



**REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION**  
**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**June 13, 2019**

Department Police

Director Approval Harrison

**AGENDA ITEM** Request to operate golf cart on city street.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION** Police department staff recommend permitting the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1186 to operate a golf cart from 113 E Myrtle to the Civic Center at 410 N Pennsylvania Avenue by utilizing Myrtle, 6<sup>th</sup>, and Locust on Saturday 6-15-19.

**BACKGROUND** Rick Barnes, member of the VFW Post 1186 has requested permission for the VFW to operate a golf cart on the specified city streets on 6-15-19. The purpose of the request is that the VFW is hosting an event to honor veterans and intends to use a customized stretch golf cart to transport local veterans from the VFW to the Civic Center for associated events.

Section 114.4 Unlawful Operation of a Golf Cart generally prohibits golf carts on city streets; however, paragraph (a)(2) allows golf carts on the streets if the city authorizes it. Paragraph (a)(3) allows golf carts to operate on streets outside an incorporated city if the speed limit is less than 30 mph. The speed limit in the requested area is 20 mph. In accordance with this traffic ordinance, the city commission has the authority to permit the operation of a golf cart on city streets.

**BUDGET IMPACT** None

**SUGGESTED MOTION** I move that we authorize VFW Post 1186 to operate a golf cart on Myrtle, 6<sup>th</sup>, and Locust Streets on June 15, 2019 in support of the Veterans' event the post is hosting at the Civic Center and the VFW Post 1186 located at 113 E Myrtle Street in Independence.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. Standard Traffic Ordinance For Kansas Cities 2016 Section 114.4. Unlawful Operation of a Golf Cart.
2. Map of Request

**Sec. 114.3. Unlawful Operation of Low-Speed Vehicle.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a low-speed vehicle on any street or highway with a posted speed limit greater than 40 miles per hour.
- (b) The provisions of subsection (a), shall not prohibit a low-speed vehicle from crossing a street or highway with a posted speed limit in excess of 40 miles per hour. (K.S.A. 8-15,101)

**Sec. 114.4. Unlawful Operation of a Golf Cart.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a golf cart:
  - (1) On any interstate highway, federal highway, or state highway;
  - (2) On any public highway or street within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city; or
  - (3) On any street or highway with a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour.
- (b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not prohibit a golf cart from crossing a federal or state highway or a street or highway with a posted speed limit in excess of 30 miles per hour.
- (c) A golf cart shall be operated on any public street or highway only during the hours between sunrise and sunset. (K.S.A. Supp. 8-15,108)

**Sec. 114.5. Unlawful Operation of a Work-Site Utility Vehicle.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a work-site utility vehicle:
  - (1) On any interstate highway, federal highway, or state highway; or
  - (2) Within the corporate limits of any city unless authorized by such city.
- (b) No work-site utility vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, street, or road between sunset and sunrise unless equipped with lights as required by law for motorcycles. (K.S.A. Supp. 8-15,109)

# Civic Center

W Locust St

E Locust St

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Arby's



Independence  
Memorial Hall



The Medicine  
Shoppe® Pharmacy

E Chestnut St



Ane Mae's Coffee  
and Sandwich Shop



United States  
Postal Service



Sears Hometown Store

E Laurel St

Independence Cinemas

N Pennsylvania Ave



Ashcraft Tire &  
Auto Repair, Inc

Equity Bank



E Myrtle St

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