

## Chapter 10.12

### Golf Carts and Recreational Utility Vehicles Within Village Limits

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**§10.12.010 Golf Carts, Recreational Utility Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles Permitted.** The operation of golf carts, recreational utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles shall be permitted on streets under the jurisdiction of the Village and/or within its corporate boundaries as set forth in this Chapter. Operations of such carts/utility vehicles are permissible only on Village streets except where prohibited per Illinois Compiled Statutes. Golf carts, recreational utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles may not be operated on streets, highways and roads under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (State Highway Illinois Route 90) and (State Highway Illinois Route 91). Golf carts, recreational utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles shall be permitted to make direct crossings at an intersection controlled by a traffic light or four-way stop sign upon or across any highway under the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois as set forth in Section 11-1426.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1). The term “golf cart” shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 1-123.9 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-123.9). The terms “recreational utility vehicles” and “all-terrain vehicles” shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 1-168.8 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1)

**§10.12.020 Compliance with the Illinois Vehicle Code.** The operation of golf carts, recreational utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles within the Village shall be in accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-100 et seq.), including without limitations Section 11-1426.1 thereof (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1). All golf carts, recreational utility vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles must have, at a minimum (i) the equipment and other items set forth in Section 11-1426.1(e) of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1(e) and (ii) a Type 1 or Type 2 seat belt assembly conforming to 49 C.F.R. 571.209 at each designated seating position. Seat belts are hereby not required on all-terrain vehicles with the Village.

**§10.12.030 Permits.**

- A. No person shall operate a golf cart, recreational utility vehicles or all-terrain vehicles within the Village without first obtaining a permit, or being listed as an additional operator under a permit, as provided herein. Permits shall expire on December 31 of each year. The cost of the permit shall be set forth by the Village Board. Applications for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the Village, shall be executed by the applicant and each additional operator and shall contain the following:
1. Name and address of applicant.
  2. Name and address of any additional operators.
  3. Name of liability insurance carrier and policy number.
  4. The serial number, make, model and description of golf cart.
  5. Waiver of liability.
  6. Such other information as the Village may require.
- B. No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:
1. The vehicle must be inspected and approved by the Village's Public Works Department and/or Code Department.
  2. A physically handicapped applicant or operator must submit a certificate signed by a physician, certifying that the applicant is able to safely operate a golf cart on Village streets.
  3. The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois statutes regarding minimum liability insurance for passenger motor vehicles to be operated on the roads of the State of Illinois.
  4. The applicant must provide a copy of the driver's license of the applicant and each operator.
- C. Permits may be renewed upon demonstration of compliance with the requirements for initial issuance of a permit and the payment of the permit fee.

**§10.12.040 Additional Requirements.** The following requirements shall apply to the operation of golf carts, recreational utility vehicles and all-terrain vehicles within the Village:

- A. The applicant and all operators must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- B. A Village decal evidencing that a permit has been obtained shall be displayed on the golf cart.
- C. All-terrain vehicle operators under the age of eighteen (18) years of age must have a required helmet within the Village.

**§10.12.050 Violations.** Any person who violates the provisions of this Chapter shall be subject to revocation of permit or non-renewal of permit, at the discretion of the Village Board, and subject to a monetary fine as provided under the general penalty provision of this Code. Any unlawful use of such golf carts, recreational utility vehicles or all-terrain vehicles are subject to impoundment. Examples of unlawful use would be reckless driving, racing of any type by these vehicles, any criminal trespass while on such vehicles, any criminal damage to property created by such vehicles, and any criminal activity that would be committed while operating such vehicles.

**§10.12.060 Impoundment.** Golf carts, recreational utility vehicles or all-terrain vehicles shall be subject to impoundment to the same extent as vehicles as set forth in the Village Code. Examples for such impoundment are listed in Section 10.12.050.

**§10.12.070 Seat Belts.** Each driver of and all passengers, regardless of age, in seats of a golf cart or recreational utility vehicle operated on streets within the Village, shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt described in the Illinois Vehicle Code/Village Code; except that wearing seat belts is not required for any of the following:

- A. A driver or passenger frequently stopping and leaving the golf cart or recreational utility vehicle or delivering property from the golf cart or recreational utility vehicle, if the speed of the golf cart or recreational utility vehicle between stops does not exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- B. A driver or passenger possessing a written statement from a physician that such person is unable, for medical or physical reasons, to wear a seat safety belt.
- C. A driver or passenger possessing an official certificate or license endorsement issued by the appropriate agency in another state or country indicating that the driver is unable for medical, physical, or valid reasons to wear a seat safety belt.
- D. A driver operating a golf cart or recreational utility vehicle in reverse.

All-terrain vehicles within the Village do not require seat belt usage when in operation.

**§10.12.080 Special Events.** Notwithstanding Section 12.12.030 of the Village Code, a golf cart, recreational utility vehicle and all-terrain vehicle may be operated on approved streets of the Village without a permit issued under said Section 12.12.030 as part of a special event for which the Village has granted approval, provided, however, that all other provisions of the Village Code, the Illinois Compiled Statutes and all other applicable laws and regulations shall apply to such operation.

**§10.12.090 Fees.**

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| A. | Permit for golf cart, recreational utility vehicle and all-terrain vehicle (annual) | \$ 25.00 |
| B. | Administrative fee for impoundment of a golf cart                                   | \$250.00 |