

Chapter 295

VEHICLES, MOTORIZED

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Byron as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Skateboards, roller skates and bicycles — See Ch. 245.

Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 290.

ARTICLE I

Golf Carts

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§ 295-1. Generally allowed.

Golf carts, specifically defined and qualified herein, shall be allowed on Village streets under the conditions as stated herein.

§ 295-2. Requirements.

All persons wishing to operate golf carts on the Village streets must ensure compliance with the following requirements.

A. Cart requirements.

- (1) Proof of current liability insurance.
- (2) Must be certified with the Village and be inspected by a designated representative.
- (3) Must display a Village decal on the rear of the vehicle.
- (4) Golf carts must be equipped as follows:
 - (a) Horn;
 - (b) Brakes and brake lights;
 - (c) Turn signals;
 - (d) A steering wheel apparatus;
 - (e) Tires;
 - (f) Rearview mirror;
 - (g) Approved "Slow-Moving Vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle (625 ILCS 5/12-709);

- (h) Headlights that emit a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front, which illuminate when in operation;
 - (i) Taillamps that emit a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear, which must be illuminated when in operation; and
 - (j) Any additional requirements which may be amended to 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.¹
- B. Driver requirements.
 - (1) Must have a current, valid Illinois driver's license.
 - (2) Must obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois.
 - (3) Must be 18 years of age.
- C. Must be operated only on Village streets, except where prohibited.
- D. May not be operated on state highways and county roads except at designated crossing points. Designated crossing points shall only include any street intersecting with U.S. Route 84.
- E. Must not be operated in excess of posted speed limit and, regardless, may not exceed 35 miles per hour.
- F. A person operating or who is in actual physical control of a golf cart as described herein on a roadway while under the influence is subject to Sections 11-500 through 11-502 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (625 ILCS 5/11-500 through 11-502).
- G. Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks or in Village parks other than parking areas except when authorized by the Village Board President or Rock Island County Sheriff's Department for special events.
- H. Golf carts may not be operated on streets and highways and roads under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (U.S. Route 84) or the County Highway Department except to cross at designated crossing points.
- I. Each golf cart may transport only as many individuals as is the lesser of the number of seats or as its manufacturer designates. No individuals may ride on any other portion of the golf cart.

§ 295-3. Permits.

- A. No person shall operate a qualified golf cart without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk as provided herein.
- B. Permits shall be granted for a period of only one year from the date designated on the permit.

¹. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. VI).

- C. The Rock Island County Sheriff's Department may issue such a permit for any date approved of and designated by the Village Board of Trustees.
- D. The cost of the permit is as set by the Board of Trustees from time to time. Such fee will be waived for any applicants who have a disabled parking designation issued by the State of Illinois.²
- E. Insurance coverage is to be verified to be in effect by the Sheriff's Department when obtaining and renewing a permit.
- F. 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 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 his or her golf cart on Village streets;
 - (5) Photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage and specifically for the vehicle to be operated pursuant to the permit; and
 - (6) Such other information as the Village may require.
- G. No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The vehicle must be inspected by the designated representative to ensure that the vehicle is safe to operate on Village streets and is in compliance with this article and with the State of Illinois Vehicle Code;
 - (2) A physically handicapped applicant must submit a certificate signed by his or her physician, certifying that the applicant is able to safely operate a qualified golf cart on Village streets; and
 - (3) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois statute regarding minimum liability insurance.
- H. The Village may suspend or revoke any permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this article or there is evidence that the permittee cannot safely operate a qualified golf cart on the designated roadways.³
- I. The Village Clerk shall be authorized to issue a permit on only such days as may be approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

². Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. VI).

³. Editor's Note: An original ordinance subsection containing penalties, which immediately followed this subsection, was repealed at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. VI). See now § 295-4, Violations and penalties.

§ 295-4. Violations and penalties.

A. Any person violating any provision of this article shall be subject to a penalty as set forth in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II, of the Village Code.⁴

B. The fines under this section shall double for each subsequent offense within one year from the date of the first offense.

⁴. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. VI).