



City of Ely 2019/2020 Golf Cart/ATV Registration

Ely Registration # _____

Name: (L) _____ (F) _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Golf Cart/ATV Make & Model: _____

Proof of Insurance with Provider: _____

Policy Number: _____

Proof of DNR Registration on ATV: _____ Registration# _____

I understand this permit is issued to me and is to be clearly displayed on the left rear fender of my Golf Cart/ATV. I certify I have received a copy of the Ely City Ordinance for Golf Carts or ATV and that I have read the city ordinance and agree to abide by all conditions in the ordinance.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved By: _____ Date: _____

(City of Ely)

Office Use

Amount of fee: **\$25.00**

Date paid: _____



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Greetings~

It's time to think about registering your golf cart and/or ATV with the City of Ely. To register your golf cart/ATV please fill out the registration form included in this letter. Along with the registration you will need to provide a copy of your current insurance coverage along with a \$25.00 renewal fee. City staff will need to do a quick inspection of the golf cart to insure it meets the Ely City Code – such as having head lights, tail lights, and a slow moving vehicle sign along with a bicycle safety flag that is at least 5' from the top of the flag to the ground. You can bring your paperwork along with the cart/ATV for inspection to city hall Monday- Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

The permits are good from April 1 through March 31 and must be renewed each year before operating on city streets. Last year the Linn County Sheriff voiced concerns over slow moving vehicle signs not being regulation size and having more bodies on a cart than there were seats. Please take time to review the ordinance, which is enclosed, to ensure you are in compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation and please feel free contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of other assistance.

Thanks!

Luanne R. Miller

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City Deputy Clerk

GOLF CARTS ORDINANCE

77.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to permit the operation of golf carts on certain streets in the City, as authorized by Section 321.247 of the Code of Iowa, as amended. This chapter applies whenever a golf cart is operated on any street or alley, subject to those exceptions stated herein.

77.02 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS PERMITTED.

Golf carts registered with the City of Ely may be operated upon the streets of the City by persons at least 18 years of age possessing a valid Iowa operator's license, except as prohibited in Section 77.03 of this chapter. "Off-road utility vehicles," as defined in Section 321I.1(16) of the Code of Iowa, shall be included in the category of golf cart for the purpose of this chapter. The number of occupants shall not exceed the number of seats installed by the manufacturer in said vehicle.

77.03 PROHIBITED STREETS.

Golf carts shall not be operated upon any City street which is a primary road extension through the City. However, golf carts may cross such a primary road extension. State Street is hereby designated a primary road extension in the City.

77.04 EQUIPMENT.

Golf carts operated upon City streets shall be equipped with at least the following:

1. A slow moving vehicle sign.
2. A bicycle safety flag, the top of which shall be a minimum of five feet from ground level.
3. Golf carts operated on City streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes, headlights, and taillights.

77.05 HOURS.

Golf carts may be operated on City streets only between sunrise and sunset.

77.06 SPEED.

No golf carts shall be operated on any City street at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour.

77.07 GOLF CARTS REGISTERED.

No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street, or alley for any purpose unless said golf cart is registered by the City of Ely.

1. Golf cart owners may register a golf cart with the City Clerk/Administrator using forms provided by the City.
2. The Clerk/Administrator shall not register a golf cart until the following has occurred:
 - A. Owner has provided proof owner has liability insurance covering operation of golf carts on City streets.
 - B. The Clerk/Administrator has inspected the vehicle to verify it meets the requirements of this chapter.
 - C. Owner has paid the registration fee set out below.
3. The registration sticker shall be displayed visibly and prominently on the left rear fender.
4. All registrations issued shall uniquely identify the name and address of the owner.
5. The registration fee shall be \$25.00.
6. Registrations shall be effective from April 1 through March 31 of each year.
 - A. Registration may be renewed after owner has filed an application to renew with the Clerk/Administrator and all conditions set out in Sect 77.07 (3) have been met.
 - B. Fee for a renewed registration shall be \$25.00.

ATV ORDINANCE

75.05 OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.

All-terrain vehicles may be operated on City streets only in accordance with Section 321.234A of the Code of Iowa and the provisions of this section.

1. City Registration. ATVs with valid City of Ely registration stickers may be operated on City streets and alleys for the following purposes:

- A. Snow removal via attached snowplow or blade.
- B. Gardening and/or lawn work.
- C. Special events authorized by the City Council.

2. Registration Process.

A. ATV owners may register an ATV with the City Clerk/Administrator using forms provided by the City. The Clerk/Administrator shall not register a vehicle under this provision until the following has occurred:

- (1) Owner has provided evidence that the ATV is registered as required by Iowa law, and that such registration is current. The owner/operator shall maintain such registration.
- (2) Owner has provided proof of current financial responsibility in accordance with Section 321.20B of the Code of Iowa. The owner shall maintain such financial responsibility.
- (3) The Clerk/Administrator has inspected the vehicle to verify it meets the requirements of this chapter.
- (4) Owner has paid the registration fee set out below.

B. The registration sticker shall be displayed visibly and prominently on the left rear fender.

C. All registrations issued shall uniquely identify the name and address of the owner/operator.

D. The registration fee shall be \$25.00.

E. Registrations shall be effective from April 1 through March 31.

(1) Registrations may be renewed after owner/operator has filed an application to renew with the Clerk/Administrator and all conditions set out in this section have been met.

(2) Fee for a renewed registration shall be \$25.00.

3. Equipment. The ATV shall be equipped as required by Sections 321I.12 and 321I.13 of the Code of Iowa, including but not limited to a muffler, headlight, tail light and brakes. ATVs shall also be equipped with a bicycle safety flag of fluorescent orange color on a staff holder to put such flag at least five feet above the surface of the street.

4. Operation.

A. No person shall operate an ATV on any City street, alley, or right-of-way unless such person is at least 18 years of age and has a valid Iowa driver's license.

B. Traffic Regulations. Any person operating an ATV shall strictly adhere to all traffic signs and signals and all other traffic rules and regulation and shall obey the orders and direction of any law enforcement officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic.

C. Speed. No ATV shall be operated at a speed in excess of the lesser of 25 miles per hour or that posted; nor shall any ATV be operated at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper for the existing conditions.

D. Lights. No ATV shall be operated without a lighted headlight, tail light, and brake light from sunset to sunrise and at such other times when conditions provide insufficient lighting to render clearly discernible persons and vehicles at a distance of 500 feet ahead.

E. Unattended and Parking. No person shall leave an ATV unattended on public property while the motor is running, or the keys are in the ignition switch. Owner/operators shall comply with all parking regulations in the City.

F. Hours of Operation. No ATV shall be operated in the City between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. except for emergency situations or for loading or unloading from a transport trailer; except that ATVs may be operated during prohibited hours to perform snow removal activities.

G. Occupants. The number of occupants shall not exceed the number of seats installed by the manufacturer in said vehicle.

5. Locations.

A. City Streets. Registered ATVs may be operated upon streets under the jurisdiction and within the corporate limits of the City of Ely for the purposes listed above. ATVs shall not be operated upon any City street that is a primary road extension or state highway. For the purpose of this section, State Street shall be considered a primary road extension. ATVs may cross such primary road extensions.

B. Trails. ATVs shall not be operated on any recreational, bike or walking trail unless the trail is specifically designated to allow use of motor vehicles.

C. Sidewalks. ATVs shall not be operated upon sidewalks unless the operator is engaged in snow removal or sidewalk maintenance activities.

D. Parking. ATVs shall not be operated upon that portion of a street right-of-way between the curb or edge of street paving and the sidewalk referred to as the "parking" unless engaged in snow removal, maintenance or landscaping activities for the abutting property.

E. City Parks/Public Land. ATVs shall not be operated in City parks or upon other City-owned land unless for a special event authorized by the City Council.

F. Private Property. ATVs may only be operated on private property with the express consent of the owner.

G. Direct Crossing. An all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle may make a direct crossing of a highway provided all of the following occur:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321I.10[5])

(1) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing.

(2) The all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way of the highway.

(3) The driver yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.

(4) In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an intersection of such highway with another public street or highway.

(5) The crossing is made from a street, roadway, or highway designated as an all-terrain vehicle trail by a state agency, county, or city to a street, roadway, or highway designated as an all-terrain vehicle trail by a state agency, county, or city.

6. Violation and Penalty.

A. Any person guilty of violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 and revocation of the City of Ely registration for a period of two months.

B. Any person guilty of violating this section two times in a 12-month period shall be subject to a fine of \$200.00 and revocation of the City of Ely registration for a period of two years.

C. Any person guilty of violating this section three times shall be subject to a fine of \$300.00 and permanent revocation of the City of Ely registration.

D. Persons violating this section may also be prosecuted, and subject to the penalties set out in, Section 321I.36 of the Code of Iowa.

75.06 NEGLIGENCE.

The owner and operator of an ATV or snowmobile are liable for any injury or damage occasioned by the negligent operation of the ATV or snowmobile. The owner of an ATV or snowmobile shall be liable for any such injury or damage only if the owner was the operator of the ATV or snowmobile at the time the injury or damage occurred or if the operator had the owner's consent to operate the ATV or snowmobile at the time the injury or damage occurred.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.18 & 321I.19)

75.07 ACCIDENT REPORTS.

Whenever an ATV or snowmobile is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to anyone or property damage amounting to \$1,500.00 or more, either the operator or someone acting for the operator shall immediately notify a law enforcement officer and shall file an accident report, in accordance with State law.