



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Safety

From: Rick Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Date: September 10, 2019

Re: Use of Golf Carts on City Roadways

At a recent meeting, a resident suggested that the City should consider the use of golf carts on city streets. Per the state statutes, a City may allow golf carts on city streets within our jurisdiction. Per the state statutes, a "golf cart" refers to a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per hour.

The applicable section of the revised statutes is as follows

304.034. Municipalities may regulate golf cart and motorized wheelchair usage on streets and highways. — 1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governing body of any municipality may by resolution or ordinance allow persons to operate golf carts or motorized wheelchairs upon any street or highway under the governing body's jurisdiction. A golf cart or motorized wheelchair shall not be operated at any time on any state or federal highway, but may be operated upon such highway in order to cross a portion of the state highway system which intersects a municipal street. No golf cart or motorized wheelchair shall cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than forty-five miles per hour.

2. Golf carts operated on city streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements imposed by the governing body. Golf carts are not subject to the registration provisions of [chapter 301](#).

3. As used in this section, a "**golf cart**" means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per hour.

The Department of Public Works would have concerns allowing the use of golf carts on city streets. Foremost is the issue of speed differential. The minimum speed limit on City Streets is 25 m.p.h. except where a different speed limit has been established. (Please see **Table 1** below for a full list of City streets with current speed limits.) While most all residential streets have a 25 m.p.h. speed limit, many of our "arterial" city streets have higher speed limits. With a golf cart's top speed limited to 20 m.p.h. or less, the speed differential between a golf cart and passenger car or truck could be significant.

Crash severity would also be a concern. A crash resulting from a golf cart utilizing public roads could result in significant injuries. Golf Carts, with their lack of safety features and significantly smaller size

(mass) when compared to traditional passenger cars and trucks, offer little protection to their occupants in the event of a crash.

Another concern is the possibility of golf carts utilizing other state and county roads where they may be restricted from use. Most residents are unaware or unclear of the distinction between City, County and State roads, and as a result may inadvertently drive on the wrong street.

If the Board finds that the use of golf carts on city streets is something we should consider more carefully, the Department would be glad to complete additional research, address any other questions on this matter, or request that our City Attorney prepare the appropriate legislation to make this change, for the consideration of the Board.

On a final note, it should be noted that the Board, following a resident request last year, considered legislation to authorize the use of recreational off-road vehicles on City streets, but did not choose to approve such.

I will be available for questions regarding this information at the September 12, 2019, meeting of the Board of Public Safety.

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Table 1
City Streets with Approved Speed Limits

Street	Maximum Speed (m.p.h.)
All City Highways, Roads, or Streets except where a lower speed is required or a higher speed permitted by this Schedule	25
Allenton-Six Flags Road, between Eureka City Limits and Melrose Road	30
Centaur Road, from Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad to Wild Horse Creek Road	30
Centaur Road, from Eatherton Road to Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad	35
Fox Creek Road	35
Garden Valley Drive	25
Glencoe Road, from Manchester Road to End of Maintenance at Rockwoods Reservation	30
Grand Avenue	25
Manchester Road, from Missouri Route 100 at Westglen Farms Drive to a point 0.45 miles south of St Albans Road	35
Manchester Road, between a point 1,200 feet west of State Route 109 and a point 600 feet east of Pond Road	25 School Days When Children Are Present
Manchester Road, between Maple Avenue and a point 1,580 feet west of Walnut Avenue	25 School Days When Children Are Present
Manchester Road, from Melrose Road northwardly to a point 0.58 miles north of Melrose Road	45
Old Eatherton Road, between MO Route 109 and Shepard Road	25

Old Fairway Drive	25
Old Manchester Road, from Missouri Route 100 at Fox Creek Road to the Franklin County line	45
Old State Spur	25
Pierside Lane, from Manchester Road to its terminus at the Ellisville City Limits	30
Pond Road, from Missouri Route 109 to Manchester Road (Missouri Route 100)	30
Prospector Ridge Drive	25
Ridge Road, between Lawler Ford Road and St. Paul Road	30
Rieger Road, from a point approximately 1,700 feet west of Shiloh Valley Drive eastwardly to Pond Road	30
Village Hills Parkway	25
Washington Avenue	25
Westglen Farms Drive	25
Shepard Road, from Missouri Route 109 to a point approximately 1,400 feet north of Missouri Route 109	
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., school days	20
At all other times	30
Shepard Road, from a point approximately 1,400 feet north of Missouri Route 109 to Strecker Road	30
Strecker Road, from Clayton Road to the City limits of Ellisville	30
Strecker Road, from Kehrs Mill Road to Clayton Road	35
Turnberry Place Drive, between Clayton Road and Strecker Road	20
Valley Road, from Clayton Road to a point approximately 200 feet north of Quail Valley Drive:	

7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. on school days	25
At all other times	30
Valley Road, from Strecker Road to a point approximately 200 feet north of Quail Valley Drive	35
Washington Avenue	25
Waterside Drive	25
Westglen Farms Drive	25
Wild Horse Creek Road, from a point 4,000 feet west of Eatherton Road, eastwardly to Eatherton Road	35
Wild Horse Creek Road, from Manchester Road (Missouri Route 100) northwardly to a point 4,000 feet west of Eatherton Road	30
Wild Horse Parkway Drive, from Chesterfield City Limits to 200 feet north of Wildridge Drive	35
Wild Horse Parkway Drive, from a point 200 feet north of Wildridge Drive To cul-de-sac	25
Woodmoor Ridge Drive	25