

# Village of Mendon, County of Adams, IL

## Ordinance 351.2022

### Golf Cart and Utility-Terrain Vehicles

An ordinance amending Ordinance 351.16 Golf Cart and Utility-Terrain Vehicles

Golf carts and utility-terrain vehicles, as defined and qualified herein shall be allowed on Village streets under the conditions stated as follows:

A. **Definitions:** Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Section, they shall have the meaning herein described to them unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto: "**Village Streets**" means any of the streets within the boundaries of the Village of Mendon. "**Golf Cart**", as defined herein, means 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. "**Utility-Terrain Vehicle**" shall mean a self-propelled gas or electrically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle or a vehicle with an engine displacement under fifteen hundred (1,500) cubic centimeters which is capable of attaining in One (1) mile a speed of more than Twenty Miles Per Hour (20 MPH) and which conforms to the federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571-500.

B. **Requirements Golf Cart or Utility-Terrain Vehicles:** All persons wishing to operate a golf cart or a utility-terrain vehicle on the Village Streets must ensure compliance with the following requirements:

1. Proof of current liability insurance at all times. Any Law Enforcement Official may ask to verify proof of insurance at any time while operating a Golf Cart or Utility-Terrain Vehicle on Village Streets that conforms to Illinois Vehicle code 625 ILCS 5/7-502 through 625 ILCS 5/7-610. If proof of insurance is not provided to law enforcement the operator of the vehicle is subject to fines by the Village of Mendon (Stated under violations in section F of this ordinance) and fines and enforcement of Illinois Vehicle code 625 ILCS 5/7-502 through 625 ILCS 5/7-610.
2. Must display a Village provided permit decal on the front or rear of the vehicle
3. Must have a current, valid Illinois driver's license.
4. Golf carts and Utility-Terrain Vehicles must be equipped as follows:
  - a. Brakes and Brake Lights
  - b. Turn Signals on the Front and Rear are recommended but not required.

b1- If turn signals are not installed, on the Golf Cart or Utility Terrain Vehicle, appropriate hand turn signals may be used in accordance with Illinois Vehicle code (625 ILCS 5/11-805).

- c. A Steering Wheel Apparatus
- d. Tires
- e. Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of Five Hundred (500) feet to the front which must illuminate when in operation.
- f. Tail Lamp that emits a red light visible from at least One Hundred (100) feet from the rear which must be illuminated when in operation.
- g. Any addition requirements which may be amended to 625 ILCS 5/11-1428, 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 or the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code.
- h. May not have loud exhaust. Every Golf Cart or Utility Terrain Vehicle driven or operated upon the Village Streets shall at all times be equipped with an adequate muffler or exhaust system in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise. No such muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a cutout, bypass, or similar device. No person shall drive or operate a Golf Cart or Utility-Terrain Vehicle with a noise level intensity at a distance of 50 feet from the centerline of the lane of travel that exceeds:
  - (1) 76 decibels on any Village Streets.

C. **Operation:** Golf carts and utility-terrain vehicles must not be operated in excess of the posted speed limit within the Village (25 miles per hour - unless otherwise noted). Golf carts and utility-terrain vehicles shall not be operated on any Village sidewalks or in the Village Park. Operators of golf carts and utility-terrain vehicles must obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois and the Village of Mendon and must be a minimum of Sixteen (16) years of age with a valid driver's license. Seating capacity may not exceed manufactured intention. Occupants shall remain seated while vehicle is in motion.

Operators of Golf Carts and Utility-Terrain Vehicles that are passing through the Village of Mendon or In the Village of Mendon that are actively using the golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle in the active role of production agriculture are exempt from obtaining a permit.

D. **Driving Under the Influence.** A person operating or who is in actual physical control of a golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle as described herein on a roadway while under the influence is subject to Section 11/500 through 11-502 of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code (625ILCS 5/11-500 through 5/11-502).

**E. Permits:**

1. No person shall operate a qualified golf cart or utility terrain vehicle without first obtaining a permit from a Village Official as provided herein. Permits shall be granted for the life of the vehicle unless there is an ownership change. The cost of the permit is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

2. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the Village and shall contain the following information.

a. Name and Address of Applicant

b. The Serial Number, Make, Model and Description of Golf Cart or Utility Terrain Vehicle

c. Signed Waiver of Liability by applicant releasing Village of Mendon and agreeing to indemnify and hold the Village harmless from any and all future claims resulting from the operation of their golf cart or utility terrain vehicle on the Village of Mendon Streets.

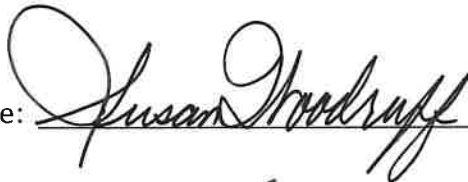
d. Such other information as the Village may require

3. Operation of a golf cart or Utility-Terrain Vehicle during a special event approved by the Village of Mendon town board or the current acting Mayor of the Village of Mendon will be exempt from obtaining a permit during the special event. All other parts of this ordinance must be followed during the special event.

4. The Village may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this Ordinance or there is evidence that permittee cannot safely operate a qualified golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle on the designated roadways.

F. **Violations:** Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished in accordance with the Village Code the Village of Mendon. The fines for violating this ordinance shall not be less than one hundred dollars (\$100). Any Second (2nd) or subsequent offense shall result in the revocation of the permit for a period of not less than Three (3) nor more than Five (5) years. To the extent that any violation of this Ordinance also constitutes a violation of a criminal statute of the State of Illinois, then the violator shall also be subject to criminal prosecution.

Village Clerk Signature:



Date:

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Village Mayor Signature:



Date:

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