

Article B: Street Traffic Regulations

Sec. 10-1-10 Operators to Obey Traffic Control Devices.

Every operator of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which an Official Traffic Control Device is erected in accordance with this Chapter shall obey the direction of such Official Traffic Control Device as required by the Wisconsin Statutes incorporated by reference in Section 10-1-1 of this Chapter. Operators of vehicles approaching a stop sign shall stop before entering a highway as required by Sec. 346.46, Wis. Stats. Operators approaching intersections at which a yield sign has been installed shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles as required by Sec. 346.18(6), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 10-1-11 Heavy Traffic Routes.

- (a) **Definition.** For purposes of this Section, "heavy traffic" shall be defined as:
- (1) All vehicles not operating completely on pneumatic tires, and
 - (2) All vehicles or combination of vehicles designed or used for transporting property of any nature and having a gross weight of more than twelve thousand (12,000) pounds. "Heavy traffic" does not include school buses, motor buses or recreational motor homes.
- (b) **Prohibited Routes.**
- (1) Heavy traffic is prohibited from using any Village of Wausaukee street or highway not designated as a heavy traffic route.
 - (2) This Section shall not act to prohibit heavy traffic from using a Village street or highway for the purpose of obtaining orders for supplies or moving or delivering supplies or commodities to or from any place of business or residence which has an entrance on such street or highway, nor shall this Section apply to heavy traffic necessary to obtain orders, to make deliveries, or to move supplies or equipment for agricultural purposes. This exception shall be permitted for the period of time necessary to complete the above-described activities. This Section will not act to prohibit heavy traffic from using any Village streets over which are routed state trunk highways. When being driven to the site of any construction, repair or maintenance of electric, gas or water service, vehicles owned and operated by a public utility will be exempt from the provisions of this Section.
- (c) **Administration.** The Public Works Department shall administer this Section. Administration shall include:
- (1) **Posting of Signs.** Appropriate signs shall be posted giving notice of this Section and of the heavy traffic routes established herein. Yellow sign posts may also be used to designate heavy traffic routes.

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- (2) **Maps.** Maps of the Village showing heavy traffic routes shall be prepared and shall be available upon request by heavy traffic operators and owners.
- (3) **Construction Equipment.**
 - a. Heavy construction equipment may use Village streets or highways not designated as heavy traffic routes provided that the closest access route is utilized.
 - b. Village-owned or operated equipment is specifically excluded from the provisions of this Section.
- (d) **Liability.** Any operator, corporation, owner or agent whose heavy traffic vehicle damages any Village streets or highways in violating this Section shall be liable and required to pay the Village the cost of repair or replacement of the damaged street or highway.
- (e) **Streets Designated Class "B" Highways.** All streets and highways within the Village of Wausaukee, Wisconsin, are hereby designated Class "B" highways subject to the weight limitations imposed on Class "B" highways by the Wisconsin Statutes adopted by reference in Section 10-1-1 except the highways or parts of highways designated as heavy traffic routes in Subsection (f) below.
- (f) **Heavy Traffic Routes.** The following streets in the Village of Wausaukee are hereby designated heavy traffic routes, for commercial vehicles, pursuant to Sec. 349.17, Wis. Stats.:
 - (1) County Highway C.
 - (2) State Highway 180.
 - (3) U.S. Highway 141.

State Law Reference: Sec. 349.17, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 10-1-12 Speed Limits.

The provisions of Sections 346.57, 346.58 and 346.59, Wis. Stats., relating to the maximum and minimum speed of vehicles are hereby adopted as part of this Section as if fully set forth herein.

Sec. 10-1-13 Point of Stopping.

For purposes of this Chapter, all stops shall be made by vehicles immediately prior to entering the crosswalk closest to the intersection being approached and located between the vehicle and the intersection. Where there are no marked crosswalks but sidewalks exist, then all stops shall be made before crossing the extended edge of the sidewalk farthest from the intersection being approached. In the event there are neither marked crosswalks nor sidewalks, then all stops shall be made with the front of the vehicle located approximately at a line extended from the stop sign and perpendicular thereto into the street being traveled by the vehicle.

Sec. 10-1-14 Mid-Block U-Turns Prohibited.

The operator of any vehicle is prohibited from making a mid-block u-turn on any street in the Village of Wausaukee.

Sec. 10-1-15 Golf Cart Use on Village Streets.

- (a) **Intent.** The Village of Wausaukee adopts the following regulations creating routes and standards for the operation of golf carts upon the roadways of the Village of Wausaukee. Following due consideration of the value to provide recreational opportunities and weighed against the possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density, and history of automobile traffic, routes may be established by the Village Board.
- (b) **Statutory Authority; Conflicts.** This Section, and any special routes created hereunder, is created pursuant to Village authority under Section 349.18(1), 349.23 and 349.26, Wis. Stats.; this Section is intended to facilitate the implementation of these statutory provisions. To the extent necessary to accomplish this, Sections 349.18(1), 349.23 and 349.26, Wis. Stats., are hereby adopted by reference. In the event that any provision of this Section is inconsistent or conflicts with such statutes, that statute(s), and not this Section, shall control and be applied. The Village of Wausaukee does hereby provide for golf cart access into and from residential areas and lodging establishments to golf courses within or adjacent to the Village of Wausaukee according to the standards herein.
- (c) **Operation Authorized.** This Section allows for the operation of golf carts to a golf course within or connected to the limits of the Village of Wausaukee. Under this Section, the operation of golf carts of the type and kind equipped without modified drive trains will be allowed to operate upon Village of Wausaukee streets and roads only under the conditions prescribed herein.
- (d) **Conditions of Operation.** The following conditions of operation shall apply to all operators and passengers of golf carts:
 - (1) **Speed; Hours.** No person shall operate a golf cart within the Village of Wausaukee at a speed in excess of 25 m.p.h., including on any street, trail or other public way, including road shoulders. Golf carts shall not operate on public streets or property during hours of darkness.
 - (2) **Restrictions on Equipment.** No golf cart may be operated on any street or public way within the Village of Wausaukee unless it complies to all noise, registration, and other equipment standards as established in the Wisconsin Statutes or this Code of Ordinances.
 - (3) **Safety Signage.** All golf carts operating on a Village street or public property shall display at all times a Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) Sign as prescribed by Section 347.245(1), Wis. Stats.

(4) **Headlight and Taillight Requirements.**

- a. Every golf cart operating within the Village of Wausaukee upon any public street or way shall display a lighted headlight and taillights at all times, and said lights shall conform to the requirements of this Section.
- b. Headlights shall be of a white or clear light and be capable of illuminating the road ahead during the hours of darkness and be observed at a distance of five hundred (500) feet. Headlights shall be properly adjusted so as to not interfere with the operation of other vehicles on the roadway.
- c. Taillights (two in number) shall be red in color and be observable to a distance of five hundred (500) feet at night and located on the outer edges of the cart.
- d. Reflectorized tape strips shall be installed on the sides of the golf cart for street use.
- e. If a trailer is towed behind a golf cart, the trailer shall conform with all lighting requirements applicable to a golf cart.

(5) **Operations Restrictions.** Golf carts operating on Village streets, roads, and other public property shall comply with the following:

- a. Golf carts shall be operated on the extreme right side of the roadway and travel with the flow of traffic.
- b. Golf carts shall be operated in single-file, with headlights and taillights in operation at all times. [See Subsection (d)(4) above].
- c. Golf cart operators shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

(e) **Additional Regulations.**

- (1) No racing-type golf carts or light utility vehicles, golf cart or light utility vehicle conversions, or converted golf cart/LUV drive trains will be allowed on Village streets or public ways.
- (2) No dirt bikes, standard ATVs or other vehicles that are not considered to be standard golf carts will be allowed as golf carts or light utility vehicles.
- (3) Golf carts shall have a properly functioning muffler that meets the original manufacturer's specifications and is sufficiently quiet. No specially tuned or expansion-type mufflers are permitted.
- (4) Brakes and other safety equipments shall be properly functioning, and tires shall be in good condition. All equipment shall be properly installed and functioning.
- (5) No golf cart or light utility vehicle shall have broken, loose or unsafe parts improperly attached or be loose from the chassis, and all lights shall be functioning properly.

(f) **Unattended Units.** No person shall leave or allow any golf cart owned or operated by him/her to remain unattended on any public highway, public way or public property.

(g) **Licensed Operator Requirements.** Operation of golf carts on a Village street or public way by unlicensed or youth operators shall be governed by the restrictions of Section 23.35(5), Wis. Stats. No person who is not lawfully licensed, or under a current driver's

license suspension, revocation or cancellation for any reason, may operate a golf cart upon a public street or public way in the Village of Wausaukee.

(h) **Routes.**

(1) **Routes Designated.** The Village Board may establish designated routes/trails within the Village for golf cart operation on Village streets, public property or public ways. Except as provided in the Wisconsin Statutes or herein, no person shall operate a golf cart upon any public right-of-way, public park or cemetery, on any other public property in the Village, or on private property without the owner's express permission except upon routes and trails designated by the Village Board as golf cart routes. These routes shall be designated as golf cart and to be used for that purpose under all circumstances.

(2) **Operation Prohibited Areas.**

- a. No person may operate a golf cart for any reason on the following, except any of the following roads/streets may be driven across from one side to the other, from a legal area to reach a street that is legally designated to operate upon:
 1. No operation is permitted on a state trunk highway within the Village of Wausaukee.
 2. No operation is permitted in a county trunk highway within the Village of Wausaukee.
- b. No person may operate a golf cart in the following Village-owned areas, unless authorization is first obtained from the Village Board; Village property need not be posted regarding this regulation:
 1. Any Village of Wausaukee parks.
 2. Any Village of Wausaukee cemeteries.
 3. Any property owned or leased by the Village of Wausaukee.
- c. It is the responsibility of golf cart operators to know whether they are operating on public or private property.

Sec. 10-1-16 Low Speed Vehicles.

(a) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:

(1) **Low Speed Vehicle.** A motor vehicle that is propelled by electric power and that conforms to the definition and requirements for low-speed vehicles as adopted in the federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles under 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.3(b) and 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.500. A neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV) is a low speed vehicle. The term "low speed vehicle" does not include a golf cart.

(b) **Use Permitted Regulations.**

(1) **Use Permitted Areas.** Except as provided below, any person with a valid driver's license may operate a low speed vehicle on any roadway in the Village of Wausaukee where the speed limit is thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less.

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- (2) **Use Prohibited Areas.** No person may operate a low speed vehicle on any Village street that is also a federal or state highway.
- (c) **Applicability of Other Village Ordinances and State Laws.** Each operator of a low speed vehicle shall comply with all Village ordinances and Wisconsin Statutes except as such ordinances and statutes by their express terms do not apply to a neighborhood electric vehicle, the operators thereof, or others.
- (d) **Original Effective Date of This Section.** The Village Clerk shall submit a copy of this Section to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation upon original adoption. Upon approval by the Department, or upon the passage of twenty-one (21) days from the Department's date of receipt of the copy and failure of the Department to approve or object, whichever comes first, the Village Clerk shall order publication, and this Section shall take effect the day after publication.

State Law Reference: Secs. 340.01(27h) and 349.26, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 10-1-17 through Sec. 10-1-19 Reserved for Future Use.