

**CITY OF ST. MICHAEL  
WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
ORDINANCE NO. 2206**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NUMEROUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 72 OF THE ST.  
MICHAEL CITY CODE**

The City Council of the City of St. Michael ordains:

**SECTION 1.** Section 72.02 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 72.02 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE or VEHICLE.** Has the meaning given in M.S. § 84.92, subd. 8, as it may be amended from time to time.

**CLASS 1 ATV.** An ATV as defined by M.S. § 84.92, subd. 9, as it may be amended from time to time.

**CLASS 2 ATV.** An ATV as defined by M.S. § 84.92, subd. 10, as it may be amended from time to time, but not including a golf cart, mini-truck, dune buggy or go-cart or vehicle designed and used specifically for lawn maintenance, agriculture, logging or mining purposes.

**DRIVER-OPERATOR.** Every person who drives or operates and is in actual physical control of a recreational vehicle.

**ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLE.** An electric-assisted bicycle as defined in M.S. § 169.011, Subd. 27, as it may be amended from time to time.

**MOTORCYCLE.** A motorcycle as defined in M.S. § 169.011, Subd. 44, as it may be amended from time to time.

**MOTORIZED BICYCLE** A motorized bicycle as defined in M.S. § 169.11, Subd. 45, as it may be amended from time to time.

**GOLF CART.** A self-propelled three or four-wheeled vehicle designated for and commonly used for transportation on a golf course that is limited in engine displacement of less than 800 cubic centimeters and total dry weight of less than 800 pounds. Vehicles that are required to be registered with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource do not fall within the definition of a golf cart for purposes of this code.

**OPERATE.** To ride in or on and control the operation of a recreational motor vehicle or golf cart.

**OPERATOR.** Every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a golf cart or recreational motor vehicle.

**OWNER.** A person, other than a lien holder, having a property interest in or title to a recreational motor vehicle and entitled to the use or possession thereof.

**RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE (RMV).** A self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow, ice, or natural terrain steered by wheels, skis, or runners. snowmobiles, Class 1 ATV, Class 2 ATV, UTV, golf carts, go-carts, mini-bikes, motorized bicycle, dune buggies, and trail bikes are all RMVs.

**RIGHT OF WAY.** The entire strip of land traversed by a highway or street in which the public owns the fee or an easement for roadway purposes.

**ROADWAY.** That portion of a highway improved, designed or ordinarily used for roadway purposes.

**SNOWMOBILE.** A snowmobile as defined in M.S. § 84.81, subd.3, as it may be amended from time to time.

**STREET:** A public thoroughfare, roadway, alley or trail used for motor vehicular traffic which is not an interstate, trunk, county state aid road or county highway.

**SECTION 2.** Section 72.03 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 72.03 OPERATION OF A RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**

(A) The operation of Class 2 ATVs and snowmobiles within the corporate limits of the city are subject to the following regulations:

(1) Class 2 ATVs shall operate on the extreme right-hand side of the right-of-way of streets, roadways, or alleys used for other public motor vehicular travel and that are under the jurisdiction of the city, and follow all regulations described in M.S. § 84.928, subd. 1, as it may be amended from time to time.

(2) Snowmobiles shall operate on the extreme right-hand side of the right-of-way streets, roadways, or alleys that are used for other public motor vehicular travel and that are under the jurisdiction of the city, and follow all regulations described in M.S. § 84.87, subd. 1, as it may be amended from time to time.

(3) Owner-operator shall present proof of registration of the Class 2 ATV, if registration is required by M.S. § 84.922, as it may be amended from time to time.

(4) Owner-operator shall hold valid insurance complying with M.S. § 65B.48, subd. 5, as it may be amended from time to time.

(5) Class 2 ATVs and snowmobiles shall obey all city and state traffic laws when operating vehicles on city streets.

(B) All other Recreational Motor Vehicles, including, but not limited to, Class 1 ATVs, motorized golf carts except as permitted by § 72.06, go-carts, mini-bikes, motorized bicycles, dune buggies, and utility task vehicles, are not permitted on any city street, county or state highway, sidewalk, pathway, trail, recreational area, or any other public area, nor on any private property of another without permission to do so by the owner of the property.

**SECTION 3.** Section 72.04 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 72.04 RESTRICTIONS ON THE OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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Recreational Motor Vehicles shall not be operated within the corporate limits of the city, except as permitted by § 72.03, which are subject to and shall comply with the following restrictions:

(A) *Hours.* Shall be operated only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., except on Fridays, Saturdays, and evenings preceding Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's when the permitted operational hours shall be 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.;

(B) *Speed.* Shall not be operated at a rate of speed greater than reasonable, prudent, or proper under all the surrounding circumstance, but in no case exceeding 15 mph for snowmobiles and 20 mph for Class 2 ATV in all residentially zoned areas;

(C) *Public land, sidewalks and trails.* Shall not be operated on publicly owned lands, including, but not limited to school grounds, city streets, park property, playgrounds, or recreation areas, nor on any sidewalks or pathways in the city provided for pedestrian and/or bicycle travel, except Class 2 ATV's and snowmobiles are allowed on state designated lands and trails open to Class 2 ATVs and snowmobiles;

(D) *Ditches.* Class 2 ATVs shall not be operated on the bottom or inside slope of a road ditch, except a Class 2 ATV may be operated thereon if on a trail designated for Class 2 ATV;

(E) *Manner.* Shall not be operated at any place in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property or to cause injury or damage thereto;

(F) *Private property.* Shall not be operated on private property of another without specific permission of the owner or person in control of the property;

(G) *Under the influence.* Shall not be operated while under the influence of alcohol or drugs as defined in M.S. § 169A.20, as it may be amended from time to time;

(H) *Animals.* Shall not be operated in a manner to intentionally drive at, chase, run over, kill or attempt to overtake any animal, wild or domestic;

(I) *Highway.* Shall not be operated on any roadway, shoulder, or inside bank or slope of any city trunk, county state aid, or county highway in the city, except as provided in this chapter, nor shall operation on any such highway be permitted where the roadway directly abuts a public sidewalk or walkway; and

(J) *Lights.* Shall not be operated without headlight and taillight illuminated, if the RMV is equipped with headlight and taillight.

**SECTION 4.** Section 72.05 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 72.05 EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**

The operation of Recreational Motor Vehicles (RMV) permitted in § 72.03 are subject to the following equipment and safety regulations:

(A) *Muffler.* Standard mufflers shall be properly attached and in constant operation to reduce the noise of operation of the motor to the minimum necessary for operation. No person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass, straight pipe, or similar device on a motor. The exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound.

(B) *Brakes.* Brakes shall be adequate to control the movement of the RMV under any conditions of operation.

(C) *Lights.* At least one clear lamp shall be attached to the front with sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. The head lamp shall be so that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of an oncoming vehicle operator. It shall also be equipped with at least one red tail lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. This equipment shall be required and shall be in operating condition

when the vehicle is operated between the hours of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, or at times of reduced visibility.

(D) *Reflective material.* Snowmobiles shall have reflective material at least 16 inches on each side, forward on the handlebars, so as to reflect a beam of light at a 90-degree angle.

(E) *Safety equipment.* Helmet and seat belts shall be required as follows:

(1) A person less than 18 years of age shall not ride as a passenger or as an operator of an RMV regulated herein on public land, public waters, or on a public road right-of-way unless wearing a safety helmet approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(2) A person less than 18 of age shall not ride on as a passenger or as an operator of an RMV without wearing a seat belt when a seat belt has been provided by the manufacturer of the RMV.

**SECTION 5.** Section 72.06 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 72.06 GOLF CARTS.**

Golf carts shall be specifically permitted to be operated within the corporate limits of the city consistent with M.S. § 169.045 and subject to the following regulations:

(A) Permit Required.

(1) The operation of a golf cart is allowed only if a permit for such operation of a golf cart is issued by the City.

(2) A permit shall allow the operation of a golf cart only in specific locations as noted on the City of St. Michael Golf Cart Street Map, as adopted and amended by the City Council from time to time. An application for a permit must be made on a form provided by the city and a fee in an amount set forth in the city fee schedule shall be paid by the applicant.

(3) The application shall contain the following information:

(a) The name, address, email address and telephone number of the registered owner of the golf cart and of the applicant;

(b) The make, model, and year of the golf cart;

(c) Proof of insurance in compliance with the provisions in M.S. § 65B.48, subd. 5, as it may be amended from time to time;

(d) A scanned image of a current driver's license of the applicant and of the registered owner of the golf cart;

(B) Operation.

(1) *Golf Cart Street Map.* Golf carts are only permitted to be operated on designated city streets as identified on the City of St. Michael Golf Cart Street Map. Golf carts are not permitted to travel down County, State or roads built with State-Aid funds or any streets or highways not permitted for golf cart use.

(2) *Single File, Right Hand Lane.* No person shall operate a golf cart on the portion of any right of way of any street, except single file, on the most right-hand lane when available for traffic or as close thereto as practical;

(3) *Permit.* The operator must have in his or her physical possession a valid, current, and unrevoked golf cart permit and proof of current insurance coverage while operating the golf cart on a city street;

(4) *Age.* The operator of the golf cart must be a minimum of 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's license;

(5) *Hours.* Golf carts may only be operated between the hours of sunrise and sunset unless equipped with operable, original headlights, taillights, and rear-facing brake lights.

(7) *Sidewalks & Trails.* Golf carts must be operated on the pavement and not within any boulevards, ditches, city sidewalks, city trails or walkways used for pedestrian travel, or other publicly owned land;

(8) *Hand Signals.* If the golf cart is not equipped with brake lights or turn signals the operator of the golf cart must use appropriate hand signals to signal turns as defined by M.S. 169.19, Subd. 8;

(9) *Number of Occupants.* Golf carts shall not transport more than the maximum number of persons designated by the manufacturer of the golf cart;

(10) *Weather.* Golf carts shall not be operated on city streets during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient visibility to clearly see persons or vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet;

(11) *Traffic Regulations.* Operators of golf carts must comply with the provisions of any traffic law of the City of St. Michael and Minnesota Statutes Chapter 169, as it may be amended from time to time, except when these provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts;

(C) *Equipment Required.* Each golf cart operated on a city street shall have the following equipment:

(1) *Brakes.* Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the golf cart in place while unattended.

(2) *Muffler.* Standard mufflers shall be properly attached and in constant operation to reduce the noise of operation of the golf cart to the minimum necessary for operation. No person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass, straight pipe, or similar device on a golf cart motor. The exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound.

(3) *Rear-View Mirror.* A rear-view mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the roadway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the golf cart.

(4) *Slow Moving Vehicle Sign.* A slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the golf cart as provided for in M.S. Section 169.522 when operated on designated roadways.

(D) *Permit Revocation.* The City may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon finding that the holder has violated any of the requirements of this section.

**SECTION 6.** Section 72.07 is hereby added to the City Code:

**§72.07 PERMIT REVOCATION.**

The City may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon finding that the holder has violated any of the provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

Adopted by the City Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

**CITY OF ST. MICHAEL, MINNESOTA**

By: Keith R. Wettschrek  
Keith Wettschrek, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Diana Case  
Diana Case, City Clerk

