

Chapter 5 GOLF CARTS

5-5-1: AUTHORIZATION:

Golf carts, as defined and qualified herein, shall be allowed on village streets under the conditions as stated herein. (Ord. 513, 7-14-2009)

5-5-2: DEFINITIONS:

GOLF CART: A vehicle 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.

VILLAGE STREETS: Any of the streets maintained by and within the boundaries of the village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. (Ord. 513, 7-14-2009)

5-5-3: REQUIREMENTS:

All persons age eighteen (18) and older wishing to operate a golf cart on village streets during daylight hours must comply with the following requirements:

- A. Provide proof of current liability insurance;

- B. Register with the village and have the vehicle certified by inspection by the police chief or his designated representative;

- C. Follow the "rules concerning alternate transportation for the village of Stockton", if any, as periodically updated;

- D. Display village issued decal or sticker on the rear of the vehicle;

- E. Possess a current, valid driver's license;

F. Have a golf cart equipped with the following:

1. Horn;
2. Brakes and brake lights;
3. Turn signals;
4. A steering wheel apparatus;
5. Tires;
6. Rearview mirror;
7. Approved "slow moving vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle¹;
8. Red reflector warning devices in both the front and rear;
9. Headlights that emit a white light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the front which must illuminate when in operation;
10. Taillamps that emit a red light visible from at least one hundred feet (100') from the rear which must be illuminated when in operation;
11. Seat belts for operator and all passengers; and
12. Any additional requirements made necessary by amendments to the Illinois vehicle code;

G. Obey all traffic laws of the state of Illinois and the village of Stockton;

H. When the golf cart is in operation the operator and any passenger(s) shall wear a seat belt;

I. Operate the vehicle only on village streets, except where prohibited, and not upon a sidewalk;

J. Obey the posted speed limit or twenty five (25) miles per hour, whichever is less; and

K. A person operating or in actual physical control of a golf cart as described herein on a street while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is subject to sections 11-500 through 11-502 of the Illinois vehicle code². (Ord. 532, 10-12-2010)

5-5-4: PERMITS:

- A. No person shall operate a qualified golf cart without first obtaining a permit from the village as provided herein. The cost of the annual permit shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) or whatever amount may be determined from time to time by the board of trustees. Evidence of coverage under a recreational vehicle insurance policy is to be provided to the police department when obtaining and/or renewing a permit. (Ord. 526, 4-26-2010)
- B. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the village and shall contain the following information:
1. Name and address of applicant;
 2. Name of insurer carrier and policy number and/or a photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage card issued specifically for the vehicle to be operated pursuant to the permit;
 3. The serial number, make, model and description of golf cart;
 4. Such other information as the village may require, including a release and waiver of liability signed by applicant releasing the village of Stockton and its employees, and agreeing to indemnify and hold the village harmless from any and all future claims resulting from the operation of applicant's golf cart on village streets.
- C. No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:
1. The vehicle must pass an inspection by the village police chief (or his designee) to ensure that the vehicle is equipped to operate on village streets and is in compliance with this chapter and the Illinois vehicle code.
 2. 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.
- D. The village may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this chapter or there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate a qualified golf cart on village streets. (Ord. 513, 7-14-2009)

5-5-5: VIOLATIONS:

A violation of any provision of this chapter shall be punishable by payment of a fine of not less than seventy five dollars (\$75.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and the village's enforcement costs incurred, including its attorney fees, for each offense. Any second or subsequent offense shall result in the revocation of the village permit for a period of not less than one nor more than three (3) years. To the extent that any violation of this chapter may also constitute a violation of a criminal statute of the state of Illinois, the violator shall also be subject to criminal prosecution. (Ord. 513, 7-14-2009)

5-5-6: SEVERABILITY:

- A. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction declares any particular provision of this chapter to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this chapter shall be construed to be valid and enforceable.

- B. Any ordinance, or portion thereof, of the village of Stockton that may be contrary to this chapter shall be deemed to be repealed. (Ord. 559, 11-8-2011)