

## ARTICLE IV. - GOLF CARTS<sup>[4]</sup>

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**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 10-01-01, § 2, adopted Jan. 11, 2010, repealed Art. IV, §§ 78-106, 78-107, in its entirety and enacted new provisions to read as herein set out. Prior to amendment, Art. IV pertained to scooters. See Code Comparative Table for derivation.

### Sec. 78-106. - Golf carts permitted.

The operation of golf carts shall be permitted on streets under the jurisdiction of the City of Chillicothe and/or within its corporate boundaries only as set forth in this article. Golf carts shall be permitted to make direct crossings at an intersection controlled by a traffic light or four-way stop sign upon or across any highway under the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois as set forth in Section 11-1426.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1). The term "golf cart" shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 1-123.9 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-123.9).

(Ord. No. 10-01-01, § 2, 1-11-2010; Ord. No. 11-11-25, § 1, 11-14-2011; Ord. No. 15-11-23, § 1, 11-9-2015)

### Sec. 78-107. - Required equipment.

The operation of golf carts within the city shall be in accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-100 et seq.). All golf carts must have, at a minimum, the following equipment:

- Brakes;
- Brake lights;
- Steering wheel;
- Windshield;
- Tires;
- Rearview mirrors (driver side and passenger side or interior Franklin multi panel golf cart mirror (or equivalent));
- Yellow or red reflector warning in front/rear/sides;
- Slow moving emblem - rear;
- Headlights - emits white light visible from 500 feet when in operation;
- Taillights - emits red light visible from 100 feet when in operation;
- Front and rear turn signals;
- Seatbelts at each designated seating position (no shoulder strap required).

(Ord. No. 16-03-04, § 2, 3-28-2016; Ord. No. 16-04-06, § 1, 4-12-2016)

**Editor's note**— Ord. No. 16-03-04, § 2, adopted March 28, 2016, repealed former § 78-107 in its entirety and enacted new provisions to read as herein set out. Former § 78-107 pertained to compliance with Illinois Vehicle Code, and derived from Ord. No. 10-01-01, § 2, adopted Jan. 11, 2010; and Ord. No. 11-11-25, § 1, adopted Nov. 14, 2011.

Sec. 78-108. - Permits.

No person shall operate a golf cart within the City of Chillicothe without first obtaining a permit, or being listed as an additional operator under a permit, as provided herein. The permit (registration) stickers will be placed on the front windshield of the golf cart. Permits shall expire on April 30 of each year. The cost of the permit shall be as set forth in chapter 42 of the City Code. Applications for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the city, shall be executed by the applicant and each additional operator and shall contain the following:

- Name and address of applicant;
- Name and address of any additional operators;
- Name of liability insurance carrier and policy number;
- The serial number/VIN, make, model and description of golf cart;
- Waiver of liability;
- Such other information as the city may require.

No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:

- The vehicle must be inspected and approved by the police department;
- A physically handicapped applicant or operator must submit a certificate signed by a physician, certifying that the applicant is able to safely operate the golf cart on city streets;
- 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;
- The applicant must provide a copy of the drivers license of the applicant and each operator.

Permits may be renewed upon demonstration of compliance with the requirements for initial issuance of a permit and the payment of the permit fee.

(Ord. No. 10-01-01, § 2, 1-11-2010; Ord. No. 16-03-04, § 3, 3-28-2016)

Sec. 78-109. - Additional requirements.

The following requirements shall apply to the operation of golf carts within the City of Chillicothe:

- The applicant and all operators must be at least 18 years of age.
- A city decal evidencing that a permit has been obtained shall be displayed on the golf cart.

(Ord. No. 10-01-01, § 2, 1-11-2010; Ord. No. 11-09-17, § 1, 9-12-2011)

Sec. 78-110. - Violations.

Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be subject to revocation of permit or non-renewal of permit, at the discretion of the city council, and/or a monetary fine.

(Ord. No. 10-01-01, § 2, 1-11-2010)

Sec. 78-111. - Impoundment.

Golf carts shall be subject to impoundment to the same extent as vehicles as set forth in article VIII, Impoundment of Vehicles, of chapter 94, Traffic Vehicles, of the City Code.

(Ord. No. 10-08-14, § 1, 8-23-2010)

Sec. 78-112. - Seat belts.

Each driver of and passenger of a golf cart operated on a street within the city shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt of a type described in section 78-107 of the City Code; except that wearing seat belts is not required for any of the following:

- (1) A driver or passenger frequently stopping and leaving the golf cart or delivering property from the golf cart, if the speed of the golf cart between stops does not exceed 15 miles per hour.
- (2) A driver or passenger possessing a written statement from a physician that such person is unable, for medical or physical reasons, to wear a seat safety belt.
- (3) A driver or passenger possessing an official certificate or license endorsement issued by the appropriate agency in another state or country indicating that the driver is unable for medical, physical, or other valid reasons to wear a seat safety belt.
- (4) A driver operating a golf cart vehicle in reverse.

(Ord. No. 11-11-25, § 2, 11-14-2011; Ord. No. 12-04-03, § 1, 4-23-2012; Ord. No. 16-03-04, § 4, 3-28-2016)

Sec. 78-113. - Special events.

Notwithstanding section 78-108 of the City Code, a golf cart may be operated on the streets of the city without a permit issued under said section 78-108 as part of a special event for which the city has granted approval under section 10-33 of the City Code; provided, however, that all other provisions of the Chillicothe City Code, the Illinois Compiled Statutes and all other applicable laws and regulations shall apply to such operation.

(Ord. No. 13-05-11, § 1, 5-28-2013)

Sec. 78-114. - Low speed vehicles.

The operation of low speed vehicles, as such term is defined in Section 1-140.7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1-140.7), shall be prohibited on all streets under the jurisdiction of the city where the posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less.

(Ord. No. 15-11-23, § 2, 11-9-2015)

Secs. 78-115—78-125. - Reserved.

ARTICLE V. - NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

Sec. 78-126. - Special events.

A non-highway vehicle other than a golf cart may be operated on the streets of the city as part of a special event for which the city has granted approval under section 10-33 of the City Code; provided, however, that all provisions of the Chillicothe City Code, the Illinois Compiled Statutes and all other applicable laws and regulations shall apply to such operation. The term "non-highway vehicle" shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 11-1426.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (65 ILCS 5/11-1426.1).

(Ord. No. 13-05-11, § 2, 5-28-2013)