

ORDINANCE OF THE WASECA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regulating the Use of
Golf Carts and Mini Trucks
on County Roads

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, By the Waseca County Board of Commissioners, County of Waseca, State of Minnesota, under authority provided in Minn. Stat. § 169.045, that:

An Ordinance regulating the use and operation of motorized golf carts and mini trucks on designated roadways under the County's jurisdiction be and hereby is established as follows:

SECTION I - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide authority for the use of more fuel efficient and cost effective vehicles on county roads. The Ordinance establishing standards and permitting the use of such vehicles on designated roadways within its jurisdiction pursuant to the authority granted by Minn. Stat. § 169.045.

SECTION II - AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 169.045 which establishes the authority of the County to authorize by Ordinance the operation of motorized golf carts or mini trucks on county roadways under its jurisdiction.

SECTION III - DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions will apply:

- 3.1 Designated Roadway means that portion of county roads or county state-aid highways within Waseca County which are located within the jurisdictional boundaries of a city or town that has enacted an Ordinance authorizing, providing standards, and establishing a permitting process for the use of motorized golf carts, four-wheel all-terrain vehicles, or mini trucks on roadways under its jurisdiction pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 169.045.
- 3.2 Mini truck means a motor vehicle that has four wheels, is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of 7500 watts or less or an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of 660 cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of 900 to 2200 pounds, contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, commonly resembles a pickup truck or van, including a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards required of motor vehicles in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, sections 571.101 to 571.404 and successor requirements. A mini truck does not include:
 - (i) A neighborhood electric vehicle or a medium speed electric vehicle; or
 - (ii) A motor vehicle that meets or exceeds the regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 571.500, and successor requirements.

- 3.3 Motorized golf cart means any vehicle designed for use primarily on a golf course that is propelled by either a gas or electric motor.

SECTION IV - PERMIT REQUIRED

- 4.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorized golf cart or a mini truck on roadways under the jurisdiction of Waseca County, except when the vehicle is traveling on designated roadways and the owner has a valid permit obtained from the Waseca County Sheriff's Office.
- 4.2 Permits are to be granted for duration not to exceed one year and must be renewed annually, as required by law, to remain valid.

SECTION V - RIGHTS AND DUTIES

- 5.1 Every person operating a motorized golf cart or mini truck under permit on designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of Minn. Stat. Chapter 169, except when those provisions cannot reasonably be applied to the vehicle.
- 5.2 Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated roadways from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, unless equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights, and rear-facing brake lights. Motorized golf carts may 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.
- 5.3 Motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in Minn. Stat. § 169.522 and a rear view mirror.
- 5.4 The provisions of Minn. Stat. Chapter 171 are applicable to persons operating mini trucks under permit on designated roadways.
- 5.5 Notwithstanding any other law, a mini truck may be operated on designated roadways under permit only if it is equipped with:
- (a) at least two headlamps;
 - (b) at least two tail lamps;
 - (c) front and rear turn-signal lamps;
 - (d) an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either:
 - (i) an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle;
 - or (ii) an interior mirror;
 - (e) a windshield;
 - (f) a seat belt for the driver and front passenger;
 - and (g) a parking brake.
- 5.6 Owners and operators of golf carts or mini trucks shall carry liability insurance coverage pursuant to MN Statute 65B.48, Subdivision 5.
- 5.7 The golf cart operator shall have a valid permit, be at least 16 years of age, with a valid drivers license and not had their driver's license revoked.

- 5.8 The operator shall be subject to all traffic Ordinances, laws and State statutes.
- 5.9 The number of occupants shall not exceed the design occupant load.
- 5.10 No operation shall be permitted on private property, without the consent of the owner, or on any city sidewalk, trail or park.
- 5.11 No United States or State of MN road shall be a designated roadway for golf carts or mini trucks; however the operator, under permit, may cross any street or highway intersecting a designated roadway.

SECTION VI - SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this regulation be declared invalid for any reason, the remainder of said regulation shall not be affected and the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VII - PENALTIES

Violations of this Ordinance shall be petty misdemeanors, except for any State or Federal law which would follow the penalties set forth by Statute. A violation of this Ordinance within twelve (12) months of a conviction for a prior violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor and shall result in revocation of the violator's permit to operate the motorized golf cart or mini truck, on designated roadways for a period of twelve (12) months following conviction.

SECTION VIII – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This regulation shall be in full force and effect upon publication and adoption pursuant to law.

Passed by the County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of May, 2013.

By 
Chair Dan Kuhns
Waseca County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Joyce Oliver
Waseca County Treasurer/Auditor



Waseca County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Brad J. Milbrath

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ANNUAL GOLF CART/MINI TRUCK PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: _____

FULL NAME/DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE #: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE #: _____

INSURANCE COMPANY/POLICY NUMBER: _____

GOLF CART/MINI TRUCK – MODEL NAME: _____

MAKE: _____ SERIAL #: _____ YEAR: _____

All motorized golf carts/mini trucks and their drivers must carry liability insurance at all times when operating on roads.

All motorized golf carts/mini trucks must be complete with rear view mirrors, brakes and a slow moving sign.

Operation of golf carts/mini trucks shall not be permitted during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any time wherein there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway.

Hours of golf cart/mini truck operation shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset unless following Section V 5.2 Equipment.

By signing this permit I am stating that my golf cart/mini truck meets all requirements and is in good mechanical condition. I have read the ordinance set by the County Board and I will follow the rules stated for golf cart/mini truck use on Waseca County roads.

Not valid in the City of Waseca.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

Please Submit To: 122 3rd Ave NW, Waseca, MN 56093
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