(1m)(a)* and *(c)*.

C. **Definition.** A Golf Cart is defined as a motorized vehicle with four (4) wheels that is not designed to be operated at a speed of more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour. Said Golf Cart is generally designed to carry not more than four (4) persons including the driver.

Sec. 324-2 Permits.

A. The City shall issue permits authorizing the operation of golf carts on certain streets within the City. Permits will be valid from April 1st to October 15th of each year. Unless previously revoked within the one-year period, permits may be issued by the City Clerk to owners with golf carts upon:

1. Filing of a completed application form;
2. Payment of a permit fee of \$25;
3. Proof of a valid Driver's License; and
4. In accordance with *Wis. Stat. §344.62(1)*, proof of comprehensive general liability insurance insuring against injuries to people or property damage caused by operation of the golf cart.

B. Permit stickers must be displayed on the golf cart at all times when the golf cart is operating on streets within the City.

C. Proof of liability insurance in the name of the owner or operator of the golf cart must be carried on the golf cart at all times when the golf cart is operating on streets within the City, in accordance with *Wis. Stat. §344.62(2)*.

Sec. 324-3 Street Access and Operations.

A. Except as otherwise provided hereinafter, golf carts may only operate upon City streets with a valid permit issued by the City and from April 1st to October 15th of each year but from dawn to dusk only.

B. Golf Carts will be allowed to travel on all City Streets except:

1. Cty Rd O (10th Street)
2. Cty RD OO (River Road)

C. Crossing of the county roads will be allowed, but otherwise golf carts cannot be operated on county roads. All golf carts crossing county roads shall stop before crossing the highway and shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the highway.

D. Golf carts shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour.

Sec. 324-4 Standard Equipment Regulations. Each Golf Cart shall display a reflective slow-moving-vehicle sign prescribed by the City when operating on any street within the City limits.

Sec. 324-5 Exceptions. The Buffalo City Common Council may allow exceptions to the Ordinance and allow any type of Golf Cart to be used on any City street by community and/or civic organizations for community events.

Sec. 324-6 Violations and penalties. Any person who violates this chapter shall upon conviction therefor forfeit a minimum of \$250 per violation and will have their annual permit revoked for a minimum of one year.