

ORDINANCE NO. 370

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
PRAIRIE CITY, IOWA, BY ADDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO
GOLF CART OPERATIONS**

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Prairie City, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION ADDED. Chapter 171 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Prairie City, Iowa, is to be added as follows:

171.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on streets within the City, as authorized by **Section 321.247** of the Code of Iowa, as amended. This chapter applies whenever a golf cart is operated on any street or alley, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

171.02 MANNER OF OPERATION – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. No person shall operate a golf cart in the City except as hereinafter provided.

1. **Observance of Traffic Regulations Mandatory.** Golf cart operators shall observe all State and local traffic control regulations and devices.

2. **Permit Required.** (see also subsection 16) No golf cart shall be operated in the City unless a permit has been issued to the owner of the said golf cart by City staff member. The permit received from the City must be with the golf cart whenever it is operated within the City. The permit is good for the calendar year within which it is issued and shall be renewed annually. The fee for said permit is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year. There shall be no permits issued if in the previous year the applicant was cited and convicted of any violations of this chapter.

3. **Proof of Liability Insurance.** As part of the permit process, the owner of the golf cart must provide proof of liability insurance with minimum limits of \$100,000 each person, \$300,000 each accident before a permit will be issued. **The proof of insurance must be with the golf cart whenever said golf cart is in operation.**

4. **Standard Equipment Regulations.** All golf carts shall be equipped with the following:

A. Brakes.

B. **Slow moving vehicle sign.**

C. **Bicycle safety flag on the staff holder to put such flag at least five feet above the surface of the street.**

D. Any other safety equipment which may be required for golf carts by Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa.

5. **Operation Regulations.** The following regulations apply to the operation of a golf cart within the City:

- A. Any operator of a golf cart must have a valid driver's license.
- B. Any operator must be at least seventeen (17) years of age.
- C. All riders in the golf cart must remain seated at all times.
- D. No more than two adult people may ride in the front seat of a golf cart and no more than two adult people may ride in the back seat of a golf cart, if said seat exists. While operating, any rider must be seated on the seat and no part of the body of any rider will extend beyond the sides of the cart. Children must be accompanied by an adult driver and must follow all requirements of this subsection except the capacity limits as long as all children are seated on the seat and no part of the body of the child extends beyond the sides of the cart.

6. Times of Operation Limited. Golf carts may be operated from sunrise to sunset, during the time of year when daylight savings time is in effect. Golf carts are prohibited on streets during inclement weather when visibility is reduced or impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any other time there is insufficient light clearly to see a person or vehicle on a roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

7. Sidewalks and Adjacent Areas. No golf carts shall be operated upon a public sidewalk, nor shall they be operated upon that portion of the street located between the curb line and the sidewalk or property line, referred to as the "parking" except for purposes of crossing the same to a public street upon which operation is allowed by this chapter.

8. Parking. Two carts may use one parking space provided they both park within the parking space lines.

9. Streets Upon Which Golf Carts May Not Be Operated. Golf carts are prohibited from being operated on any portion of:

- a. North and South State St.
- b. East and West 2nd St.
- c. East and West North St.
- d. Poplar Ave.
- e. Prairie Ave.
- f. Pacific St.
- g. Hwy 117.
- h. Hwy S6G.
- i. Hwy 163.

10. Careless Operation Unlawful. No person shall operate a golf cart in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto.

11. Operating Under the Influence. No person shall operate a golf cart while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit forming drugs.

12. Towing. No item shall be towed by a golf cart.

13. Trespassing on Private Property. No golf cart shall be operated upon private property without the express consent of the owner thereof.

14. Community Events – Exception. The Prairie City Council may grant exceptions and allow any type of golf cart to be used on any City street by community and civic organizations for community events.

15. Permits/Application and Renewal. No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street or alley for any purpose unless the operator possesses a City of Prairie City permit to operate a golf cart on City streets, issued by a City staff member. Golf cart owners may apply for a permit from a City staff member on forms provided by the City. The City staff member shall not issue a permit until the owner/operator has provided the following:

- A. Evidence the operator is seventeen (17) years of age, and possesses a valid Iowa driver's license.
- B. Proof owner/operator has required liability insurance covering operation of golf cart on City streets.
- C. Passes all other requirements set forth on application form.

The owner of a golf cart shall display the permit sticker prominently on a rear fender or similar component. All permits issued shall uniquely identify the name and address of the owner/operator. The fee for such permits shall be twenty-five (\$25.00).

171.03 ACCIDENT REPORTS. Whenever a golf cart is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to anyone or property damage amounting to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or more, either the operator or someone acting for the operator shall immediately notify a law enforcement officer and shall file an accident report within forty-eight (48) hours, in accordance with State law.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.10)

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. 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 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council on the 11 day of December 2019, and approved this 11 day of December 2019.

S/C
Chad D. Alleger, Mayor

ATTEST:

S/C
Cindy Kane, City Clerk

First Reading: October 9, 2019
Second Reading: November 13, 2019
Third Reading: December 11, 2019

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 370 on the ____ day of _____, 2019.

City Clerk S/C _____