

7-2-6: GOLF CARTS ON ROADWAYS:

- A. For the purpose of this section a "golf cart" is defined in 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-1428(d) as *"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. Any terms not otherwise defined in this section shall have the meaning as set forth in the Illinois vehicle code¹.
- C. Subject to the terms hereof, it shall be lawful for any person who is a licensed driver to drive or operate a golf cart on all roadways within the corporate limits of the village of Herscher, unless such roadways are under the jurisdiction of another unit of government which has not adopted legislation allowing the operation of such golf carts.
- D. The operation of golf carts on the roadways herein described, including operation of golf carts after sunset and before sunrise, shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois rules of the road and the Illinois vehicle code². Headlights will be required during all operation of a golf cart within the village on any roadway or alley.
- E. The village shall impose a minimum age for operation within the village at twenty one (21) years of age and must possess a valid driver's license. (Ord. 08-8, 8-4-2008)
- F. The village of Herscher, Illinois, shall post appropriate signs on unauthorized golf cart roadways where carts shall not operate, with the exception of roadways owned by the state. Unauthorized roadways are as follows: Route 115, Park Road, 5000 South Road, and the 100 block of South Main Street between Kankakee and Myrtle Avenues. The village board may alter, change, or close any authorized golf cart roadway due to special needs (i.e., parades, Labor Day, weather, etc.). (Ord. 11-10, 6-20-2011)
- G. The village shall require all golf carts operated within the village to be registered with the village, display a village permit decal and a registration number on both sides of the golf cart and one on the rear using three inch (3") reflective numbers. The application form will be maintained at the village hall and a copy forwarded to the Herscher police department. The yearly permit fee will be ten dollars (\$10.00) per cart. Decals and numbers will be affixed by the village clerk or village police officer at the village hall or other predetermined location (i.e., residence, repair shop, etc.).
- H. The village of Herscher shall maintain the right to suspend or revoke the permit of any golf cart based on unsafe operation or three (3) complaints during a six (6) month time period. All complaints will be

brought before the village board by the police chief. The village board after reviewing the facts may suspend or revoke the permit. Suspensions will be in thirty (30) day increments.

- I. The village shall require all registered golf carts to be insured and proof of insurance (recreational vehicle insurance) to be carried at all times during operation. A copy of the insurance will be provided to the village of Herscher at the time of registration.

- J. All golf carts registered within the village of Herscher will be required to be speed limited to fifteen (15) miles per hour.

- K. All golf carts operated within the village of Herscher will be required to be electric/battery operated only, no gas powered carts.

- L. All provisions set forth in the Illinois vehicle code³ be and hereby are adopted by reference and made a part of this section.

- M. The provisions contained herein shall be in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Illinois rules of the road and the Illinois vehicle code⁴, as may be amended from time to time.

- N. Any person operating a "golf cart" in the village of Herscher in violation of this section shall be subject to fines and penalties prescribed under the Illinois vehicle code⁵ or village ordinance. Fines will be assessed as follows:
 - 1. First offense/violation: Twenty five dollars (\$25.00),
 - 2. Second violation: Fifty dollars (\$50.00), and
 - 3. Third violation: Seventy five dollars (\$75.00) with review by village board for possible suspension of permit. (Ord. 08-8, 8-4-2008)