

ORDINANCE NO. 08-18

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING GOLF CARTS TO BE OPERATED
ON CITY STREETS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF
STRAWBERRY POINT, IOWA.

Be It Enacted by the Council of the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to permit golf carts to be operated under certain conditions in the City of Strawberry Point, Iowa.

SECTION 2. GOLF CARTS. Sections 25.13 to 25.21 of the City Code of Strawberry Point, Iowa, shall be added to read as follows:

25.13 **DEFINITION.** "Golf cart" is defined as a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty-five (25) miles per hour. "Golf cart" does not include an all-terrain vehicle as defined by Iowa Code 421.1(4) or any other utility vehicle or any other motor vehicle.

25.14 **OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS PERMITTED.** Golf carts may be operated on City streets by persons possessing a valid driver's license, and at least eighteen (18) years of age.

25.15 **PROHIBITED STREETS.** Golf carts shall not be operated on any City street which is a primary road extension through the City, but golf carts may cross such a primary road extension. Commercial Street, Elkader Street and West Mission Street are hereby designated primary road extensions in the City.

25.16 **EQUIPMENT.** Golf carts operated on City streets shall be equipped with the following equipment:

1. Slow moving sign of regulation size on the back of the vehicle;
2. A bicycle safety flag, the top which shall be a minimum of five (5) feet above ground level;
3. Golf carts operated on City streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes;
4. Headlights, which shall be on when being operated on a City street;
5. Tail lights;
6. an unmodified standard golf cart motor.

25.17 **HOURS.** Golf carts shall be operated on the City streets only from sunrise to sunset.

25.18 **SPEED.** No golf cart shall be operated on any City street in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

25.19 **PERMITS.** No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street or alley for any purpose unless the owner of the golf cart shall possess a permit from the City to operate that golf cart on city streets issued by the City.

1. Anyone desiring such a permit may apply on forms provided by the City at the office of the City Clerk

2. The City Clerk shall not issue such a permit until the operator has provided evidence that the owner is at least eighteen (18) years of age, possesses a valid Iowa driver's license, and has provided proof the owner has liability insurance covering operation of the golf cart on City streets.

3. All permits issued shall uniquely identify the name and address of the owner, and all operators of golf carts on City streets shall have such permit in the operator's possession at all times during such operation. The fee for such permits shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per golf cart.

25.20 **TRAFFIC CODE APPLIES.** Every person operating a golf cart upon a city street or alley shall be granted all the rights and privileges and shall be subject to all of the duties and obligations applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle in accordance with the city code and Chapter 321 "Motor Vehicles and Law of the Road" of the Code Iowa.

25.21 **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.** The owner of every golf cart operated on city streets and/or alleys shall have in effect liability insurance covering the golf cart in the same limits as required of automobiles by the financial responsibility provisions of Chapter 321.A of the Code of Iowa.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. 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 5. When Effective. This ordinance shall be effective after the final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by Council on the 1st day of October, 2008, and approved this 1st day of October, 2008.

Dale H. Fox
MAYOR

ATTEST: Deanna Demert
CITY CLERK