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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN
THE VILLAGE OF GIFFORD**

**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF GIFFORD, ILLINOIS
THIS 5th DAY OF March, 2015**

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gifford, Champaign County, Illinois this 11th day of March, 2015.

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WHEREAS, The Village of Gifford is charged with the health, safety and welfare of its citizens which extends to public safety on the Village roadways; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees at a duly held public meeting has determined that it is appropriate and necessary for the public safety of the citizens of the Village of Gifford to regulate and license the use of Golf Carts and similar modes of transportation as described under this Ordinance on the date(s) designated by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, To review the plausibility of allowing for the use of Golf Carts as fuel efficient transportation in the Village, the Village desires to provide for this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Gifford, Illinois:

This Ordinance is effective this date upon, from and after its passage. The Clerk of the Village of Gifford is hereby directed to publish this ordinance in pamphlet form.

Section 1 GENERALLY. Golf carts and utility vehicles specifically defined and qualified herein shall be allowed on Village streets under the conditions as stated herein.

Section 2 DEFINITIONS. A "Golf Cart", as defined herein, means a vehicle specifically designed and intended for the purposes of transporting one (1) 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.

A "utility vehicles" as defined herein, means a vehicle other than a golf cart equipped with all of the requirements as listed in Section 3 (f).

"Village Streets" means any of the streets within the boundaries of the Village of Gifford, Illinois.

Section 3 REQUIREMENTS. All persons wishing to operate a golf cart on the Village Streets must ensure compliance with the following requirements:

- a) Proof of current liability insurance.
- b) Must be certified with the Village and have the vehicles certified with the Village by inspection by a designated representative.

- c) Must display Village decal on the rear of the vehicle.
- d) Must have a current, valid Illinois driver's license.
- e) Section (c) above may be satisfied by displaying a decal from another municipality who the demands the same requirements as (a), (b) and (d) of this Section and Section 4. A vehicle displaying a decal from another municipality, must still sign a Waiver of Liability 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
- f) Golf carts must be equipped as follows:
 - (i) Horn;
 - (ii) Brakes and brake light;
 - (iii) Turn signals;
 - (iv) A steering wheel apparatus;
 - (v) Tires
 - (vi) Rearview mirror;
 - (vii) Approved "Slow Moving" emblem on the rear of the vehicle (625 ILCS 5/12-709);
 - (viii) Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front which must illuminate when in operation;
 - (ix) Tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least one hundred (100) feet from the rear which must be illuminated when in operation;
 - (x) Any additional requirements which may be amended to 65 ILCS 5/11-1428 or the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code.
- g) Must obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois.
- h) Must be operated by someone eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- i) Must be operated only on the Village streets, except where prohibited.
- j) May not be operated on State highways except at Designated Crossing Points. Designated Crossing Points shall only include any street intersecting with U.S. 136.

- k) Must not be operated in excess of posted speed limit and, regardless may not exceed thirty-five (35) miles per hour.
- l) 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 Section 11-500 through 11-502 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (625 ILCS 5/11-500 – 11-502).
- m) 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 Village Chief of Police for special events.
- n) Golf carts may not be operated on streets and highways and roads under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (U.S. Route 136) except to cross at designated streets at Designated Crossing Points.
- o) 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.

Section 4 PERMITS.

No person shall operate a qualified golf cart without first obtaining a permit from the Village Clerk as provided herein. Permits shall be granted for a period of one year from the date written. The Police Department 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-Five Dollars (\$25.00)**. Such fee will be waived for any applicants who have a disabled parking designation issued by the State of Illinois. Insurance coverage is to be verified to be in effect by the Police Department when obtaining and renewing a permit.

Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the Village and shall contain the following information:

- a) Name and address of applicant;
- b) Name of liability insurance carrier;
- c) The serial number, make, model and description of golf cart;
- d) 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;
- e) Photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage card specifically for the vehicle to be operated pursuant to the permit;

i) Such other information as the Village may require

No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:

- a) The vehicle must be inspected by the designated representative to insure that the vehicle is safe to operate on Village streets and is in compliance with this Ordinance and with the State of Illinois Motor Vehicle Code;
- b) A physically handicapped applicant must submit a certificate signed by the physician, certifying that the applicant is able to safely operate a qualified golf cart on Village Streets;
- c) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes regarding minimum liability insurance.

The Village may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this Ordinance or there is evidence that permittee cannot safely operate a qualified golf cart on the designated roadways.

The Village Clerk shall be authorized to issue a permit on only such days as may be approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

Section 5 VIOLATION.

Any failure of an individual to abide by this Ordinance or otherwise secure a permit provided herein when operating a golf cart upon the streets of the Village shall be subject to a fine of \$250.00.

Passed by the Board of Trustees and approved by the Village of Gifford, Illinois at a regular meeting held this 5th day of March, 2015.

APPROVED:


Derald Ackerman, President

ATTEST:


Cynthia Duden, Village Clerk

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