

**CITY OF GOODHUE
ORDINANCE No. 164**

Be it ordained that Ordinance No. 164 of the City of Goodhue adopt the following:

Section 1. Definitions.

Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a. Motorized Golf Cart - a vehicle usually three or four wheeled, which is self-propelled and is designed to be used to provide transportation on a golf course.
- b. All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) – Class 1 ATVs are motorized flotation-tired vehicles with at least three but no more than six low pressure tires that have an engine displacement of less than-1000 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of less than 1000 pounds.
- c. All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) - Class 2 ATVs are motorized flotation-tired vehicles with at least three but no more than six low pressure tires that have an engine displacement of less than 1000 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of 1,000 to 1,800 pounds.
- d. Insurance - motor vehicle liability insurance, which complies with the requirements set forth in Minn. State Statutes. If a person cannot obtain liability insurance in the private market, that person may purchase automobile insurance, including no-fault coverage, from the Minnesota Automobile Insurance Plan at a rate to be determined by the commissioner of commerce.
- e. Slow moving vehicle emblem - a sign which complies with the requirements set forth in Minn. Stat. § 169.522.
- f. Physically disabled person - any person meeting the criteria set forth in Minn. Stat. § 169.345, Subd. 2 that qualifies for a certificate allowing the person to park in a handicapped-parking space.
- g. Motorized Golf Cart and ATV dealers – any business that regularly sells golf carts and ATVs.

Section 2. Limitations.

- a. Motorized golf carts and ATVS may be within Goodhue City limits but only as expressly provided in this section. Any use that is not expressly authorized by this section is prohibited.

Example: Driving on designated walking/bike trails, driving on city dikes, driving on sidewalks, driving on street boulevards, snowmobile trail, and State Highways.
Exceptions: Emergency vehicles in the course of their duties and vehicles authorized by the city.

Section 3. Operator Permits.

- a. Persons wishing to operate motorized golf carts on public roadways must obtain application from the city police department **and/or local policing authority** and shall be issued by the city clerk. The city council will set a reasonable fee to cover the cost of issuing such permits. Persons wishing to operate an ATV on public roadways must show proof of registration with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- b. Conditions for issuance of a permit are as follows:
 - 1) Persons at least sixteen (16) years of age and with valid insurance are eligible for permits.
 - 2) Applicants must present proof of insurance that matches that of motorcycles for their Golf Cart and/or ATV before the city will issue a permit. In the event persons operating a motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini truck under this section cannot obtain liability insurance in the private market, that person may purchase automobile insurance, including no-fault coverage, from the Minnesota Automobile Insurance Plan under sections [65B.01](#) to [65B.12](#), at a rate to be determined by the commissioner of commerce.
 - 3) Applicant's Golf Cart must be equipped with a rearview mirror.
 - 4) Applicant's Golf Cart must have a reflective slow moving vehicle sign on the rear of the vehicle.
 - 5) Applicant's Golf Cart must have current vehicle insurance.
 - 6) All Golf Carts and ATVs will have mufflers.
 - 7) Each Golf Cart will be issued its own permit. Permits issued to dealers may be transferred for the purpose of test-driving a vehicle. However, vehicles used for the operation of a business will have their own permit. ATVs will not be issued a separate permit from their registration. However, those individuals wishing to operate an ATV must follow the above described conditions.
 - 8) All vehicles will be inspected by the police department **and/or local policing authority** at time of initial application for that particular vehicle.

- c. If a Golf Cart applicant satisfies the above-described conditions, the city shall issue a permit. Permits will be valid for the calendar year in which they are issued. Permits will be issued throughout the year however permits will not be prorated for being purchased for less than twelve months.

Section 4. Operation.

- a. A person who has been granted a permit shall have the permit displayed on the Golf Cart. The permit will be placed on the rear of the Vehicle in such a fashion as to be visible to following vehicles.
- b. Motorized golf carts and ATVs shall only be operated on city owned streets, alleys, and county roads or county state-aid highways located within the boundaries of the city. Golf carts and ATVs are permitted to cross State Highway 58 and County 9.
- c. The number of occupants in a motorized golf cart or ATV shall be limited to the number of designated seats in the golf cart or ATV.
- d. **Driver of golf cart must be 16 years of age or older.** Golf carts may not be operated during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
- e. Motorized golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and utility task vehicles may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset, unless equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights, and rear-facing brake lights.
- f. Physically disabled persons wishing to park in marked handicap parking spaces are required to display their state issued handicap-parking permit.
- g. A permit may be revoked at any time if there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart. The city may require, as a condition to obtaining a permit, that the applicant submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf.
- h. Golf Carts and ATVs not equipped with brake lights or turn signals must use appropriate hand signals as defined by Minnesota State Statute 169.19 Subd. 8.
- i. This ordinance is not all-inclusive. Operators of ATVs need to comply with all Off-Road Vehicle laws, which are available for review in the MN Department of Natural Resource Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations Manual.

Section 5. Limitation of Liability

- a. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the city for any injuries to persons or property which may result from the operation of a motorized golf cart or ATV by a permit holder or the failure by the city to revoke the permit.

Section 6. Violations.

- a. Violation of any of the requirements of this chapter is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or both.
- b. In addition to any criminal sanctions, the permit may be revoked by the city for any violations of this ordinance.
- c. The city is notified by any court that a permit holder was convicted of violating a state or local traffic law other than a parking law while operating the motorized Golf cart or ATV.
- d. An applicant is found to have made fraudulent representations in a permit application.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect June 1, 2025.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Ernest Valenzuela
Mayor of the City of Goodhue, MN

ATTEST:
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City Administrator