

CITY OF MERRILL, IOWA
ORDINANCE NO. 2014-2
CHAPTER 74

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, IOWA, TO ESTABLISH THE
USE AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON MERRILL, IOWA CITY STREETS

- 74.01 Purpose
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BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Merrill,
Iowa:

SECTION ONE. NEW SECTION. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Merrill, Iowa, is amended by adding a new Section 74 entitled Use and Operation of Golf Carts, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

74.01. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate the operation of golf carts within the City of Merrill, Iowa.

74.02. CODE OF IOWA PROVISIONS. The City hereby adopts by reference the provisions of Section 321.247 of the Code of Iowa pertaining to golf cart operation on City streets in the City.

74.03. VALID MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE REQUIRED. No golf cart shall be operated on the streets of the City unless the operator thereof has within his or her possession at all times while operating said golf cart a valid motor vehicle driver's license.

74.04. DESIGNATED STREETS - PROHIBITED STREETS. No golf cart shall be operated upon any street within the City of Merrill that is a primary road extension, however, crossing such primary road extension is permitted. Golf cart travel on the following streets is forbidden:

1. U.S. Highway 75 within the city limits;
2. All state roads located within the city;
3. Any street with a speed limit above 25 mph.

Golf carts shall be allowed to cross said streets as in the case of primary road extensions.

74.05. MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS APPLY. The motor vehicle laws provided for in the Code of Iowa apply to the operation of golf carts to the extent practically applicable. A person who violates any provision of this Ordinance commits a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under Section

805.8A(3) of the Code of Iowa.

74.06. SPEED LIMIT. No golf cart shall be operated at a speed in excess of twenty (20) mph on any street within the City.

74.07 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED. Golf carts operated on City streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements imposed by the City Council of the City of Merrill, Iowa. Golf carts shall be equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag all as required by the Code of Iowa.

74.08 TIME OF OPERATION. Golf carts may be operated on the streets only from sunrise to sunset.

74.09 SPECIAL PERMITS. Except for U.S. Highway 75, the City Council may, in its sole discretion, grant special permits for the operation of golf carts on the City Streets. The safety equipment referred to in this Chapter 74 shall be inspected and approved by the Police Chief in writing before any special permit is granted. No special permit may authorize operation of a golf cart on City streets before sunrise or after sunset. Registration of all golf carts to be operated on the streets of the City of Merrill, Iowa is required. The Merrill Police Department shall conduct an inspection of the golf cart to verify compliance with provisions of Chapter 74 before operation of any golf cart on the City streets.

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

SECTION THREE. 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 FOUR. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Merrill, Iowa, the 16th day of June, 2014.

APPROVED this 16th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF MERRILL, IOWA

ATTEST:


BY:


RICHARD HUSMAN, MAYOR


MARGARET MARIENAU, CITY CLERK

First Reading: 06/16/2014
Second Reading:
Third Reading:

I CERTIFY that the foregoing is published as Ordinance No.
2014-74 on the 16TH day of JUNE, 2014.


MARGARET MARIENAU, CITY CLERK

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