

GOLF CARTS

§70.61 POLICY STATEMENT. The Village, in passing this Ordinance, is not advocating or endorsing the use of golf carts on Village streets. Other means of travel may be safer than a golf cart. All persons who operate a golf cart within the Village do so at their own risk and peril. In passing this Ordinance, the Village does not accept any level of liability for accidents, collision, injuries or death, or destruction of property. In passing this Ordinance, the Village is merely regulating the use of golf carts on Village streets, as invited by the law of the State of Illinois, in an attempt to increase safety on Village streets.

§ 70.62 GOLF CARTS ON VILLAGE STREETS.

Golf carts, as defined and qualified herein shall be allowed on Village streets under the conditions as stated herein.

§ 70.63 DEFINITIONS.

(A) “Golf Cart”, as defined herein, means a gasoline or electric vehicle specifically designed and intended for the purposes of transporting one (1) or more persons and their golf clubs 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; and such golf cart can attain a speed of at least 20 mph but not more than 30 mph.

(B) “Illinois Vehicle Code” – 625 ILCS 5/1-100 et seq., all amendments hereto.

(C) “Village Streets”, as defined herein, means any of the streets within the boundaries of the Village of Port Barrington, Illinois, excluding any street which is under the exclusive jurisdiction of a unit of government other than the Village of Port Barrington, Illinois, including but not limited to Nunda Township, Algonquin Township, Wauconda Township, Cuba Township, McHenry County, Lake County, or the State of Illinois. Rawson Bridge Road and Roberts Road are explicitly excluded from the areas where the use of Golf Carts are permitted.

§70.64 USE RESTRICTED.

(A) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter, it is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a golf cart upon any Village street or roadway.

(B) It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate upon any Village street or roadway any all-terrain vehicle (as defined by Section 1-101.8 of the Illinois Vehicle Code) or any off-highway motorcycle (as defined by Section 1-153.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code).

(C) It is unlawful to operate a golf cart on any sidewalk or walking/bicycle trail in the Village of Port Barrington.

§70.65 REQUIREMENTS.

All persons wishing to operate a golf cart on Village streets must ensure compliance with the following requirements:

(A) Proof of current liability insurance, a copy of which shall be kept in the golf cart whenever used on Village streets.

(B) Driver must be 16 years of age or older and have a valid Illinois driver's license.

(C) Golf Carts must be equipped as follows:

- 1) Brakes and brake lights;
- 2) Front and rear turn signals;
- 3) A steering wheel apparatus;
- 4) Tires;
- 5) Rearview mirror;
- 6) Red reflector warning device on the front and rear;
- 7) Approved "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle (625 ILCS 5/12-799);
- 8) Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front which must be illuminated when in operation;
- 9) Tail lamp that emits a red visible light from at least one hundred (100) feet from the rear which must be illuminated when in operation; and
- 10) Any additional requirements which may be amended to 625 ILCS 5/11-1426 *et seq.* of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code.

(D) Must obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois.

(E) Must be operated only on Village streets, except where prohibited.

(F) May not be operated on Village streets under the exclusive jurisdiction of Nunda Township, Algonquin Township, Wauconda Township, Cuba Township, McHenry County, Lake County, or the State of Illinois, except to cross said streets, in which case the operator must make a direct crossing in which the crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the street, road or highway; at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing; the golf cart or off-highway vehicle is brought to a complete stop before attempting a crossing and the operator of the golf cart or off-highway vehicle yields the right of way to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic which constitutes a hazard.

(G) Must not be operated in excess of posted speed limit. The speed limit on all Village Streets is 20 mph per Chapter 71, Section 71.01 of the Port Barrington Municipal Code.

(H) A person operating or who is in actual physical control of the golf cart as described herein on a street or roadway while under the influence is subject to Section 11-500 through 11-502 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (625 ILCS 5/11-500 --11-502). It is unlawful for any person to drive, operate or be in actual physical control of a golf cart on a Village street or roadway in violation of any one or more of said Sections of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(I) Each golf cart may transport only as many individuals as is the lesser of the number of seats or as its manufacturer designates. No individuals may ride on any other portion of the golf cart.

(J) Children must be restrained in a golf cart in the same manner required as if they were in an automobile. Car seat and seatbelt laws shall be followed when children are in golf carts.

(K) Whenever being operated on Village streets, headlights and taillights shall be illuminated as required by 625 ILCS 5/12-201.

§70.66 POSSIBILITY OF AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION, OR END OF GOLF CART PROGRAM.

Individuals are advised that the Village is permitting the use of golf carts on Village streets in limited circumstances and pursuant to current Illinois law. Individuals should view the use of golf carts on Village streets as a program which could be suspended, modified, or ended at any time and effective immediately upon a majority of the Village Board of Trustees amending this Ordinance, upon court ruling, or in the event of a change in the laws of the State of Illinois or United States of America. Individuals should consider these factors when making the decision to purchase a golf cart or make potentially expensive upgrades to golf carts.

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