

Village of Mendon, County of Adams, IL

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 electronically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle or a vehicle with an engine displacement under Twelve Hundred (1,200) cubic centimeters which is capable of attaining in One (1) mile a speed of more than Twenty Miles Per Hour (20 MPH), but not more than Twenty Five Miles Per Hour (25 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
 2. Must be certified with the Village and have the vehicles certified with the Village designated representative
 3. Must display Village decal on the front and rear of the vehicle
 4. Must have a current, valid Illinois driver's license
 5. Golf carts must be equipped as follows:
 - a. Horn
 - b. Brakes and Brake Lights
 - c. Turn Signals on the Front and Rear
 - d. A Steering Wheel Apparatus
 - e. Tires
 - f. Rearview Mirror
 - g. Approved "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle.
 - h. Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of Five Hundred (500) feet to the front which must illuminate when in operation
 - i. 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
 - j. Any addition requirements which may be amended to 65 ILCS 5/11-1428, 65 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 or the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code.
 - k. May not have loud exhaust or excessive lift kits. Golf Cart/UTV suspensions may be raised no higher than 8 inches above factory height.

- 6.. Utility-terrain vehicles must be equipped as follows:
 - a. Horn
 - b. Brakes and Brake Lights
 - c. Turn Signals on the Front and Rear
 - d. A Steering Wheel Apparatus
 - e. Tires
 - f. Rearview Mirror
 - g. Approved "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle.
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- C. **Operation.** Golf carts and utility-terrain vehicles must be operated only on Village Streets, except where prohibited; may not be operated on streets, highways, and roads under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IL Highway 61). and must not be operated in excess of 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, and may only cross Hwy 61 at a 90 degree angle, but not drive down Hwy 61.

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 Sixteen (16) years of age with a valid State of Illinois driver's license.

- 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 (65ILCS 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 the Village Clerk as provided herein. Permits shall be granted for a period of One (1) year and renewed annually for the period of January 1st through December 31st. The cost of the permit is ***Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00)***. Insurance coverage is to be verified to be in effect by the Village Clerk when obtaining and renewing a permit.
2. Every application for a permit shall be made on a for supplied by the Village and shall contain the following information.
 - a. Name and Address of Applicant
 - b. Name of Liability Insurance Carrier
 - c. The Serial Number, Make, Model and Description of Golf Card or Utility Terrain Vehicle
 - d. 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.
 - e. Photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage card specifically for the vehicle to be operated pursuant to permit
 - f. Such other information as the Village may require

3. No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:
 - a. The vehicle must be inspected by the Village designee to insure that the vehicle is safe to operate on Village Streets and is in compliance with this Ordinance and with the State of Illinois Motor Vehicle Code
 - b. A physically handicapped applicant must submit a certificate signed by a physician, certifying that the applicant is able to safely operate a qualified golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle on Village Streets
 - c. 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 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.** 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.