

**ORDINANCE NO. 15, FOURTH SERIES**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXXIV OF THE CITY OF NISSWA'S**  
**ZONING ORDINANCE, REGARDING SPECIAL VEHICLE USE**  
**THE CITY OF NISSWA**  
**COUNTY OF CROW WING**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The City of Nisswa ordains:

Section 1. **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose and intent of this Ordinance is to amend the City Zoning Ordinance, Subsection 34-68. Special Vehicle Use.

Section 2. **Amendments.** Note: all ordinance language below supersedes the current Ordinance and upon publication will replace the current language in its entirety.

**Sec. 34-68. - Special vehicle use.**

(a) Golf carts.

- (1) A golf cart may be driven, operated or controlled on the right shoulder or the extreme right-hand side of city roads and on the right shoulder or the extreme right-hand side of county roads 13, 18 and 77 (subject to county approval), pursuant to the requirements of this section.
- (2) Golf carts may make left turns across the road only if it is safe to do so under prevailing conditions.
- (3) Golf carts may be operated on city and county roads as noted in this subsection (a), from sunrise to sunset and must be equipped with original equipment headlights, taillights and rear facing brake lights and said equipment is in good operating condition. Golf carts may not be operated on state or federal highways, except to cross at designated intersections.
- (4) Golf cart speed may not exceed 20 mph.
- (5) Golf carts may be operated on city trails as outlined in the city's trail use policy. Golf carts may not be operated on the Paul Bunyan Trail or the Gull Lake Trail.
- (6) Golf carts shall not be operated when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions, or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
- (7) Golf carts must obey all traffic laws at all times.
- (8) Operators of any golf cart permitted herein must have a valid driver's license or may be 15 years of age with a valid learners permit and accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older in the front seat. The accompanying adult must have a valid driver's license which must be in his or her possession. A valid driver's license or learners permit must be in the operator's possession while operating the golf cart at all times.
- (9) No one may sit in the driver's lap while the golf cart is in motion.

(10) There shall be no standing while the golf cart is in motion or hanging on to a golf cart in motion.

(b) Off-highway vehicles.

- (1) Off-highway vehicles may be driven, operated or controlled on the right shoulder or the extreme right-hand side of city roads, pursuant to the requirements of this section.
- (2) Off-highway vehicles may make left turns across the road only if it is safe to do so under prevailing conditions.
- (3) The operator of an off-highway vehicle must have a valid driver's license and registration of the vehicle in his or her possession at all times the vehicle is in operation.
- (4) Off-highway vehicle speed may not exceed 20 mph or the posted speed limit, whichever is lower.
- (5) Off-highway vehicles may not be operated on city trails, the Gull Lake Trail or the Paul Bunyan Trail.

Section 3. **Repeal.** This ordinance shall supersede and repeal all ordinances or policies inconsistent herewith.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City of Nisswa Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023, by a \_\_\_/5ths vote.

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John Ryan, Mayor

Attest:

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Jenny Max, City Administrator