

Chapter 6

GOLF CARTS

6-6-1: PROHIBITED:

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a golf cart on the roadways within the village of Franklin Grove, except as provided in this chapter. (Ord. 700-09, 11-9-2009, eff. 1-1-2010)

6-6-2: DEFINITION:

A "golf cart" is a nonhighway vehicle as defined in the Illinois vehicle code. (Ord. 700-09, 11-9-2009, eff. 1-1-2010)

6-6-3: REQUIREMENTS:

- A. No golf cart shall be operated on a village roadway unless at a minimum it conforms to all the requirements of the Illinois vehicle code and has in good operational order the following:
1. Brakes;
 2. Steering apparatus;
 3. Tires;
 4. Rearview mirror;
 5. Red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear;
 6. A slow moving emblem on the rear of the golf cart which emblem shall conform to the Illinois vehicle code;
 7. A headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the front;
 8. A taillight that emits a red light visible from at least one hundred feet (100') from the rear;
 9. Brake lights and turn signals; and
 10. Seat belts.
- B. No person shall operate a golf cart unless such person conforms to all requirements of the Illinois vehicle code and conforms to the following:

1. Has proof on his or her person of current liability insurance;
2. Has a current valid driver's license;
3. Has a permit issued by the village of Franklin Grove.

C. No person shall operate a golf cart in violation of the following:

1. A golf cart may not be operated in excess of the posted speed limit and in no event may it be operated in excess of twenty five (25) miles per hour.
2. No person shall operate a golf cart in violation of any of the laws of the state of Illinois, or of any ordinance of this village. (Ord. 700-09, 11-9-2009, eff. 1-1-2010)

6-6-4: PERMITS:

A. No person shall operate a qualified golf cart without first obtaining a permit from the village clerk as provided herein. Permits shall be granted annually from the date designated on the permit. The village clerk may issue such a permit for any date approved of and designated by the village board of trustees. The cost of the permit is twenty dollars (\$20.00). A temporary permit for up to three (3) days may be issued at a cost of ten dollars (\$10.00), good for the days designated.

B. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the village clerk or a designee and shall contain the following information:

1. Name and address of applicant;
2. Name of liability insurance carrier;
3. The serial number, make, model and description of golf cart;
4. Signed waiver of liability by applicant releasing the village and agreeing to indemnify and hold the village harmless from any and all future claims resulting from the operation of their golf carts on village streets; and
5. Photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage card specifically for the vehicle to be operated pursuant to the permit.

C. The village clerk 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 permittee cannot safely operate a qualified golf cart on the designated roadways.

D. The village clerk shall be authorized to issue a permit on only such days as may be approved by the village board of trustees. (Ord. 700-09, 11-9-2009, eff. 1-1-2010)

6-6-5: VIOLATION:

Any failure of an individual to abide by this chapter or otherwise secure a permit provided herein when operating a golf cart upon the roadways of the village shall subject the violator to a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) if paid to the village clerk within ten (10) days of the issuance of a citation. If the fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) is not paid within ten (10) days, charges may be filed for an ordinance violation and a penalty imposed of no less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) and a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation. (Ord. 700-09, 11-9-2009, eff. 1-1-2010)