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MEMORANDUM

TO: Baldwin Township Planning Commission

FROM: D. Daniel Licht

DATE: 16 February 2024

RE: Baldwin Township – Zoning Ordinance; Private Motor Sport Vehicles

TPC FILE: 169.01

BACKGROUND

Chapter 31 of the Zoning Ordinance regulates use of private motor sport vehicles within the Town. These regulations apply to operation of dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), mud trucks, and race cars used recreationally on private property. The Town has encounter issues with application of these provisions in response to complaints about noise and dust from properties adjacent to parcels where private motor sport vehicles are being operated. The Town Board directed the Planning Commission to review the existing regulations and make recommendations as to possible amendments, if appropriate.

Exhibits:

- Chapter 31 – Private Motor Sport Vehicles

ANALYSIS

Definition. Section XX-2-2 of the Zoning Ordinance includes the following definition of tracks, which is consistent with the definition established by the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance:

Track: A course built for the operation of motorized vehicles that operate in a repetitive, continuous manner or an area where recreational motorized vehicles, through their repetitive use have altered or changed the natural contour of the landscape and created a clearly identifiable track.

This definition is overly broad and can be interpreted to apply to access trails through private properties or field accesses for agricultural operations as well as tracks that have been constructed through the purposeful movement of earth to create jumps, obstacles, corners, and runs. We recommend revising the definition as follows with new text underlined and deleted text ~~stuck out~~.

Track: A dirt or gravel course built through alternation of the land by grading, fill, and/or excavation for the operation of motorized off-road recreational vehicles that operate in a repetitive, continuous manner, or an area where recreational motorized vehicles, through their repetitive use have altered or changed the natural contour of the landscape and created a clearly identifiable track, not including trails used generally for property access or agriculture purposes that are the width of a single passenger vehicle or agriculture equipment.

Allowed Use. Section XX-31-2.A of the Zoning Ordinance makes private motor sport vehicle tracks a permitted use within all zoning district. The intent of the Planning Commission review is to provide a distinction between recreational use by property owners and more developed facilities with organized activities. To this end, consideration should be given to allowing for of private motor vehicle tracks as an interim use in the R1 District only. Chapter 31 include provisions to separate regulation of formal tracks from recreational use by the property owners.

General Standards. The Planning Commission may consider if standards applicable to both track uses and recreational use by property owners should be included to address potential compatibility issues. These may include:

- Prohibition within plats of a certain number of lots or establishment of a minimum lot area requirement
- Limitations on the number of riders operating at any one time
- Requirement for factory exhaust and prohibition of bypasses
- Limits on days and/or hours of operation
- Limits on hours of continuous operation

Track Performance Standards. Section XX-31-3 of the Zoning Ordinance includes performance standards consistent with those established by the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance. We recommend these be revised and expanded upon as follows for track uses with new text underlined and deleted text ~~stuck out~~:

- A. *The parcel of land is ~~not in a residential subdivision~~ a minimum of 10 acres in area.*

B. Setbacks:

1. The track shall be located a minimum of 1,000 feet from any residence, except that of the owner.
- ~~C.~~ 2. The track shall be located a minimum of 1,000 feet from a livestock shelter and/or or arena, except that of the owner.
- ~~D.~~ 3. The track shall be setback a minimum of 50 feet from any property line.
4. The track shall comply with the principal building setbacks of the S District as may be applicable to a specific property.

C. Noise Limits: Noise emissions may not exceed ninety four 94 decibels at a distance of 20 inches during operation.

D. Provision shall be made to control dust and noise by:

1. Planting of eight (8) foot high coniferous trees planted not more than 20 feet on center around the track; or
2. Construction of a six (6) foot maximum board on board style fence around the established riding track.

E. Hours: Hours of operation shall be limited as follows, unless extended by the Town Board as part of the interim use permit:

1. Sunday through Thursday: 10:00AM to 8:00PM
2. Friday and Saturday: 10:00AM to 10:00PM

CONCLUSION

The information provided is for initial discussion by the Planning Commission as to appropriate scope and detail of regulations applicable to operation of private motor sport vehicles for both organized tracks or personal recreation. Based on this discussion, Town staff would prepare formal amendment language for further review.

c. Joan Heinen, Town Clerk

Chapter 31
PRIVATE MOTOR SPORT VEHICLES

SECTION:

XX-31-1: Purpose

XX-31-2: Allowed Uses

XX-31-3: Performance Standards

XX-31-1: PURPOSE: The purpose of this chapter is to address motor sport activities, which include operation of dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles, mud trucks, and racecars used for recreation on private property. (Ord. 900, 18 Apr 22)

XX-31-2: ALLOWED USE:

- A. Sites that meet the requirements of this chapter are permitted uses within all zoning districts established by chapter 45 of this ordinance.
- B. Landowners wishing to hold a single day or week-end motor sport event shall apply for a special occasional event interim use permit in accordance with chapter 5 of this ordinance. (Ord. 900, 18 Apr 22)

XX-31-3: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

- A. The parcel of land is not in a residential subdivision.
- B. The track shall be located a minimum of 1,000 feet from any residence, except that of the owner.
- C. The track shall be located a minimum of 1,000 feet from a livestock shelter and/or arena, except that of the owner.
- D. The track shall be setback a minimum of 50 feet from any property line. (Ord. 900, 18 Apr 22)



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TO: Baldwin Township Planning Commission

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RE: Baldwin Township –Special Use Vehicles

TPC FILE: 101.01

BACKGROUND

The Planning Commission raised the question of allowing ATVs to operate on Town roads within the community. Use of these types of vehicles is seen as characteristic of rural areas for local trips in lieu of using a passenger vehicle.

Exhibits:

- Vehicle examples
- Minnesota Statutes 169.045
- Sherburne County Off-Road Vehicle Guidelines
- City of Princeton ATV and Golf Carts Ordinance/Map

ANALYSIS

Special Vehicles. Minnesota Statutes 169.045 provides that the Town may adopt an ordinance to allow the operation of motorized golf carts, as well as all-terrain vehicles, utility task vehicles, or mini trucks (defined as “special vehicles”) on designated roadways or portions thereof under its jurisdiction. Authorization to operate these vehicles is subject to the following requirements established by Minnesota Statute:

- The Town must implement a permitting process for operation of special vehicles upon public streets.

- The vehicles may only be operated on Town roads and the Town can designate which specific roads such vehicles may operate on. The statute does include provisions for crossing County Roads or State Highways while travelling on allowed Town roads.
- Vehicles may only be operated between sunrise and sunset.
- A slow-moving vehicle emblem must be displayed.
- Operation is subject to Minnesota traffic laws except where not practical for these vehicles.
- The operator must have vehicle insurance the same as required for passenger vehicles.
- The Town may consider requiring additional equipment at its discretion, including:
 - At least 1 headlight, 1 taillight, turn signals
 - Exterior and/or interior mirror(s)
 - A windshield
 - Seatbelts
 - Parking brake

Sherburne County. Sherburne County's allowances for ATVs public roads is summarized in the attached guidelines. These guidelines state that Class 1 and Class 2 ATVs can be operated upon Town roads, but would not allow for larger UTVs or golf carts.

Princeton. The City of Princeton allows ATVs and golf carts to operate on certain City streets. We have included a copy of the relevant Princeton City Code ordinance and map indicating what streets these vehicles are allowed to operate on.

CONCLUSION

Town staff is presenting this issue for discussion by the Planning Commission. Consideration may be given to additional community outreach for input on the issue prior to initiating an effort to draft an ordinance for review by the Planning Commission and consideration of the City Council. The Planning Commission may also want to ask for input from the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office regarding public safety issues.

c. Joan Heinen, Town Clerk

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES



**Class 1 ATV
(ATV)**



OHV



**Class 2 ATV
(UTV)**

MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS



NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES



169.045 SPECIAL VEHICLE USE ON ROADWAY.

Subdivision 1. **Designation of roadway, permit.** The governing body of any county, home rule charter or statutory city, or town may by ordinance authorize the operation of motorized golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, utility task vehicles, or mini trucks, on designated roadways or portions thereof under its jurisdiction. Authorization to operate a motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, utility task vehicle, or mini truck is by permit only. For purposes of this section:

- (1) an all-terrain vehicle has the meaning given in section 84.92;
- (2) a mini truck has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 40a; and

(3) a utility task vehicle means a side-by-side, four-wheel drive, off-road vehicle that has four wheels, is propelled by an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of 1,200 cubic centimeters or less, and has a total dry weight of 1,800 but less than 2,600 pounds.

Subd. 2. **Ordinance.** The ordinance shall designate the roadways, prescribe the form of the application for the permit, require evidence of insurance complying with the provisions of section 65B.48, subdivision 5 and may prescribe conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this section, under which a permit may be granted. Permits may be granted for a period not to exceed three years, and may be renewed. A permit may be revoked at any time if there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, utility task vehicle, or mini truck on the designated roadways. The ordinance may require, as a condition to obtaining a permit, that the applicant submit a certificate signed by a physician that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, utility task vehicle, or mini truck on the roadways designated.

Subd. 3. **Times of operation.** Motorized golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and utility task vehicles may only be operated on designated roadways from sunrise to sunset, unless equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights, and rear-facing brake lights. They shall not be operated in inclement weather, except during emergency conditions as provided in the ordinance, 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 and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

Subd. 4. **Slow-moving vehicle emblem.** Motorized golf carts shall display the slow-moving vehicle emblem provided for in section 169.522, when operated on designated roadways.

Subd. 5. **Crossing intersecting highways.** The operator, under permit, of a motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, utility task vehicle, or mini truck may cross any street or highway intersecting a designated roadway.

Subd. 6. **Application of traffic laws.** Every person operating a motorized golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, utility task vehicle, or mini truck under permit on designated roadways has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of this chapter, except when those provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, utility task vehicles, or mini trucks and except as otherwise specifically provided in subdivision 7.

Subd. 7. **Nonapplication of certain laws.** The provisions of chapter 171 are applicable to persons operating mini trucks, but are not applicable to persons operating motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles, or all-terrain vehicles under permit on designated roadways pursuant to this section. Except for the requirements of section 169.70, the provisions of this chapter relating to equipment on vehicles are not applicable to motorized golf carts, utility task vehicles, or all-terrain vehicles operating, under permit, on designated roadways.

Subd. 7a. **Required equipment on mini trucks.** Notwithstanding sections 169.48 to 169.68, or any other law, a mini truck may be operated under permit on designated roadways if it is equipped with:

- (1) at least two headlamps;
- (2) at least two taillamps;
- (3) front and rear turn-signal lamps;
- (4) an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either (i) an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or (ii) an interior mirror;
- (5) a windshield;
- (6) a seat belt for the driver and front passenger; and
- (7) a parking brake.

Subd. 8. **Insurance.** In the event persons operating a motorized golf cart, utility task vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, or mini truck under this section cannot obtain liability insurance in the private market, that person may purchase automobile insurance, including no-fault coverage, from the Minnesota Automobile Insurance Plan under sections 65B.01 to 65B.12, at a rate to be determined by the commissioner of commerce.

History: 1982 c 549 s 2; 1986 c 452 s 19; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 2 s 12; 1987 c 337 s 121,122; 1997 c 159 art 2 s 18; 2009 c 158 s 3,10; 2011 c 107 s 89-95; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 56; 2014 c 255 s 20

GUIDELINES FOR OFF-ROAD VEHICLES IN SHERBURNE COUNTY

SEE MN DNR OFF-HIGHWAY REGULATIONS BOOKLET FOR FURTHER DETAILS

#1 WHAT TYPE OF VEHICLE WILL I BE OPERATING?

Class 1	50 inches wide or less (outside rim to outside rim), at least 3 but no more than 6 tires, dry weight less than 2000 lbs.
Class 1 with steering wheel	50 inches wide or less (outside rim to outside rim), at least 3 but no more than 6 tires, dry weight less than 2000 lbs. Has steering wheel, roll bar, and seat belts.
Class 2	50 - 65 inches wide, at least 3 but no more than 6 tires, dry weight less than 2000 lbs.
OHM	Has 2 wheels with a seat that is straddled and handlebars for steering.
ORV	Class 1 and Class 2 ATV with tracks and any other vehicle capable of cross-country travel.

All recreational vehicles must be registered, even when used on private property.

#2 WHERE CAN I DRIVE?

	Class 1	Class 1, steering wheel	Class 2	OHM & ORV
City Street	Check Local Ordinance	Check Local Ordinance	Check Local Ordinance	Only legal on frozen waters and private property.
Township Rd.	On road	On road	On road	
County Rd.	In ditch**	On road / In ditch**	On road	
State Hwy.	In ditch**	In ditch**	NO	
US Hwy.	In ditch**	In ditch**	NO	

**** = Ditch closed to Class 1 ATV's from April 1-August 1.**

#3 HOW OLD DO I NEED TO BE?

	Class 1	Class 1, steering wheel	Class 2	OHM
Under 10	Only on private property.	Only on private property.	Not allowed	Under age 6 may operate only on private property. Age 6+ OHM Safety Certificate required to operate on frozen waters. Helmet and eye protection required.
Age 10 - 11	Must have ATV Safety Certificate and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. No road right-of-way operation. May operate on frozen waters. Engine up to 110cc.	Same as Class 1. Engine up to 170cc.	Not allowed	OHM Safety Certificate and helmet/eye protection required to operate on frozen waters.
Age 12 - 15	Must have ATV Safety Certificate and permission from a parent or guardian. May cross roads and operate on frozen waters if accompanied by a person 18 years old or older, with a valid driver's license. Only parent or guardian as a passenger.	Same as Class 1.	Under 15 not allowed to operate. <u>15 year olds</u> must have ATV Safety Certificate and may operate on frozen waters.	OHM Safety Certificate and helmet/eye protection required to operate on frozen waters.
Age 16 - 17	Must have a valid driver's license and ATV Safety Certificate. May operate on frozen waters. May only carry parent or guardian as a passenger.	Must have a valid driver's license and ATV Safety Certificate. May operate on road and frozen waters. May only carry parent or guardian as a passenger.	Must have a valid driver's license and ATV Safety Certificate to operate on roadway and frozen waters. No passengers.	Helmet and eye protection required to operate on frozen waters.

OTHER LAWS

Anyone born after July 1, 1987 must have an ATV Safety Certificate.

Anyone under the age of 18 must wear a DOT approved helmet and a seatbelt when provided by the manufacturer.

Lighted headlight, taillight, and working stop light at all times.

Class 2 ATV's can only carry the number of passengers for which they are designed.

GoKarts, Golf Carts, Mini-Trucks, etc. are not considered ATV's.

Follow the most restrictive law or ordinance when operating in municipal areas.

- (C) If the operator causing the violation is under 18 years of age at the time of the violation, the operator's parent(s) or guardian must retrieve the impounded vehicle.

Chapter 750 – Recreational Motor Vehicles (Snowmobiles and ATVs)

750.01 Definitions. The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, have the meanings as set out herein:

- (A) “Recreational Motor Vehicle” (RMV) means a self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow, ice or natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners. Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) are RMVs.
- (B) “Operate” means to ride in or on and control the operation of an RMV.
- (C) “Operator” means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of an RMV.
- (D) “Owner” means a person, other than a person with a security interest, having a property interest in or title to an RMV and entitled to the use and possession of the vehicle.
- (E) “Person” includes an individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not.
- (F) “Public road right-of-way” means the entire right-of-way of a public road, including the traveled portions, banks, ditches, shoulders and medians of a roadway that is not privately owned.
- (G) “Register” means the act of assigning a registration number to an RMV.
- (H) “Snowmobile Trails” mean the property designated and posted for use by RMVs.
- (I) “Street” means any public roadway, including streets, highways and alleys.

750.02 Intent. It is the intent of this ordinance to limit the use of snowmobiles and ATVs within the city of Princeton. Persons riding snowmobiles and ATVs may travel only the most direct route to travel to and from recreational trails outside the city but may not use city streets for excursion driving.

750.03 Operation on Street.

- (A) (1) All provisions of this code as to traffic regulation and parking shall apply to the operation of RMVs upon the streets and other public property of this municipality, except for those relating to required equipment and except those which by their nature have no application.

- (2) All provisions of the Highway Traffic Regulations Act, M.S. Ch. 169, as it may be amended from time to time, and all ordinances of the city regulating traffic shall apply to the operation of RMVs upon streets and highways, except those which by their nature have no application.
- (B) When operating an RMV upon a street, all such operation shall be at the extreme right of the street as near to the curb or shoulder thereof as practical under the circumstances.
- (C) No person shall operate an RMV upon the roadway, shoulder or inside bank or slope of any trunk, county state aid or county highway in the city.
- (D) An RMV may make a direct crossing of a street or highway at any hour of the day, provided:
 - (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 RMV 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 on-coming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard;
 - (4) If the crossing is made between the hours of one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour before sunrise or in conditions of reduced visibility, only if both front and rear lights are on.
- (E) No person shall operate an RMV within the corporate limits of this municipality between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and sunrise, except that occasional operation upon a public street or a city approved trail or path after said hour shall be permitted when the operator is proceeding directly to his or her home from outside the municipality.
- (F) When two or more RMVs shall be operated together or as a group, they shall stay in single file while operating upon any street and not more than three RMVs shall proceed in any single group.

750.04 Unlawful Operation. Unless otherwise noted, it is unlawful for any person to operate an RMV:

- (A) At any place while under the influence of alcohol or of a controlled substance, as defined in or referred to in M.S. §169.121, as it may be amended from time to time, which statutes are hereby incorporated herein by reference;
- (B) At any rate of speed greater than 20 miles per hour on city streets;
- (C) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or

safety of others, or in a manner so as to endanger, or be likely to endanger, or cause injury or damage to any person or property;

- (D) So as to tow any person or thing on a public street or highway;
- (E) In a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons;
- (F) Unless the RMV has been registered or licensed as required by State Statutes
- (G) Unless the driver is in possession of a valid Driver's License (not required for snowmobile use);
- (H) On airport property;
- (I) Without fully complying with the provisions of M.S. §84.81 through 84.915, inclusive, and M.S. §84.92 through 84.929, inclusive, and as may be amended from time to time, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and all other state statutes regulating such activities, which statutes and rules and regulations are hereby adopted and made a part hereof.

750.05 Unlawful Operation on Streets and the Like. Except as herein permitted, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate an RMV in the city under the following circumstances:

- (A) On private property without the express permission to do so by the owner and occupant of the property;
- (B) On public school grounds, park property, playgrounds, winter recreational areas, golf courses, cemeteries or any other public places, except on posted "Snowmobile Trail" locations, unless the operator has the express permission by the proper public authority;
- (C) No RMV shall be operated on public sidewalks or boulevards;
- (D) On the portion of any public road right-of-way used for motor vehicle travel or the roadway of a state, trunk, county state aid or county highway, except that a city street may be used only to gain access to and from those areas not restricted by this chapter. Except where prohibited by state statutes or other provisions of this chapter, RMVs may also be operated upon the ditch bottom or outside of trunk, county state aid and county highways where such highways lie within the corporate limits of the city;
- (E) No RMV shall enter any intersection without yielding the right-of-way to any vehicles or pedestrians at the intersection or so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard;

- (F) The operator of an RMV shall make every effort to be visible to oncoming traffic from any direction.
- (G) Only the operator of the RMV shall be on the vehicle. No RMV shall be operated with any additional passengers except, as provided by State Statutes, a parent or guardian may operate an ATV carrying one (1) passenger who is under 16 years of age and who wears a safety helmet approved by the Minnesota Commissioner of Public Safety..

750.06 Equipment. No RMV shall be operated within the city unless it shall have the following equipment:

- (A) Mufflers which are properly attached, which are in good working order and which blends the exhaust noise into the overall RMV noise, is in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise as is required by law and the rules and regulations of the State of Minnesota pertaining thereto, and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, by-pass, straight pipe or any similar device on a snowmobile;
- (B) At least one headlamp, one tail lamp, each a minimum candle power as prescribed by regulations of the State of Minnesota, reflector material of a minimum area of 16 square inches mounted on each side forward of the handlebars;
- (C) Brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold the RMV under any condition of operation;
- (D) A safety or so-called “dead-man” throttle in operating condition; a safety or “dead-man” throttle is defined as a device which, when pressure is removed from the accelerator or throttle, causes the RMV to come to a stop.

750.07 Age Restrictions. No person shall operate an RMV in violation of the age requirements established by Minnesota State Statutes.

750.08 Emergency Operation. Notwithstanding any prohibitions in this chapter, an RMV may be operated on a public thoroughfare in an emergency during the periods of time when, and at all locations where, snow upon the roadway renders travel by automobile impractical.

750.09 Organized RMV Events. In accordance with M.S. §84.87, Subd. 1a., as it may be amended from time to time, and M.S. §84.87, Subd. 3, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the use of RMVs within the city in organized events or contests, provided the organized events or contests are conducted as hereinafter set forth.

- (A) **Authorization.** Any incorporated veterans’ organization and/or club, incorporated religious corporation or non-profit corporations may organize and conduct within the incorporated limits of the city an organized RMV event or RMV contest, provided the organization shall first apply to the city for and obtain a permit authorizing such organized RMV event or RMV contest.
- (B) **Term.** The permits issued for said organized RMV event or contest may be for one, two, but not more than three consecutive days.

- (C) **Permit required.** No organized RMV event or RMV contest shall be conducted within the city unless the sponsoring organization shall have first obtained from the city a permit therefore as provided herein, which the organizing corporation shall comply with all terms and conditions of this chapter and of the permit issued pursuant hereto.
- (D) **Application.** Any corporation as herein defined desiring to obtain a permit to give or hold or conduct an organized RMV event or RMV contest shall make verified application to City Hall upon blanks to be furnished by the City Administrator. The application shall set forth in reasonable detail the dates, hours, place or places, description of event or contest to be conducted, description of security facilities and personnel, if any, and information as the Chief of Police of the city may thereafter demand. The application shall also be accompanied by acceptable documentary evidence that the applicant has or will have in force public liability insurance which will protect both the city and all members of the public who might attend the organized event and which insurance shall be in a minimum of \$600,000.00. The applicant shall pay to the city at the time of application a fee in an amount as the Council of this city shall set from time to time hereafter. The Chief of Police shall thereupon investigate the applying organization, the application for permit and all related fact-statements made therein and make a report to the City Council recommending either issuance or rejection of the application for permit.
- (E) **Issuance of permit.** The Administrator of this city, upon approval by the City Council, may issue a permit authorizing the applicant to organize and conduct such RMV organized event or RMV contest within the city for a period not to exceed three consecutive days.
- (1) The Administrator is hereby authorized, upon recommendation of the Chief of Police, to suspend and/or alter and change existing city ordinance and regulations regulating the operation of snowmobiles within the city so as to permit the operation thereof, under different terms and conditions, in said RMV organized events.
 - (2) The Administrator may authorize operating a RMV during said organized RMV event on any public property and/or city-owned property, not including the municipal airport, and, further, may establish minimum required safety regulations and provisions to govern the operation of RMV during such RMV organized events.
 - (a) These regulations and provisions may include authorizing persons 12 years of age or older to so operate, providing that each such snowmobile operator shall have in his or her immediate possession a valid State of Minnesota snowmobile safety certificate.
 - (b) The said terms, regulations and provisions may also require the wearing by all RMV operators at all times of State of Minnesota-approved safety helmets.

750.99 Penalties. Any person violating the terms of this chapter shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, be as provided in §100.99.

Chapter 760 - Motorized Golf Carts

760.01 Use of City Streets.

- (A) Motorized golf carts shall only be operated on city streets which the Council shall by resolution designate as cart routes.
- (B) Only persons who have a valid permit issued by the city under the conditions in §760.02.
- (C) When a person holding a valid permit does not reside on a designated cart route, the permit holder may use the most direct route available to reach a designated route from the residence, but shall not operate the cart on any other street not designated as a cart route. Where the permit holder's destination is not on a designated route, the permit holder may use the most direct route between the destination and the nearest designated route.
- (D) Motorized golf carts may only be operated on designated routes from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons in vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
- (E) Motorized golf carts shall display the slow moving vehicle emblem provided for in M.S. § 169.522, as it may be amended from time to time, when operated on designated routes.
- (F) Every person operating a motorized golf cart under permit on designated routes has all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the provisions of M.S. Ch. 169, as amended from time to time, except when those provisions cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts and except as otherwise specifically provided in M.S. § 169.045, Subd. 7, as amended from time to time.

760.02 Requirement for Permit.

- (A) Each person desiring a permit for the operation of a motorized golf cart must submit an application provided by the city accompanied by an application fee as established by the City Council by resolution.
- (B) Each application shall show evidence of the name and address of the applicant, evidence of insurance which meets the requirements of M.S. § 65B.48, Subd. 5, as amended from time to time, and such other information as the city may require.
- (C) Each permit must be renewed annually and each renewal must meet the requirements

set forth in this section.

- (D) A permit may be revoked at any time if it is shown the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart on the designated routes or if the person has had a valid driver's license revoked for traffic violations.

760.03 Liability. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as an assumption of liability by the city for any injuries to persons on property which may result from the operation of a motorized golf cart by a permit holder or the failure by the city to revoke the permit.

760.99 Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as provided in § 100.99.

Chapter 770 – Unauthorized Vehicles

Added 2-13-14, Ord #703

770.01 Definitions: The following words and phrases, when used in Chapter 770, have the meanings set out herein:

“Vehicle” includes all self-propelled devices such as automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, mini-bikes, dune buggies, trail bikes, go-carts, golf carts, any vehicle designed for travel on snow, ice or natural terrain steered by wheels, skis or runners, including snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and recreational motor vehicles.

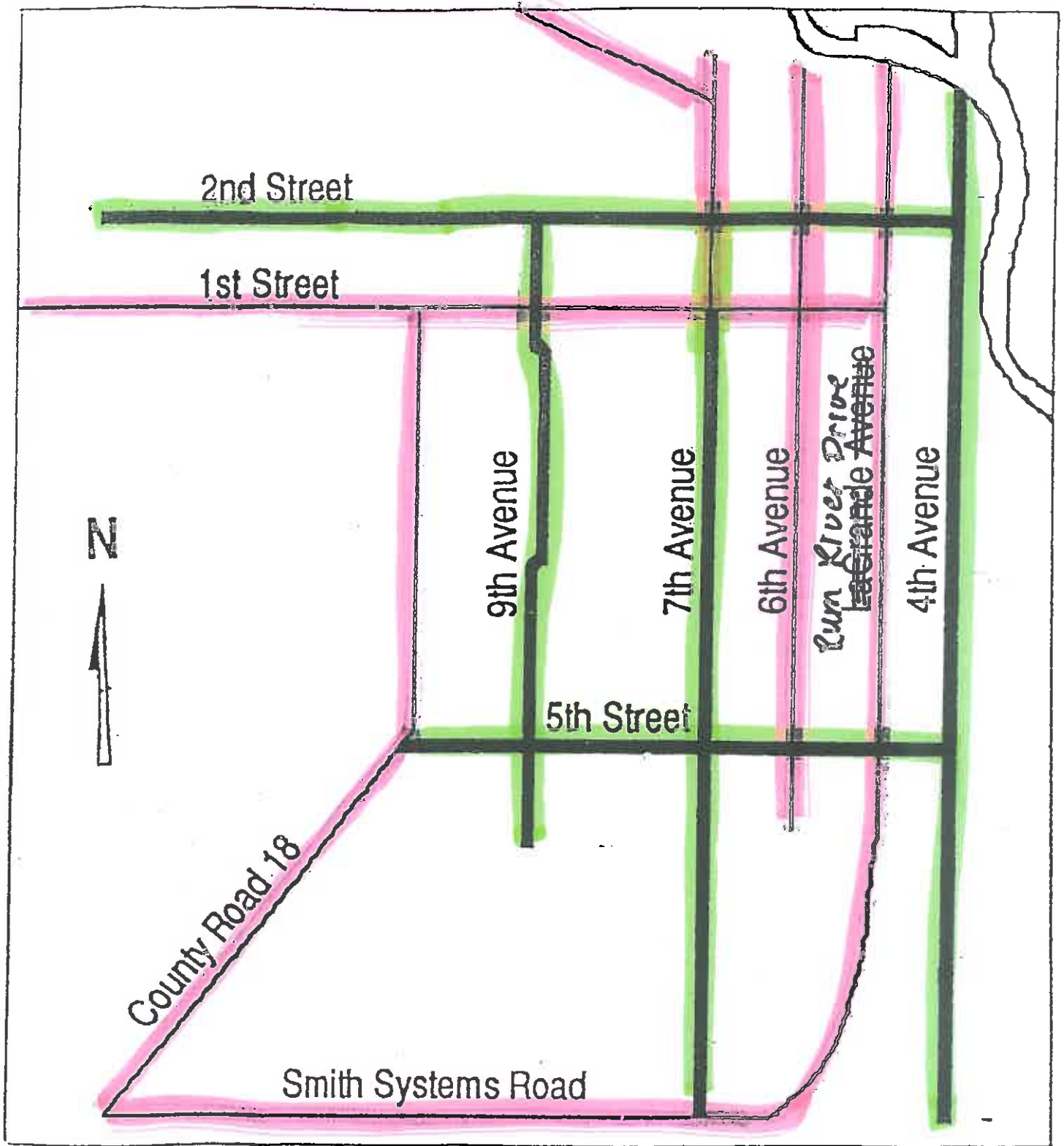
770.02 Intent: It is the intent of this ordinance to prohibit vehicular travel on certain streets, parking lots and other public places in order to preserve their use for public safety vehicles, vehicles engaged in public safety functions, and other vehicle usage by the City, as determined by the City Council.

770.03 Streets And Places Designated: The City Council shall by resolution designate streets, parking lots and other places at which the driving, operating or physical control of an unauthorized Vehicle as defined herein, is prohibited, and shall authorize the placement of signs which clearly prohibit the presence of an unauthorized Vehicle.

770.04 Authorization For Certain Public Functions: The City Council shall by resolution designate the public functions and public officers and employees performing such public functions, which are authorized to drive, operate or be in physical control of a vehicle on the streets, parking lots and other places designated in Section 770.03.

770.05 Violations: It shall be unlawful and punishable as a misdemeanor for any person to drive, operate or be in physical control of an unauthorized Vehicle on a street or other place where unauthorized Vehicles are prohibited by resolution of the City Council and signs have been placed which clearly prohibit the presence of unauthorized Vehicles.

Here's where golf carts can, can't go



Source: City of Princeton.



No motorized golf carts allowed

For use by motorized golf carts