

ORDINANCE #12-XX
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 54 OF THE RAMSEY CITY CODE, WHICH CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS THE TRAFFIC AND VEHICLE CHAPTER OF THE RAMSEY, MINNESOTA, CITY CODE.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 103-102 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

The City of Ramsey ordains:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and under the authority of the City Charter of the City of Ramsey.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE V. GOLF CARTS

Sec. 54-103 Purpose

The purpose of this article is to provide reasonable regulations for the use of Golf Carts on public and private property in the city. This article is not intended to allow what the Minnesota Statutes expressly prohibit nor to prohibit what the state statutes allow. It is intended to prevent public nuisance.

Sec. 54-104 Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Boulevard means that portion of the street or highway between the roadway and private property.

Operate means to ride in or on, and control the operation of a Golf Cart.

Operator means every person who operates, or is in actual physical control of a Golf Cart.

Public property means property that may be used by the public, subject to reasonable regulation by a governmental body. Such property includes city parks, city parking lots and public school parking lots and grounds.

Roadway means that portion of a street or highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel but not including the boulevard. For the purposes of this article, roadways not dedicated for public use and not maintained by the city are not included within this definition.

Semi-public property means private property generally for use by the public but not owned or maintained by a governmental body. Such property includes without limitation: church property, shopping center property and other property generally used by patrons of a commercial or private business establishment.

Street or highway means the entire width between boundary lines of any way or place when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for the purpose of vehicular traffic (includes the right-of-way or boulevard). For the purposes of this article, streets or highways not dedicated for public use and not maintained by the city are not included within this definition.

Sec 54-105 Operation limitations

- (a) Golf Carts may not be operated in the following areas:
 - (1) On or long the Burlington Northern Rail Road tracks.
 - (2) On or along any County or State Hwy other than as listed in Specific Limitations.
 - (3) On any city sidewalks, bike or pedestrian trails.

- (b) Golf Carts may be operated only in the areas only as follows:
 - (1) On the operator's property subject to the provisions of this article.
 - (2) On privately owned property if the operator has in possession written permission from the property owner; or, on privately owned property if the property owner has posted a clearly visible notice indicating Golf Cart or words substantially similar.
 - (3) On any city streets only as allowed by MN State Statute. (Does not include County Roads or State Highways.)
 - (4) On public or semi-public property only if clearly posted with signs designating the area or specific areas as open to Golf Carts.

- (c) *Specific limitations for operation of Golf Carts.*
 - (2) A direct crossing of a street, roadway, county or state highway is permitted if:
 - a. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the roadway at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing or blocks the view of oncoming traffic for 300 feet;

- b. The vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or entering upon the traveled portion of the street, road or highway;
 - c. The driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate hazard;
 - d. In the case of a divided highway, the crossing shall be made only at an intersection of the highway with another street or road;
 - e. If the crossing is made during period of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or in conditions of reduced visibility, the front and rear lights of the vehicle must be on.
- (4) A Golf Cart may only be operated with the number of passengers that it was designed to carry.
- (5) If ridden on a roadway, a valid driver's license is required by the operator.
- (f) *Requirements.*
- a. Liability insurance.
 - b. Slow moving vehicle emblem.
 - c. Rear View mirror.
- (g) Every person operating a Golf Cart on the roadway has the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of chapter 169 of the Minnesota statutes, except those provisions that cannot be reasonably applied.
- (h) For a golf cart to be used off of the owner's property, the owner first must request and obtain a City of Ramsey permit from the police department.
- (i) Permits that are granted will be valid for a period not to exceed three years

SECTION 3. SUMMARY

The following is the official summary of Ordinance #12-XX which has been approved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

It is the intent and effect of Ordinance #12-XX to amend Ramsey, Minnesota City Code Sections Article IV, Sections 96-102 Recreational Vehicles to expand the Designated Recreational Use Areas within the City of Ramsey to include a Restricted Use Area of the City.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Ordinance is thirty (30) days after its passage and publication, subject to City Charter.

Adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Introduction Date: May 8, 2012

Posting Dates:

Adoption Date:

Publication Date:

Effective Date: