

6-2-10: GOLF CARTS:

A. Generally:

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

B. Definitions:

CITY STREETS: Any of the streets within the boundaries of the city of LeRoy, Illinois.

GOLF CART: 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.

C. Requirements: All persons wishing to operate a golf cart on the city streets must ensure compliance with the following requirements:

1. Proof of current liability insurance.
2. Must be certified with the city and have the vehicles certified with the city by inspection by a certified mechanic.
3. Must display city decal on the rear of the vehicle.
4. Must have a current, valid Illinois driver's license.
5. Golf carts must be equipped as follows:
 - a. Horn;
 - b. Brakes and brake light;
 - c. Turn signals;
 - d. A steering wheel apparatus;
 - e. Tires;
 - f. Rearview mirror;
 - g. Approved "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem on the rear of the vehicle³;
 - h. Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the front which must illuminate when in operation;
 - i. Taillamp that emits a red light visible from at least one hundred feet (100') from the rear which must be illuminated when in operation;

- j. Any additional requirements which may be amended to 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-1426.1 or the Illinois motor vehicle code.
6. Must obey all traffic laws of the state of Illinois.
7. Must be twenty one (21) years of age.
8. Must be operated only on the city streets.
9. May not be operated on state highways and county roads except at ninety degree (90°) crossing points.
10. Must not be operated in excess of posted speed limit and may not exceed twenty (20) miles per hour.
11. May only be operated between sunrise and sunset.
12. 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 Statutes⁴.
13. Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks or in city parks other than parking areas.
14. Golf carts may not be operated on streets and highways and roads under the jurisdiction of the Illinois department of transportation or the county highway department except to cross at ninety degree (90°) crossing locations.
15. Persons driving the golf carts are to pull over to the right side of the road and stop, yielding right of way to approaching traffic from behind.
16. Golf carts are to have an elevated flag attached.
17. Seat belts are to be installed and required to be worn for the driver and all passengers when in operation.

D. Permits:

1. No person shall operate a qualified golf cart without first obtaining a permit from the city clerk as provided herein. Permits shall be granted for a period of one year and renewed annually. The cost of the permit is one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Insurance coverage is to be verified and to be in effect by the police department when obtaining and renewing a permit.
2. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the city 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 city and agreeing to indemnify and hold the city harmless from any and all future claims resulting from the operation of their golf carts on city streets;

e. Photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage card specifically for the vehicle to be operated pursuant to the permit;

f. Such other information as the city may require.

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

a. The vehicle must be inspected by a certified mechanic to ensure that the vehicle is safe to operate on city streets and is in compliance with this section 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 city streets;

c. The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois statutes regarding minimum liability insurance.

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

e. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this section, including any provisions of the state law that are adopted herein by reference, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to penalty as provided in [title 1, chapter 4](#) of this code. (Ord. 14-05-01-70, 5-19-2014)