

# Chapter 7

## GOLF CARTS

### 10-7-1: DEFINITIONS:

**COUNTY ROADS:** Any road under the jurisdiction of Will County highway department.

**GOLF CART:** 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 playing of golf or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a public or private golf course and having a maximum speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

**STATE ROADS:** Any road under the jurisdiction of the Illinois department of transportation. State roads include U.S. Route 52 and North Street.

**TOWNSHIP ROADS:** Any road under the jurisdiction of Manhattan Township road district.

**VILLAGE STREETS:** Any of the streets within the boundaries of the village of Manhattan except for state roads and county roads, but including township roads within the village limits of the village of Manhattan and subject to a village of Manhattan and Manhattan Township road district agreement. (Ord. 1204, 8-8-2015, eff. 9-1-2015)

### 10-7-2: REQUIREMENTS:

A. Golf carts may be operated on village streets subject to the following:

1. The driver is subject to the mandatory vehicle liability insurance requirements of Illinois and must carry proof of such insurance, specifically insuring the golf cart.
2. The driver must have a valid driver's license issued by the Illinois secretary of state or by a foreign jurisdiction and be eighteen (18) years of age.
3. When operated on village, county, township or state streets, a golf cart shall have its headlights and taillamps illuminated at all times, including, but not limited to, times when rain, snow, fog or other atmospheric conditions require the use of windshield wipers and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the street, road or highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of one thousand feet (1,000').
4. The golf cart shall be equipped with brakes, a steering wheel apparatus, safety belts, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflective warning devices on front and rear sides of the golf cart, an approved slow moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the golf cart, 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 and LED side marker lights (for emergency flasher/turn signals).

5. The capacity (the number of occupants) of the golf cart shall not be exceeded and all occupants shall wear safety belts. Drivers are required to comply with child passenger safety laws. The transportation of a child under the age of eight (8) years old is prohibited, unless the child is accompanied by an adult (21 or older) other than the driver. Appropriate seat belts and safety seats are required to transport children as required under the Illinois Compiled Statutes and village ordinances.
6. The golf cart driver shall obey all traffic laws of the state of Illinois and the village of Manhattan with regard to the movement, operation, parking, and storage of vehicles on the streets, roadways and private property.
7. Golf carts may only be operated on streets with posted speed limits of thirty five (35) miles per hour or less. This subsection A7 does hereby prohibit a golf cart from crossing a village street at an intersection where the village street has a posted speed limit of more than thirty five (35) miles per hour, unless as set forth in subsection A9 of this section.
8. Golf carts may be operated only on Manhattan-Monee Road between and including the intersections of Railroad Street and Wabash Street and Route 52 between and including the intersections of Front Street and Wabash Street (attached to the ordinance codified herein and incorporated herein as exhibit A is a map of streets on which golf carts may be operated).
9. Drivers of a golf cart may make a direct crossing upon or across a street or road if the street or road has a speed limit of thirty five (35) miles per hour or higher only if the crossing is made at an intersection controlled by a traffic signal or a four-way stop sign.
10. The driver of the golf cart shall not exceed any posted speed limit.
11. A driver or person in actual physical control of the golf cart on a street or road while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is subject to section 11-500 through 11-502 of the Illinois vehicle code statutes<sup>1</sup>, and applicable village of Manhattan ordinances.
12. Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks, bike paths, ATV trails, snowmobile trails or other public property not accessible to or authorized for vehicular traffic.
13. No "nonhighway" vehicle as defined by 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-1426.1 is permitted on village streets, roads or highways except golf carts.
14. All crossings of streets, roads and highways must be direct crossings made at an intersection.
15. All golf carts in order to be operated as provided herein, must pass an annual inspection by the village of Manhattan, register annually with the village of Manhattan and have a current registration sticker purchased from the village of Manhattan.
16. The requirements of this chapter apply to golf carts within the village of Manhattan that are intended to be used on village streets as provided herein. (Ord. 1204, 8-8-2015, eff. 9-1-2015)

**10-7-3: ANNUAL REGISTRATION:**

- A. All golf carts, in order to be driven on village streets, must be registered annually with the village of Manhattan. All registrations shall be issued by the police department unless otherwise specifically provided, and shall be for the term of one year, expiring on May 31 of each year. (Ord. 1204, 8-8-2015, eff. 9-1-2015)

**10-7-4: REGISTRATION FEE:**

- A. The fee for registration of a golf cart in the village shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) annually. (Ord. 1204, 8-8-2015, eff. 9-1-2015)

**10-7-5: PENALTY:**

- A. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall upon conviction be subject to a fine as established in section [1-4-1](#) of this code. (Ord. 1204, 8-8-2015, eff. 9-1-2015)