

## **Chapter 8**

# **GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY TASK VEHICLES**

### **6-8-1: NONHIGHWAY VEHICLES ALLOWED:**

Subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, the only nonhighway vehicles authorized under the provisions of this chapter are "golf carts" and "utility task vehicles". To avoid confusion, "all-terrain vehicles" as defined at 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/1-101.8 are not permitted hereunder. (Ord. 376, 11-3-2015)

### **6-8-2: DEFINITIONS:**

**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 play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a public or private golf course.

**UTILITY TASK VEHICLE (UTV):** A motorized off highway vehicle traveling on three (3) or more nonhighway tires and designed with seating for two (2) persons sitting side by side and having a cargo box at the rear of the vehicle. (Ord. 376, 11-3-2015)

### **6-8-3: RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Golf carts and UTVs may only be operated on streets not otherwise prohibited within the village of Shannon in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

- A. Any person who operates a golf cart or UTV in the village of Shannon assumes full responsibility for all liability associated with the operation thereof.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person under eighteen (18) years of age to operate a golf cart or UTV in the village of Shannon and shall not be eligible to obtain a permit for such.
- C. The operator must possess a valid driver's license issued by the state of Illinois or any other state and shall have the license on his or her person when operating a golf cart or UTV.
- D. The operator must possess proof of liability insurance covering the operation of the golf cart or UTV being operated with limits of liability not less than the minimum required by the state of Illinois for the operation of a passenger vehicle and must maintain said insurance when operating the golf cart or UTV.
- E. Golf carts and UTVs may only be operated on the streets of Shannon commencing at sunrise and ending at sunset with the times being those reported by the national weather service for the Rockford, Illinois, area.
- F. Operation of golf carts and UTVs is prohibited when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or at any other time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of five hundred feet (500').
- G. In addition to the requirements stated above, golf carts and UTVs must also be equipped as follows:
  - 1. A horn that is operable and can be heard at least one hundred feet (100') from the golf cart or UTV;
  - 2. Brakes and brake lights;
  - 3. Headlights that emit a white light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the front which must be illuminated when the vehicle is in operation;
  - 4. Taillamps that emit a red light visible from at least one hundred feet (100') from the rear and

- must be in operation when the vehicle is in operation;
  5. Turn signals;
  6. Steering wheel;
  7. Tires;
  8. Rearview mirror;
  9. A tall orange flag six to eight feet (6 - 8') off of the road or a flashing yellow light mounted on top;
  10. There must be a windshield or the operator and passenger(s) must wear eye protection as required when riding a motorcycle;
  11. A "slow moving vehicle" emblem compliant with 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/12-709 must be secured to the rear of the golf cart or UTV;
  12. Operable speedometer;
  13. The maximum occupancy for a qualified golf cart or UTV shall not exceed three (3) persons but there must be a seat belt for the operator and each passenger and the seat belts must be worn while the golf cart or UTV is in operation;
  14. Golf carts and UTVs are only allowed to park in spaces designated for handicapped parking if the operator or at least one passenger has a valid handicapped parking emblem which is clearly visible in the golf cart or UTV;
  15. If the equipment requirements are amended via 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-1426.1, those requirements shall also apply; and
  16. To the extent applicable, the operator must comply with all requirements set forth in the Illinois vehicle code<sup>1</sup>.
  17. No performance modifications may be made to the golf cart or UTV.
- H. Golf carts and UTVs which comply with the provisions of subsections G1 through G17 of this section shall be deemed "qualified".
- I. An operator of a golf cart or UTV must obey all traffic laws of the state of Illinois and the village of Shannon and must yield the right of way to all other vehicles approaching or overtaking them at all times.
- J. Golf carts and UTVs shall only be operated on village streets except where specifically prohibited.

- K. Golf carts and UTVs shall not be operated in excess of the posted speed limit or twenty five (25) miles per hour, whichever is less. This provision does not prohibit golf carts or UTVs with valid permits from crossing a prohibited roadway provided the operator takes the shortest feasible route to a roadway where operation is allowed.
- L. A person operating or in actual physical control of a golf cart or UTV within the village of Shannon while under the influence is subject to the provisions of 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-500 through 5/11-502.
- M. Golf carts and UTVs shall not be operated on sidewalks.
- N. Golf carts and UTVs shall not be operated by any person other than the permit holder. (Ord. 376, 11-3-2015)

#### **6-8-4: PROHIBITED STREETS:**

- A. It shall be unlawful to operate a golf cart or UTV on the following streets within the corporate limits of the village of Shannon:
- Market Street.
- Shannon Route. (Ord. 376, 11-3-2015)

#### **6-8-5: PERMITS:**

- A. No person shall operate a golf cart or UTV without having a valid permit issued by the village of Shannon and said permit must be in the golf cart or UTV when in operation or parked on a city roadway. In addition, the village will issue a sticker indicating for which year the permit is valid and such sticker must be applied to the rear of the vehicle and must be visible when viewed from the back.
- B. An application for golf cart or UTV permit shall be available from the office of the village clerk and completed by the owner of the golf cart or UTV. The applicant shall provide a head and

shoulders photograph along with the completed application form.

- C. The permit must be renewed each year. Golf carts and UTVs may be used year round, weather permitting.
- D. The cost of a permit will be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) but will thereafter be subject to such fee as the city council determines when it establishes its annual rates. The fee shall not be prorated based on the date of issuance thereof.
- E. Prior to issuance of a permit, the golf cart or UTV must be inspected by the Shannon chief of police or designee to verify compliance with the requirements of this chapter including liability insurance.
- F. The village of Shannon may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this chapter.
- G. Permits shall be issued only to persons who reside within the corporate limits of the village of Shannon.
- H. Permits issued hereunder are personal to the holder and may not be assigned or transferred. (Ord. 376, 11-3-2015)

#### **6-8-6: VIOLATIONS:**

- A. To the extent that a violation of this chapter also constitutes a violation of the Illinois vehicle code or other criminal statute(s) of Illinois, then the violator shall be subject to criminal prosecution.
- B. A person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be issued a "courtesy citation" and subject to the village of Shannon's sanctions concerning same.
- C. For a first offense, the permit may be suspended for up to ninety (90) days.

D. Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter for a second time within a two (2) year period shall have the permit revoked. (Ord. 376, 11-3-2015)

#### **6-8-7: MISCELLANEOUS:**

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction declares any particular provision or portion thereof to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this chapter shall be construed to be valid and enforceable. (Ord. 376, 11-3-2015)