

Chapter 6

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A. Golf Carts Allowed: Golf carts, as 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 Wenona, 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, to include gator type vehicles.

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

1. Any person who operates a golf cart on a street, highway, or roadway shall be subject to show proof of current liability insurance.
2. Must obtain city of Wenona permit as specified in subsection D of this section.
3. Must carry city of Wenona permit in golf cart.
4. Must have a current, valid Illinois driver's license issued in his or her name by the secretary of state. Must hold valid driver's license and must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and be able to operate a golf cart upon any street, highway, or roadway.
5. No golf cart may be operated on a roadway unless equipped as follows:
 - a. Brakes and brake lights.
 - b. Steering wheel apparatus.
 - c. Tires.
 - d. Rearview mirrors.
 - e. Approved "slow moving" emblem on the rear of the vehicle¹.
 - f. Red reflector warning devices in the front and rear.
 - g. Headlights that emit a white light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the front which must be illuminated when in operation.
 - h. Taillamps that emit a red light visible from at least one hundred feet (100') from the rear, which must be illuminated when in operation.
 - i. A golf cart shall have its headlight and taillamps lighted at all times as required by section 12-201 of the Illinois vehicle code.

- j. Windshield or eye protection.
 - k. Air horn of two hundred fifty feet (250') hearing distance.
 - l. Any additional requirements which may be required by the Illinois vehicle code.
6. Must obey all traffic laws of the state of Illinois and the city of Wenona.
 7. Must be operated only on city streets, except where prohibited.
 8. Must not operate on State Highway 17 (Elm Street) or State Highway 251 (Chestnut Street), however can cross at approved intersections.
 9. Vehicle must not be capable of exceeding twenty five (25) miles per hour and must observe posted speed limits.
 10. A person operating or who is in actual physical control of a golf cart as described herein on a roadway while under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds or any combination thereof is subject to the Illinois Compiled Statutes².
 11. Golf carts may not be operated on streets and highways and roads under the jurisdiction of the Illinois department of transportation, State Highway 17 (Elm Street) or State Highway 251 (Chestnut Street), except to cross the street or highways at approved intersections.

D. Permits:

1. No person shall operate a qualified golf cart without first obtaining a permit from the chief of police as provided herein. Permits shall be granted for a period of one year. The cost of the permit is twenty five dollars (\$25.00). Proof of liability insurance coverage is to be provided to the chief of police and the golf cart must be inspected and approved by the chief of police.
2. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the city of Wenona and shall contain the following information:
 - a. Name and address of applicant;
 - b. Name of liability insurance carrier and policy number;
 - c. Serial number, make, model and description of golf cart;
 - d. Signed waiver of liability by applicant releasing the city of Wenona and its employees and agreeing to indemnify and hold the city harmless from any and all future claims resulting from the operation of their golf cart on the city of Wenona streets. Waiver is to be supplied by permittee and his/her insurance company and must be turned in before permit can be issued;
 - e. Photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage card specifically for the golf cart to be operated pursuant to the permit;
 - f. Photocopy of valid driver's license.
3. No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:
 - a. Vehicle must be inspected by the chief of police 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 vehicle code.
 - b. Applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois statutes regarding minimum liability insurance for passenger motor vehicle to be operated on the roads of the state of Illinois.
4. The city of Wenona 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. Violations: Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a petty offense and shall be punished by a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). Any second or subsequent offense shall result in the revocation of the permit for a period of not less than one year nor more than three (3) years. To the extent that any violation of this section also constitutes a violation of a criminal statute of the state of Illinois, then the violator shall also be subject to criminal prosecution. (Ord. 040113A, 4-1-2013)

Footnotes - Click any footnote link to go back to its reference.

[Footnote 1](#): 625 ILCS 5/12-709.

[Footnote 2](#): 625 ILCS 5/11-500 - 11-502.