

ORDINANCE NO. 117

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOKAH AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS OR FOUR-WHEELED, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ON PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES OF THE CITY, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

The City Council of the City of Hokah, Houston County, Minnesota, hereby ordains:

**SECTION I. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS TO HANDICAPPED TO OPERATE GOLF CARTS OR FOUR-WHEELED, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AUTHORIZED.** The physically handicapped, as hereinafter defined, consistent with the Ordinance and all other laws and regulations appertaining, are authorized issuance of permits to operate a golf cart or four-wheeled, all-terrain vehicle on any public thoroughfare within the corporate limits of the City of Hokah.

**SECTION II. PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS THEREFOR.** No operation of golf cart or four-wheeled, all terrain vehicles is authorized hereunder except by permit by persons having been issued a permit pursuant hereto. Applications for permit shall elicit such information as applications for motor vehicle driver's license applications do, the application shall be accompanied by a current licensed physician's report indicating applicant to be physically able to operate such vehicle(s) safely, and evidence of insurance complying with the provisions of Section 65B.48, Subd. 5, Minnesota General Statutes, and shall relate to a single specific vehicle.

**SECTION III. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS.** All permits issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be issued for a period not to exceed one year and shall be annually renewable. Permits issued are subject to revocation at any time upon a showing that Permittee can no longer safely operate the vehicle, the operation of which was authorized by permit issued pursuant to this Ordinance. Vehicles operated by permits issued pursuant hereto shall be operated only at times from sunrise to sunset and shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other visibility limiting circumstances where lighting is insufficient to clearly see persons and vehicles at 500 feet. All vehicles permitted to be operated pursuant to this ordinance shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem pursuant to Section 169.522, Minnesota General Statutes.

**SECTION IV. ADMINISTRATION; DEFINITION OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS.** All applications for permits hereunder shall be made to and processed by the City Clerk-Administrator and shall be approved by the City Council.

For purposes of this Ordinance, physically handicapped shall mean any person who has sustained an amputation or material disability of either or both arms or legs, or who has been otherwise disabled in any manner, rendering it difficult or burdensome to walk. In the discretion of the City Council, a person who is an applicant for a permit hereunder may be deemed "handicapped" if currently certified to be such by a licensed physician.

SECTION V. GENERAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. There are hereby incorporated by this reference as if set out hereat in full all regulations specifically relating to vehicles described in the within ordinance and all other rules, regulations and laws of the state of Minnesota thereunto appertaining. Where the provisions of this ordinance and any other regulations conflict, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control. Should any provision of this Ordinance be rendered invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION VI. PENALTIES. Violations of this Ordinance are deemed misdemeanors and punishable upon conviction according to the laws of the State of Minnesota appertaining.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its due passage and enactment and publication according to law.

Passed and enacted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1987.

Approved:  
Edward Lonkoski  
Mayor

Attest  
Ernest Sloan  
City Clerk-Administrator