

**Title 7**

**Traffic**

**ARTICLE 1**

**ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE ADOPTED**

**SECTION 1.** **ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE.** In order to control and regulate traffic within the Village is hereby adopted the Illinois Vehicle Code, being particularly Chapter 625, Illinois Compiled Statutes, of which not less than one (1) copy has been and now is filed in the office of the Clerk, and the same is hereby adopted and Incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein.

**ARTICLE 1**  
**SPEED RESTRICTIONS**

**SECTION 1. SPEED RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall drive a vehicle upon any public highway in the Village at a speed greater than is reasonable and having proper regard to the traffic and the use of the way, or so as to endanger the life or limb, or injure the property of any person. Speed restrictions on the various streets of the Village shall be complied with as follows:

Not in excess of twenty (20) M.P.H. on all streets except U.S. Route 150 (First Street);  
and

The speed limit signs as posted by the State on U.S. Route 150 (First Street).

**ARTICLE 2**

**LOAD AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS**

**SECTION 1. MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT.** No vehicle, truck, semi-trailer or combination truck-tractor, semi-trailer, having a maximum gross weight of over ten (10) tons shall be permitted on the streets, avenues or alleys of the Village where same is prohibited. Such prohibition shall be designated by a "maximum weight limit" sign.

**SECTION 2. EXCEPTIONS.** This Ordinance shall not apply to the following:

1. Fire trucks or emergency vehicles.
2. Vehicles making delivery of goods within Village limits.
3. Garbage and refuse vehicles.
4. Vehicles loading goods or services for delivery from businesses within the Village limits.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**SNOWMOBILE RESTRICTIONS**

**SECTION 1. SNOWMOBILES PROHIBITED.**

- 1.1 Snowmobiles are prohibited on any sidewalk in this Village.
- 1.2 Snowmobiles are prohibited in or on any public or private parking lot in this Village or in or upon any public property in this Village.
- 1.3 Snowmobiles shall be prohibited on any roadway or alley within Village limits except for being driven in and out of town by the most direct route on road-ways or alleys.
- 1.4 Snowmobiles operated within the Village shall be driven at the minimum speed necessary to maintain forward motion.
- 1.5 Snowmobiles shall not be driven over any private property except that property owned by the owner of the snowmobile or unless the generator shall have first secured a written consent from the property owners.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**GOLF CART/NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS**

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

- A. "Golf Cart" - means 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.
- B. "Neighborhood Vehicle" - Self-propelled, electronically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle (or a self-propelled, gasoline powered four-wheeled motor vehicle with an engine displacement under 1,200 cubic centimeters) which is capable of attaining in one mile a speed of more than 20 miles per hour, but not more than 25 miles per hour, and which conforms to federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500 (Slow Speed Vehicles).
- C. "Village Streets" - Any of the streets within the boundaries of the Village of Alpha, Illinois, except for state and county roads.

**SECTION 2. POLICY STATEMENT**

This Ordinance is adopted in the interest of public safety. Golf carts and neighborhood vehicles are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets and roads, hereinafter "streets(s)," and the Village of Alpha in no way advocates or endorses their operation on streets. The Village, by regulating such operation is merely addressing safety issues. This Ordinance is not to be relied upon as determination that operation on streets is safe or advisable even if done in accordance with this Ordinance. All persons operating golf carts and neighborhood vehicles must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. All persons who operate or ride golf carts and neighborhood vehicles on streets inside the Village of Alpha do so at their own risk and peril. The Village of Alpha has no liability under any theory of liability for permitting golf carts to be operated on Village streets.

**SECTION 3. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

- A. Golf carts and neighborhood vehicles may only be operated on streets within the Village of Alpha in accordance with the following rules and regulations. Any person who operates a golf cart and neighborhood vehicle in the Village of Alpha:
  - 1. Takes full responsibility for all liability associated with operating the golf cart or neighborhood vehicle.
  - 2. Must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and possess a valid driver's license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Illinois or any other state.
  - 3. Must possess proof of liability insurance, meeting Illinois statutes requirements.
  - 4. Shall have headlight and tail lamps lighted at all times when operated on Village Streets.

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5. May not travel when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.
6. May not travel on sidewalks or Village parks other than parking areas.
7. May travel on Village streets which have a posted speed limit of Twenty (20) miles per hour or less, but golf carts may not exceed twenty (20) miles per hour.
8. May not be operated on State Route 17/150 except to cross said highway at intersections in a path ninety (90) degrees to said highway and only at the intersections of "B" Street, "C" Street/Picard and "D" Street.
9. Must be equipped as follows: at a minimum it has the following: horn, brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a "slow moving emblem" with a "3 inch high" permit number in the middle on the rear of the golf cart, a headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear, brake lights, and turn signals.
10. Must adhere to all applicable State laws concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, and all other illegal drugs, and all other state traffic laws.
11. Must yield the right-of-way to overtaking vehicles at all times.
12. A maximum occupancy of one person per bucket seat or two per bench seat.
13. Children must be properly seated, with seatbelts for children under 6 years of age, while said vehicle is in motion, and may not be transported in a negligent manner.
14. Only allowed to park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver or at least one passenger has a valid handicap parking sticker.
15. Vehicles must be inspected by the Chief of Police, and have valid permit documentation from the Village visibly displayed on slow-moving emblem.
16. Neighborhood vehicles with motors in excess of 900 cc shall not be permitted under this ordinance.

**SECTION 4. PERMITS**

- A. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the Village.
- B. A permit application fee of \$20.00 for applicants age 65 or older and \$30.00 for all other applicants.
- C. Such other information as the Village may require.
- D. Permits shall be granted for a period of one year and may be renewed annually, for the period May 1st to April 30th (Fiscal Year.)
- E. Other information:
  1. The Village may suspend or revoke a permit upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this Article or there is evidence that permittee cannot safely operate a qualified golf cart on the designated roadways.

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2. The Village President and the Police Committee shall monitor the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT**

- A. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each violation.
- B. A second violation of this Ordinance shall, in addition to being subject to time, be grounds for the revocation of the vehicle's permit issued for a period up to one (1) year.
- C. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Alpha reserves the right to amend or repeal this Ordinance at any time, and if such amendment or repeal affects the rights of permit holders, all permit holders will be notified thereof by the Village by certified mail.
- D. No person receiving a permit pursuant to the terms of this ordinance shall have any legal right to the continuation of said "permit" regardless of the cost of rendering a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle in compliance with this ordinance. The Village of Alpha shall not under any circumstances be liable for any expenses incurred by an applicant or licensee for that applicant or licensee's costs to make the necessary modifications required by the Village.

**SECTION 6. GENERAL**

This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.