

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-1

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS  
ON NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP ROADS

The New London Township Board does hereby ordain:

DEFINITIONS Except as otherwise defined in Minnesota Statutes; the definitions of Chapter 169 shall be applicable to this Ordinance.

MOTORIZED GOLF CART USE:

**Subd. 1. Driving. Operating or Control of Motorized Golf Carts**

With the sole purpose of traveling to or from the Little Crow Country Club, a motorized golf cart may be driven, operated or controlled on the roadways or shoulders of roadways under the jurisdiction of the Township of New London (not those under the jurisdiction of the State of Minnesota), except such roadways prohibited by resolution of the Township Board and only in strict compliance with this ordinance.

**Subd. 2. Permits**

1) No motorized golf cart shall be driven, operated or controlled on the roadways or shoulders of roadways under the jurisdiction of the Township of New London unless the golf cart displays a valid, current and unrevoked permit issued by the New London Township for operation of a motorized golf cart on Township roads.

2) The permit shall be affixed to the golf cart on the left of the rear bumper, and visible at all times.

**Subd. 3. Permit Issuance**

Permits shall be issued by the New London Township Clerk at a regularly scheduled Town Meeting, upon compliance with this section.

**1) Individual Permit.** An Individual Permit may be issued to any person currently validly licensed to drive motor vehicles as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169. No person whose license to drive is revoked, suspended, canceled or withdrawn may be issued an individual permit. Application for an individual permit shall include the full name and address of the applicant; the state of issuance of the applicant's current driver's license; the number of such driver's license; applicant's representation that such driver's license is not suspended, revoked, canceled or withdrawn; the date of application and applicant's signature; the name of applicant's insurance company; the number of the applicant's insurance policy; and the date of expiration of insurance coverage for such vehicle. As a condition to obtaining an individual permit, the Kandiyohi County Sheriff or his designee may require an applicant to submit a certificate signed by a physician to the effect that the applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart on the roadways or shoulders under the jurisdiction of the New London Township.

## **2) Revocation of Permit**

An individual permit may be revoked by the New London Town Board or Kandiyohi County Sheriff if: 1) there is any material misrepresentation made in the permit application; 2) liability insurance is no longer in effect; 3) there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart; or 4) a second conviction has occurred within 12 months. The New London Town Board or Kandiyohi County Sheriff shall issue a notice of revocation of a permit in writing and either hand deliver the notice to the permit holder or send the notice by certified mail to the address on the application. The revocation shall be in effect immediately upon personal service or three days after the mailing. Two or more violations of this Ordinance in any year shall be grounds to revoke the individual permit. A revoked permit must be removed from the golf cart immediately.

## **3) Permit Expiration**

Permits shall be issued for a period of two years.

## **Subd. 4. Fees**

An individual permit applicant shall pay the fee as set by Resolution of the Town Board from time to time, which fee shall be refunded if the permit applied for is not granted.

## **Subd. 5. Unlawful Acts**

No motorized golf cart shall be driven, operated or controlled on the roadways or shoulders of roadways under the jurisdiction of the New London Township:

- 1) Between sunset and sunrise;
- 2) In inclement weather, when visibility is reduced or impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light clearly to see a person or vehicle on a roadway at a distance of 500 feet;
- 3) Without a mirror so located as to reflect to the driver, operator or controller, a view of the roadway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of such vehicle;
- 4) Without liability insurance coverage;
- 5) Contrary to any traffic law of Kandiyohi County or the State of Minnesota, except those which cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts, or are not applied, by reason of Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.045, Subd. 7;
- 6) Without a current valid driver's license.

## **Subd. 6 Penalty**

Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars. A second conviction within 12 months shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00.

