

CHAPTER 71: RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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GOLF CARTS

§ 71.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

COUNTY ROAD. Any highway under the jurisdiction of the county, including the state aid road between State Street and State Route 33.

GOLF CART. The meaning defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-123.9, namely, a vehicle specifically designed and intended for the purposes of transporting one or more persons and their golf clubs or maintenance equipment while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a public or private golf course; provided, however, that the term shall not include an all-terrain vehicle, as defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-101.8, nor an off-highway motorcycle, as defined by 625 ILCS 5/1-153.1, nor a recreational off-highway vehicle, as defined by 625 ILCS 5/1-168.8, nor a vehicle capable of attaining speeds exceeding 20 mph.

STATE ROAD. Any highway under the jurisdiction of the state, including U.S. Route 40.

VILLAGE STREET. Any street within the corporate limits of the village, to the exclusion of state roads and county roads.

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§ 71.02 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Recreational Vehicles

(A) Except as provided in this subchapter, it is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a golf cart upon any village street, state road, or county road within the village.

(B) A person operating a golf cart on the village streets, state roads, or county roads must ensure compliance with the following requirements:

(1) Shall be subject to the mandatory insurance requirements specified by the state's Motor Vehicle Code for passenger vehicles;

(2) Must have a valid driver's license to operate a motor vehicle, issued by the state or any other state;

(3) Must display the permit hereinafter mentioned in a visible location on the golf cart;

(4) Must be equipped with brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem (as required of other vehicles in 625 ILCS 5/12.709) on the rear of the golf cart, a headlight that emits a white light visible for a distance of at least 500 feet from the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear, brake lights, turn signals, horn, windshield, approved seat belts for the driver and all passengers, and a triangular orange flag displayed at the top of a six-foot pole mounted to the rear bumper;

(5) When operated on a roadway, a golf cart must have its headlight and tail lamps lighted as required by 625 ILCS 5/12-201;

(6) Must obey all traffic laws of the state and village;

(7) Must be operated by a person of 21 years of age or older;

(8) May not be operated upon U.S. Route 40, except as stated herein;

(9) Any modification to the golf cart suspension may not exceed six inches in height;

(10) Must not exceed a speed of 20 mph;

(11) Golf carts may only be operated on designated village streets from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather, nor when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions limiting visibility, nor at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet;

(12) A person who drives or is in the actual physical control of a golf cart on a village street, state road, or county road while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or intoxicating compounds is subject to 625 ILCS 5/11-501 through 625 ILCS 5/11-502, inclusive;

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(13) Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks, or in parks or other public places within the village, other than in designated parking areas; and

(14) Golf carts may not be operated on state roads or county roads, except to cross Main Street at its intersection with Pearl Street or Main Street at its intersection with Columbus Street. The village will ensure that proper signage is erected to designate the authorized crossing points.
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§ 71.03 PERMITS.

(A) No person shall operate a golf cart without obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk as provided herein. Permits shall be granted for a period of one calendar year and may be renewed annually. A fee of \$50 shall be payable to the village for a permit. The existence of the required insurance coverage shall be verified by the Village Clerk when issuing or renewing the permit.

(B) Every application for a permit shall be on a form supplied by the village and shall contain the following information:

(1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) The name of the liability insurance carrier;

(3) The serial number, make, model, and description of the golf cart;

(4) A signed waiver of liability by the applicant releasing the village from any and all future claims resulting from the operation of the applicant's golf cart within the village;

(5) A photostatic copy of the liability insurance coverage card issued by the insurance carrier specifically applicable to the golf cart; and

(6) Such other information as the village may reasonably require to ensure compliance with this subchapter.

(C) No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met.

(1) The golf cart must be inspected by the Village Chief of Police or his or her designee to ensure that the vehicle is safe to operate on village streets and is in compliance with the requirements of this subchapter.

(2) A physically handicapped applicant requiring a golf cart modified with hand controls must submit a certificate signed by a physician that the handicapped applicant is able to safely operate a motorized golf cart in compliance with this subchapter.

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