

## Application Form for Golf Cart Registration and Golf Cart Renewal

Vehicle Identification Number	Two Rivers Registration Number

Golf Cart Registration (\$25.00 fee), please fill out completely

### Owner Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Street Address	City	State

### Vehicle Information

Make of Golf Cart	Model	Year of Manufacture	Color
Cell Phone Number	Location Where Cart is Stored		
Name of Insurance Co	Policy Number	Company Phone Number	

1. Please provide a copy of your Driver's License
2. Please provide a copy of your insurance listing the golf cart as a covered vehicle.
3. Please read and sign the application.

Operation rules and required golf cart specifications are attached to this application.

All drivers of golf carts are required under state law, and city ordinance to abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using it on the streets of the city. Additionally, golf cart operation on all city streets is governed by WI Statutes, Chapter 346; Rules of the Road.

Before submitting this application, be sure to verify that your golf cart complies with the specifications and requirements as outlined in the City of Two Rivers Ord. Title 8, Chapter 9; see attached.

I attest that I have read and understand the Operational Regulations attached and that the golf cart described has the required safety equipment installed and functioning properly.

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspecting Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE** to create Chapter 9 of Title 8 Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, authorizing Golf Cart Usage on Streets within the City.

The City Council of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, do hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 9 of Title 8 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin titled “Operation of Golf Carts on City Streets” is hereby created, to read as follows:

### **Section 8-9-1                      PURPOSE**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide a means of travel that is not only convenient and safe, but conserves resources and protects the environment. Golf carts, if properly used, are an effective way to travel for short distances within the City. However, to ensure the public safety and welfare, the operation of golf carts must not only comply with normal regulations regarding vehicles, but should comply with special safety regulations intended to protect the operator and passengers in a vehicle that is primarily designed for operation on a golf course or recreational purposes. This chapter establishes the basic, minimum standards of care to be used by the operators of golf carts on public roads, streets and highways. Likewise, the public safety requires that golf carts, used as a means of transportation, must also meet certain minimum safety standards that can only be assured through a system of registration and inspection. The registration and inspection of golf carts is required in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

### **Section 8-9-2                      DEFINITION**

Golf Cart – a vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour.

### **Section 8-9-3                      OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALLOWED**

The operation of golf carts is not subject to the provisions of this chapter under the following circumstances:

- (a) The operation of golf carts at golf courses, private clubs or on private property, with the consent of the owner.
- (b) The use of a golf cart in connection with a parade, a festival or other special event are still subject to all provisions of this ordinance. Additionally, consent from the coordinator of any event is required for use at and/or during the event.

#### **Section 8-9-4**

#### **LICENSE REQUIRED**

No person who is less than 16 years of age or who does not have a valid driver's license issued under or granted by the laws of Wisconsin or some other state may operate a golf cart on any public street within the City. For purposes of this section, a learner's permit shall not be considered as a valid driver's license nor shall any license that has been revoked, temporary or otherwise, or suspended for any reason, be considered as a valid driver's license during the period of suspension or revocation.

#### **Section 8-9-5**

#### **REGISTRATION**

- (a) No golf cart may be operated on any public street within the City unless the golf cart has first been registered with the Two Rivers Police Department as required herein. The registration shall be renewed thereafter in accordance with the provisions of this section. To evidence the registration, the owner shall be issued an annual permit which shall be displayed in a prominent, visible place on the rear fender of the golf cart or at such other place as may be approved by the Police Department. The permit may contain a registration number assigned for the particular golf cart and may contain an expiration date.
- (b) **Registration Fee.** An annual registration fee in the amount of \$25.00 or such other amount as may be established and adopted by the City Council from time to time, as amended, shall be paid to the City at the time the application for registration is filed with the Two Rivers Police Department or for any renewal of the application.
- (c) **Application.** The application for registration shall be made to the Two Rivers Police Chief, or to some other person designated, on forms provided by the City. The application may, among other things, require the owner's name, street address, mailing address, a phone number, the make, model and identification or serial number of the golf cart, proof of insurance and such other information as may be reasonably required as well as a release of the City from liability for any accidents involving the registered golf cart and an agreement to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claims arising from any such accident.
- (d) **Inspection.** Prior to issuing the initial registration permit or any renewal thereof, the golf cart shall either be inspected or, in place of inspection, the Two Rivers Police Department may require photographs submitted of the golf cart, to determine that:
  - 1. The golf cart is equipped with at least two red rear reflectors at least three inches in height and width;
  - 2. The golf cart is equipped with a reflective 'slow moving sign' or 'flag' on the rear of the cart;
  - 3. The brakes provided by the manufacturer of the golf cart are in proper

working order;

4. The golf cart has all of the standard safety features provided by the manufacturer and has not been modified to exceed a speed of 20 miles per hour, nor otherwise modified in any way that creates a hazard; and
5. The golf cart is equipped with all mechanical systems and safety equipment required by this chapter.
6. All existing manufacturer lights are in working order, or a minimum of one headlight/taillight installed so as to not conflict with oncoming traffics vision if not driven during daylight hours. All lighting must be capable of being observed from a distance of 500 feet.

(e) Denial and revocation.

The initial registration of a golf cart may be denied or subsequently revoked by the City of Two Rivers if it is determined that:

1. The application contains any material misrepresentation;
2. The golf cart is not in compliance with the requirements set out above;
3. The golf cart has been altered or customized and no longer meets the definition of golf cart;
4. Equipment supplied by the manufacturer, especially safety equipment, has been removed from the golf cart or the vehicle identification or serial number removed; or
5. Other good cause shown including repeated violations of this chapter.

(f) Disqualified vehicles. ATVs, four-wheel utility vehicles and other similar utility vehicles which are not manufactured for operation on a golf course and golf carts which have been modified so that it no longer meets the definition of a golf cart may not be registered as a golf cart nor shall such vehicles be operated on the public roads within the City unless such vehicles are otherwise registered with and allowed under the motor vehicle laws of the State of Wisconsin.

## **Section 8-9-6                      OPERATION**

Golf carts shall not be operated on the public streets of the City, except in full compliance with the provisions of this section.

- (a) Hours of operation. Golf carts may be driven on approved public streets from 5:00 AM to 12:00 AM (midnight). Golf carts may not be operated when fog, smog, smoke or other conditions reduce visibility so that the golf cart is not visible for a distance of 250 feet.

- (b) Streets. Golf carts may be operated on any City owned streets, within the City limits with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
- (c) Motor vehicle laws. All laws regarding the use of motor vehicles in the State of Wisconsin, including possession of a valid driver's license, and all ordinances regarding the use of motor vehicles in the City, not inconsistent therewith shall be observed, except that no golf cart may be operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour, or the top speed set by the manufacturer, whichever is lesser.
- (d) Right-of-way. The operator of a golf cart shall yield the right-of-way to overtaking motor vehicles.
- (e) City property and sidewalks. Golf carts shall not be operated on any sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, bicycle path or trail, jogging path, greenway, and park or on any beach, or trail except for official police business or by City personnel while on City business. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, golf carts shall not be operated on property owned or leased by the City except with the express written consent of the City Council and upon the terms and conditions as may be set forth in such written permission, or to gain access to a parking lot for the purpose of parking.
- (f) Golf cart capacity. The seating capacity (normally no more than four passengers) shall not be exceeded nor shall the operator or any passenger be permitted to stand while the golf cart is in operation.
- (g) Commercial purposes. Golf carts may not be used as a taxicab or bus or for the commercial carrying of passengers or the hauling of freight.
- (h) Parking. Golf carts may only be parked in the same manner and at the same places designated for the parking of motor vehicles. The stopping, standing or parking of golf carts in an area where parking is not allowed or in any place that impedes the flow of traffic, pedestrian walkways or a passageway is prohibited.
- (i) Unattended Vehicles. No Person shall leave or allow any Golf cart owned or operated by him/her to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition.
- (j) Towing. Golf carts may not be used for the purpose of towing another cart, trailer, or vehicle of any kind including a person on roller skates, skateboard or bicycle.

**Section 8-9-6            Disclaimer and liability**

Disclaimer. Golf carts are not designed for nor manufactured to be used on public streets and

the City neither advocates nor endorses the golf cart as a safe means of travel on public streets, roads and highways. The City in no way shall be liable for accidents, injuries or death involving the operation of golf cart.

Assumption of risk. Any person, who owns, operates or rides upon a golf cart on a public street, road or highway within the City does so at his or her own risk and peril and assumes all liability resulting from the operation of the golf cart.


### **Section 8-9-7            Violations and Penalties**

If any person shall violate this chapter, he or she shall be guilty of a forfeiture and shall be fined not more than \$100.00 or such other amount as shall be set forth in the Schedule of Fees adopted by the City Council from time to time, except that the owner or operator of a golf cart who shall violate a provision regulating the parking of vehicles shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount set forth in the Schedule of Fees adopted by the City Council from time to time, including the imposition of larger civil penalties for multiple or repeat offenses within a specified period of time.


**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after the date of its passage and publication.

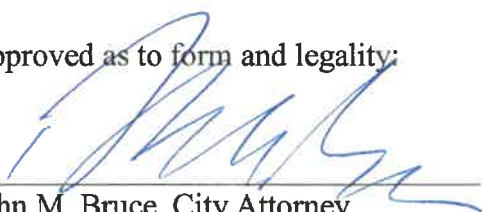
Adopted by the Council of the City of Two Rivers, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2019

  
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Curt Andrews  
Vice-President, City Council

  
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Gregory E. Buckley  
City Manager

Attest:

  
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Kim M. Graves, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:  
  
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John M. Bruce, City Attorney