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§ 295-1. Generally.

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

§ 295-2. Requirements.

All persons wishing to operate golf carts on the Village streets must insure compliance with the following requirements:

A. Cart requirements.

- (1) Proof of current liability insurance.
- (2) Must be certified with the Village and be inspected by a designated representative.
- (3) Must display a Village decal on the rear of the vehicle.
- (4) Golf carts must be equipped as follows:
  - (a) Horn;
  - (b) Brakes and brake lights;
  - (c) Turn signals;
  - (d) A steering wheel apparatus;
  - (e) Tires;
  - (f) Rearview mirror;

- (g) Approved "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle (625 ILCS 5/12-709);
  - (h) Headlights that emit a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front which illuminates when in operation;
  - (i) Tail lamps that emit a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear which must be illuminated when in operation;
  - (j) Any additional requirements which may be amended to 625 ILCS 5/11-1428 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
- B. Driver requirements.
- (1) Must have a current, valid Illinois driver's license.
  - (2) Must obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois;
  - (3) Must be 18 years of age.
- C. Must be operated only on Village streets, except where prohibited.
- D. May not be operated on State highways and County roads except at Designated Crossing Points. Designated Crossing Points shall only include any street intersecting with U.S. Route 84.
- E. Must not be operated in excess of posted speed limit, and regardless, may not exceed 35 miles per hour.
- F. A person operating or who is in actual physical control of a golf cart as described herein on a roadway while under the influence is subject to Section 11-500 through 11-502 of the Illinois Compiled Statute (625 ILCS 5/11-500 through 11-502).
- G. Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks or in Village parks other than parking areas except when authorized by the Village Board President or Rock Island County Sheriff's Department for special events.
- H. Golf carts may not be operated on streets and highways and roads under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (U.S. Route 84) of the County Highway Department except to cross at Designated Crossing Points.
- 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.

**§ 295-3. Permits.**

- A. No person shall operate a qualified golf cart without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk as provided herein.
- B. Permits shall be granted for a period of only one year from the date designated on the permit.

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- C. The Rock Island County Sheriff's Department may issue such a permit for any date approved of and designated by the Village Board of Trustees.
- D. The cost of the permit is \$25. Such fee will be waived for any applicants who have a disabled parking designation issued by the State of Illinois.
- E. Insurance coverage is to be verified to be in effect by the Sheriff's Dept. when obtaining and renewing a permit.
- F. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the Village and shall contain the following information:
  - (1) Name and address of applicant;
  - (2) Name of liability insurance carrier;
  - (3) The serial number, make, model and description of golf cart;
  - (4) Signed Waiver of Liability by applicant releasing the Village and agreeing to indemnify and hold the Village harmless from any and all future claims resulting from the operation of their golf cart on Village streets;
  - (5) Photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage and specifically for the vehicle to be operated pursuant to the permit;
  - (6) Such other information as the Village may require;
- G. No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:
  - (1) The vehicle must be inspected by the designated representative to insure that the vehicle is safe to operate on Village streets and is in compliance with this article and with the State Illinois Vehicle Code;
  - (2) A physically handicapped applicant must submit a certificate signed by their physician, certifying that the applicant is able to safely operate a qualified golf cart on Village streets;
  - (3) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Statute regarding minimum liability insurance.
- H. The Village may suspend or revoke any permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this article or there is evidence that permittee cannot safely operate a qualified golf cart on the designated roadways.
- I. Failure to abide by this Ordinance shall result in a fine of \$50 minimum and \$500 maximum with each infraction of this Ordinance constituting a separate offense bearing a separate fine.
- J. The Village Clerk shall be authorized to issue a permit on only such days as may be approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

**§ 295-4. Violations and penalties.**

- A. Any failure of an individual to abide by this Ordinance or otherwise secure a permit provided herein when operating a golf cart upon the streets of the Village shall subject the violator to a fine of \$50 minimum and \$500 maximum.
- B. The fines under this section shall double for each subsequent offense within one year from the date of the first offense.

**§ 295-5. Violations and penalties.**

Any violation of this Ordinance will result in a fine under the general penalty clause of the Village of Port Byron, Rock Island County, Illinois.