

Chapter 3

NONHIGHWAY VEHICLES

5-3-1: PURPOSE:

The purpose of this chapter is to protect, maintain, and enhance health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the village of Scales Mound. After consideration of the volume, speed and character of traffic on the village roadways, the village board has determined that nonhighway vehicles may safely travel on village streets.

Therefore, the intent of this chapter is to regulate the use of nonhighway vehicles within the corporate limits of the village of Scales Mound as authorized by 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-1426.1, operation of non-highway vehicles on streets, roads and highways.

This chapter does not designate any nonhighway vehicle as an intended or permitted user of any village roadway, county roadway, or township roadway. (Ord. 2012-001, 3-26-2012)

5-3-2: DEFINITIONS:

As used in this chapter:

COUNTY ROADWAY: Any county roadway located within the corporate boundaries of the village of Scales Mound.

NONHIGHWAY VEHICLE: A motor vehicle not specifically designed to be used on a public highway, including, but not limited to:

- A. An all-terrain vehicle, as defined by section 1-101.8 of the Illinois vehicle code.
- B. A golf cart, as defined by section 1-123.9 of the Illinois vehicle code.
- C. A recreational off highway vehicle, as defined by section 1-168.8 of the Illinois vehicle code.

OPERATE: To ride in or on, other than as a passenger, use or control the operation of a nonhighway vehicle in any manner, whether or not the nonhighway vehicle is under way.

PERSON: An individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association or other entity.

ROADWAY: Any road, street, avenue or alley within the corporate limits of the village of Scales Mound.

TOWNSHIP ROADWAY: Any township roadway within the corporate boundaries of the village of Scales Mound.

VILLAGE ROADWAY: Any street, avenue, or alley within the corporate boundaries of the village of Scales Mound except for county or township roads. (Ord. 2012-001, 3-26-2012)

5-3-3: LIMITATIONS ON USE OF NONHIGHWAY VEHICLES:

- A. Any person wishing to operate a nonhighway vehicle on the roadway within the corporate boundaries of the village of Scales Mound must comply with the following requirements:
1. No nonhighway vehicle may be operated on a village roadway unless, at a minimum, it has the following: a steering apparatus, brakes, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a "slow moving" emblem as required of other vehicles in Illinois motor vehicle code¹ on the rear of the nonhighway vehicle, a headlamp that, under normal circumstances, emits a white visible light from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the front, a taillamp that, under normal circumstances, emits a red light visible from at least one hundred feet (100') from the rear, brake lights, and turn signals.
 2. When operated on a village roadway, a nonhighway vehicle shall have its headlight and taillamps lighted as required by Illinois motor vehicle code².
 3. Nonhighway vehicles may only be operated on village roadways with the exception of authorized crossing of state roads, county roads, and township roads.
 4. No nonhighway vehicles shall be operated on sidewalks, in parks or on other public property not accessible to or authorized to vehicular traffic.
 5. No nonhighway vehicle may be operated on village roadways at a speed in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour.
 6. Nonhighway vehicles may only be operated on village roadways from sunrise to sunset. They shall not be operated in inclement weather nor when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions or anytime when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of five hundred feet (500').
 7. Any person who operates a nonhighway vehicle on a village roadway must have an official valid driver's license issued in his or her name.
 8. Any person who operates or is in physical control of a nonhighway vehicle on a roadway while under the influence is subject to Illinois motor vehicle code³.
 9. Any person who operates a nonhighway vehicle on a village roadway shall be required to comply with the "rules of the road"⁴.
 10. Any person who operates a nonhighway vehicle on a village roadway shall be subject to the mandatory insurance requirements under the Illinois motor vehicle code⁵ and must have in their possession the required proof of insurance for such nonhighway vehicle. (Ord. 2012-001, 3-26-2012)

5-3-4: PENALTY:

Any person violating this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine as provided in section [1-4-1](#) of this code. (Ord. 2012-001, 3-26-2012)