

Chapter 9

NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

8-9-1: FINDINGS:

After full and careful consideration of the volume, speed and character of traffic on the streets, roads, highways and alleys of the city of Alton, the city council of the city of Alton does hereby determine and find that the public safety will not be jeopardized by the authorization of the operation of neighborhood vehicles. Further, the city council of the city of Alton does hereby determine and find that neighborhood vehicles may safely travel on or across the streets, roads, highways and alleys of the city of Alton. (Ord. 7187, 3-24-2010)

8-9-2: DEFINITIONS:

A "neighborhood vehicle" means a self-propelled, electronically powered four (4) wheeled motor vehicle (or a self-propelled gasoline powered 4 wheel motor vehicle with an engine displacement under 1,200 cubic centimeters), which is capable of attaining in one mile a speed of more than twenty (20) miles per hour, but not more than twenty five (25) miles per hour, and which conforms to federal regulations under title 49 CFR part 157.500. (Ord. 7187, 3-24-2010)

8-9-3: REQUIREMENTS FOR USE:

No neighborhood vehicle may be operated on any streets, roads, highways and alleys in the city of Alton unless, at a minimum, it has the following: brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in front and rear, a slow moving emblem (as required of other vehicles in section 12-709 of the Illinois motor vehicle code¹) on the rear of the neighborhood vehicle, a headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the front, a taillamp that emits a red light visible from at least one hundred feet (100') from the rear, brake lights, and turn signals. When operated on streets, roads, highways and alleys, neighborhood vehicle shall have its headlight and taillamps lighted as required by section 12-201 of the Illinois motor vehicle code². (Ord. 7187, 3-24-2010)

8-9-4: OPERATION UNDER THE INFLUENCE:

A person who drives or is in actual physical control of a neighborhood vehicle on any street, road,

highway or alley of the city of Alton while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is subject to sections 11-500 through 11-502 of the Illinois motor vehicle code³. (Ord. 7187, 3-24-2010)

8-9-5: LICENSE REQUIRED:

No person shall operate a neighborhood vehicle upon any street, road, highway or alley in the city of Alton unless he or she has a valid Illinois driver's license issued in his or her name by the secretary of state of the state of Illinois. (Ord. 7187, 3-24-2010)

8-9-6: INSURANCE:

No person shall operate a neighborhood vehicle upon any street, road, highway or alley in the city of Alton unless he or she has complied with the minimum liability insurance requirements imposed upon a vehicle operator by the statutes of the state of Illinois and has proof of such minimum liability insurance coverage on or in his or her possession at all times while operating said neighborhood vehicle. (Ord. 7187, 3-24-2010)

8-9-7: LOCAL PERMIT REQUIRED:

No neighborhood vehicle may be operated on any street, road, highway or alley in the city of Alton unless such neighborhood vehicle has a valid permit for operation of that neighborhood vehicle issued by the city of Alton. Permits shall be issued by the chief of police of the city of Alton. The chief of police of the city of Alton is hereby authorized and directed to prepare an application form, which shall be required as a part of the process to initiate a request for a permit. Upon submission of a completed application for permit, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to the city of Alton shall be collected by the chief of police before the application is processed. The fee shall be nonrefundable and shall apply to each neighborhood vehicle. The chief of police shall cause an inspection of each neighborhood vehicle to assure compliance with the various provisions of this chapter. If the chief of police or his designee is satisfied that the application is properly completed, the fee received, and the inspection discloses compliance with each provision of this chapter, the chief of police shall issue a permit on a form to be determined by the chief of police. The permit must be permanently affixed to the neighborhood vehicle for which it is applicable. Regardless of the day of issuance, a permit shall be valid for the remainder of a calendar year. A new application, fee and inspection shall be required for operation of a neighborhood vehicle with regard to any subsequent calendar year. (Ord. 7187, 3-24-2010)

8-9-8: AUTHORIZATION:

The operation of neighborhood vehicles upon the streets, roads, highways and alleys of the city of Alton is hereby allowed, so long as the operation of neighborhood vehicles is in full compliance with this chapter. The public works department of the city of Alton is hereby authorized and directed to erect appropriate signage in relation to the adoption of this chapter.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the operation of a neighborhood vehicle shall be permitted only on or across streets, roads, highways and alleys of the city of Alton as specifically identified and enumerated as follows:

Belle Street between Third and Seventh Streets.

State Street between Broadway and Fourth Streets.

Sugar Alley between Piasa and State Streets.

William Street between Broadway and Fourth Streets.

Third Street between Piasa and State Streets.

Fourth Street between Piasa and William Streets.

Fifth Street between Piasa and Belle Streets.

Sixth Street between Piasa and Belle Streets.

Seventh Street between Piasa and Belle Streets.

The operation of a neighborhood vehicle on or across any streets, roads, highways and alleys of the city of Alton not specifically identified and enumerated herein is hereby prohibited and shall constitute a violation of this chapter. (Ord. 7187, 3-24-2010)