

12-9-3 VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED TO OPERATE ON STREET.

It is unlawful for any person without a valid motor vehicle driver's license to operate a snowmobile on a street, unless they have an operator's certificate from the Department of Conservation.

MOTOR VEHICLE CODE 12-10-1

ARTICLE X – Non Highway Vehicles

12-10-1 POLICY STATEMENT. This Article is adopted in the interest of public safety.

Golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets and roads, (hereinafter “street(s)”), and the Village in no way advocates or endorses their operation on streets. The Village, by regulating such operation, is merely addressing safety issues. This Article is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on streets is safe or advisable even if done in accordance with this Article.

All persons operating golf carts must be observant of and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Village has no liability

under any theory of liability, for permitting golf carts to be operated on Village streets.

12-10-2 DEFINITIONS.

(A) Golf Cart: A vehicle specifically designed and intended for the purpose of transporting **one (1) or more persons** and their golf clubs or maintenance equipment while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf.

12-10-3 RULES AND REGULATIONS. Golf carts may only be operated on streets, public parking lots, and Public Park trails within the Village in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

(A) Any person who operates a golf cart in the Village takes full responsibility for all

liability associated with operating a golf cart.

(B) Any person who operates a golf cart must be at least **eighteen (18) years** of age and possess a valid driver's license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Illinois or any other state.

(C) No person shall operate, and no owner shall permit another person to operate a golf cart on a Village street, public parking lot, and Public Park trail unless:

(1) the golf cart is covered by a liability insurance policy as required by

Section **7-601** of the Illinois Vehicle Code (**625 ILCS 5/7-601**); and

(2) the operator of the golf cart carries with him proof of liability insurance

as required by Section **7-602** of the Illinois Vehicle Code (**625 ILCS**

5/7-602).

(D) Golf carts shall only be allowed to be operated on Village streets, public parking lots, and Public Park trails between **one-half (1/2) hour** before sunrise and **one-half (1/2) hour** after sunset and/or until **ten-thirty (10:30) P.M. CST** if equipped with proper lighting as required by this Article.

(E) No person shall operate a golf cart on a Village street in excess of the posted speed limits.

(F) Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks located within the Village limits. No person shall operate a golf cart on State or County highway, except to cross said State or County highways at intersections in a path ninety (90) degrees to said State or County highways and only at intersections containing traffic control devices meeting the requirements and approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

(G) Golf carts may 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 **five hundred (500) feet**.

(H) Golf cart drivers must yield the right-of-way to overtaking vehicles at all times.

(I) Any person who operates a golf cart on the streets of the Village must adhere to all applicable state laws concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages and all illegal drugs, as well as all other state traffic laws.

(J) The maximum occupancy of golf carts traveling on Village streets, public parking lots, and Public Park trails shall be **one (1) person** per bucket seat or **two (2) people** per bench seat.

(K) Golf carts are only allowed to park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver or at least one (1) passenger has a valid handicapped parking sticker.

(L) The operator of a golf cart shall obey all ordinances of the Village and all provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time.

(M) Children **eight (8) years** and younger must be equipped with a properly sized crash helmet. An open face or three-quarter (3/4) style DOT approved helmet, shall be the minimum coverage allowed hereunder.

12-10-4 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT. A golf cart operated on Village streets, public parking lots, and Public Park trails shall have the following equipment in good working condition at all times:

(A) Brakes

(B) Steering apparatus

(C) Tires

(D) Rearview mirror

(E) A slow moving emblem as required by **625 ILCS 5/12-709** attached to the rear

(F) An orange colored - nylon flag attached to a flagstaff on a height visible over the top of parked cars

The operation of a golf cart operated on Village streets, public parking lots, and Public Parks trails from **one-half (1/2) hour** after dusk and no later than **ten-thirty (10:30) P.M. CST** shall have the additional equipment in good working condition at all times.

(A) **Two (2)** light head lamps, with at least one on each side of the front of the vehicle, which satisfy United States Department of Transportation requirements, showing white light, and be visible for at least five hundred (500) feet.

(B) **Two (2)** tail lamps, which shall be mounted on the left rear and right rear of the vehicle so as to throw a red light visible for at least five hundred (500) feet in the reverse direction.

(C) **Four (4)** turn signals, which shall indicate the intention of the driver to turn to the right or to the left in the form of flashing lights located at and showing to the front and rear of the vehicle on the side of the vehicle toward which the turn is to be made. The lamps showing to the front

shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall emit a white or amber light, or any shade of light between white and amber. The lamps showing to the rear shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall emit a red or amber light and must be visible from a distance of not less than **three hundred (300) feet** in normal sunlight.

(D) **Two (2)** brake lamps, which be equipped with stop lamps showing to the rear shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and on the rear of the vehicle that display a red light, visible from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear in normal sunlight, that flashes and becomes steady only when the brake is actuated.

(E) **One (1)** oscillating, rotating or flashing amber light mounted upright to the highest upmost point of the golf cart and shall be visible three hundred sixty (360) degrees and be visible for at least five hundred (500) feet.

12-10-5 PERMITS.

(A) No person shall operate a motorized golf cart without obtaining a permit from the Police Department as provided in this Section.

(B) Permits shall be granted for a period of one **(1) year**, from April 1 to March 31 and may be renewed annually. There shall be no proration of the cost of said permit.

(C) The annual cost of a permit is **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per golf cart**, to cover the costs of implementing and maintaining this Article, and shall be paid to the Village Clerk by the applicant.

Insurance coverage shall be verified as in effect by the Police Department when issuing or renewing a permit.

(D) After completion of the application and payment of the requisite fee, the applicant shall present the golf cart to the Chief of Police, or his designee, for an inspection to determine whether the golf cart may be operated on a Village street, public parking lot, and Public Parks trail. If the applicant and golf cart are qualified under the terms and conditions of this Article, a license shall be issued to the applicant which must be kept on the vehicle at all times. The Police Department shall issue a sticker as visible proof of compliance and it must be displayed on the front uppermost part of the body

of the driver's side of the vehicle at all times.

(E) Golf cart owners must complete the attached permit application form. The completed forms will be maintained by the Village Clerk.

(F) The license of an operator of a golf cart issued pursuant to this Article may be revoked by the Chief of Police, or his/her designee, if:

(1) there is any material misrepresentation made by the applicant on the application or

(2) the required liability insurance is no longer in full force and effect or

(3) there is evidence that the license holder can no longer safely operate the golf cart or

(4) for any reason that he/she feels is appropriate to insure the safety and well-being of the citizens of the Village.

(G) The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, shall issue a notice of revocation of a license in writing and either hand deliver the notice to the license holder or send the notice by certified mail to the license holder at the address on the application. The revocation of a license shall be effective immediately after personal service, or on the third day after the post mark of the certified mail receipt.

12-10-6 ENFORCEMENT.

(A) Penalty.

(1) The failure of a person operating a golf cart on Village streets, public parking lots, and Public Park trails to have the insurance required under Section 12-10-3(C) shall be fined not less than **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for any one offense.**

(2) A person convicted of a violation of any other section of this Article shall be fined not less than **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** for a first offense, if paid under the provisions of Section 1-1-21 Cafeteria Court for Minor Violations of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village. A fine of Fifty Dollars **(\$50.00)** shall be assessed for a second offense. A fine of One Hundred Dollars **(\$100.00)** shall be assessed

for a third offense. A subsequent offense committed within **one (1) year** of the initial offense shall not be permitted to be disposed of under the terms and conditions of Section 1-1-21. Fines shall be imposed under the provisions of Section 1-1-20.

(3) In addition to the fines assessed above, the permit allowed under this Article shall be revoked and said persons shall not be allowed to drive a golf cart on the streets, public parking lots, and Public Park trails of the Village until the fine assessed above shall be paid if said fine has not been paid within **thirty (30) days** of the issuance of the citation.

(B) Upon investigation by and the recommendation of the Police Department, the Board of Trustees may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that there is evidence that the Permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart on the designed streets.