

CHAPTER 10.80

MULTI-USE RECREATION TRAIL

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Article I – Use Regulations

Sections:

10.80.010 **Scope.** The regulations set out in this chapter shall apply to all users of the multi-use recreation trail within the city limits of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

10.80.020 **Permitted Uses.** The following are permitted uses of the multi-use recreation trail:

- A. Walking, jogging, running;
- B. Bicycling (traditional or electric), skateboarding, in-line skating, roller blading, cross-country skiing, or any similar non-motorized devices including wheelchairs;
- C. Motorized or non-motorized devices for use by persons with disabilities;
- D. Official emergency vehicles, authorized maintenance vehicle uses, educational institution personnel, maintenance and equipment service vehicles including trail gator and Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation service vehicles including trail gator;
- E. Motorized golf carts which do not exceed 20 miles per hour which have been registered and display a permit as required herein. Usage of the trail at night shall require properly installed headlights on the motorized golf cart;
- F. Other special uses when granted a one-time usage permit by the Chief of Police for special events on the trail.

10.80.030 **Prohibited Uses.** The following uses are not permitted on the multi-use recreation trail:

- A. Automobiles and trucks;
- B. Motorcycles;
- C. Mini bikes, mopeds, go carts;
- D. Any motorized vehicle or device including but not limited to lawn mowers, motorized street or trail bikes, snowmobiles, or any motorized vehicle not described above in permitted uses;
- E. Three wheelers, four wheelers, all terrain vehicles;
- F. Skate boarding is not permitted on portions of the trail that utilize an existing public road;
- G. Equestrian uses including horses, mules, burros, donkeys and like animals including dog sledding;
- H. Unregistered golf carts and golf carts without a properly displayed permit.

10.80.040 General Regulations.

- A. Right-of-way. Pedestrians, persons using wheel chairs, joggers and runners shall have the right-of-way on the trail. Other users are required to give their due consideration and the right-of-way to ensure safe passage.
- B. Rules of the road. Normal rules of the road shall apply to the trail, i.e., when approaching oncoming trail users, each user shall move to the right. Passing shall be on the left.
- C. Alcohol. All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol and its use, including open containers, which apply to traffic on city streets, shall apply on the trail.
- D. Golf carts. Golf carts are permitted on the trail.
- E. Approaching Warning. A warning or announcement shall be given by operators of golf carts and other users of the recreation trail, such as bicyclists and skaters, when approaching pedestrians from the rear. This warning or announcement may be verbal but is recommended that bicyclists and golf cart operators equip their vehicles with a warning device such as a horn or bell. Each user of the recreation trail shall be considerate of the safety and welfare of other users, and dangerous conduct will not be tolerated.
- F. Liability. Each person using the recreation trail is liable for his own actions.
- G. Special Permits. Special permits may be issued by the city manager, police chief or their designee for special events on specific dates utilizing motorized transportation upon the trail for elderly and/or handicapped persons.
- H. Official Signs. Each person using the trail shall observe and obey any and all official signs posted along a recreation trail, including, but not limited to, hours of use, stop signs and yield signs.
- I. Reasonable Speed. Each person using the trail shall travel at a speed that is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing and shall not travel in such a manner as to constitute a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.

Article II – Permits for Golf Carts

10.80.050 Required.

It is the duty of the owner, or any operator, of a motorized golf cart that is operated on the trail to register the golf cart with the Chief of Police or his designee. The owner or operator shall pay an administrative fee with the permit application, in an amount to be adopted by the annual resolution of the City Council. Two numerical decals shall be issued upon registration, and a record of each motorized golf cart number along with the name and address of the owner, shall be maintained by the City Clerk. It shall be a violation of this section to place decals onto another cart whose owner has not registered the vehicle with the City Clerk. Only persons 18 years of age or older may register a golf cart. Drivers of golf carts must be 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license. The owner shall file proof of insurance prior to being issued a permit, showing liability coverage in an amount not less than \$500,000 per person or \$1,000,000 per accident. The golf cart shall comply with all requirements of state law necessary for the cart to be driven on a public street.

10.80.060 Transfer.

The registration and fee shall be effective until the cart is sold or the ownership is otherwise transferred. The golf cart shall be registered and a new permit obtained whenever the ownership of the cart changes. When a golf cart owner obtains a new golf cart, then a new registration, permit fee and permit shall be obtained.

10.80.070 Display.

The numerical permit numbers shall be displayed by the owner or any user of the golf cart in a manner as to be fully visible at all times, on the front and rear of the golf cart. It is a violation of this section for the owner to use or permit a cart to be used without this display and it is a violation for any user of a golf cart to operate a golf cart on the trail without the display of the valid permit numerals.