

OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY TASK (SIDE-BY-SIDE) VEHICLES (UTV)

70.20 DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

COUNTY ROADS. Any road under the jurisdiction of Will County or Grundy Highway Departments.

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 playing of golf or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a public or private golf course and having a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour.

STATE ROADS. Any road under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation. **STATE ROADS** include U.S. Route 6, Interstate 55, and frontage roads.

TOWNSHIP ROADS. Any road under the jurisdiction of a township road district.

UTILITY TASK (SIDE-BY-SIDE) VEHICLE (UTV). A motorized vehicle designed to travel primarily off-highway; 64 inches or less in width; having a manufacturer's dry weight of 2,000 pound or less; with an engine displacement under one thousand two hundred (1,200) cubic centimeters; traveling on four (4) or more non-highway tires; designed with a non-straddle seats for two (2) to six (6) passengers inclusive of driver, and a steering wheel for steering control and maneuvering; except equipment such as lawnmowers.

VILLAGE STREETS. Any of the streets within the boundaries of the Village of Channahon except for state and county roads.

§ 70.21 OPERATING REQUIREMENTS.

Golf carts and UTVs may be operated on village streets subject to the following:

- (A) The driver is subject to the mandatory vehicle liability insurance requirements of Illinois under Section 7-601 through 7-610 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, and must carry proof of such insurance, specifically listing the golf cart or UTV.
- (B) Permit sticker/placard issued by the Village shall be affixed and remain constantly visible on the rear of the golf cart or UTV while operation on Village streets.
- (C) The driver be 16 years of age or older, and must possess a valid driver's license.
- (D) Prior to operating any golf cart or UTV within the Village of Channahon, each operator will have on file a signed waiver of liability as provided by the Village.
- (E) When operated on a roadway, a golf cart and UTV shall have its headlights and tail lamps illuminated.
- (F) The golf cart and UTV shall be equipped with brakes, a steering wheel apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, windshield, horn or warning device, seat belts for driver and passenger(s), red reflective warning devices in front and rear, an approved slow moving vehicle emblem (as required of other vehicles in Section 12-709 of the Illinois Vehicle Code) on the rear of the golf cart or UTV, 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 front and rear.
- (G) The golf cart and UTV driver must obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois and the Village of Channahon with regard to the movement and operation of vehicles on the streets and roadways.
- (H) Golf carts and UTVs may only be operated on village streets with posted speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less. This division (H) does not prohibit a golf cart or UTV from crossing a village street at an intersection where the village street has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

- (I) A person driving a golf cart and UTV may make a direct crossing upon or across a state road if the state road has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less and the crossing is made at an intersection controlled by a traffic light or a four-way stop sign.
- (J) The driver must not exceed 25 MPH.
- (K) Shall only be operated from sunrise to sunset.
- (L) A person who drives or is in actual physical control of the golf cart or UTV on a roadway while under the influence is subject to ILCS Ch. 625, Act 5, §§ 11-500 through 11-502, and applicable local ordinances.
- (M) Golf carts and UTVs may not be operated on sidewalks or other public property not accessible to or authorized for vehicular traffic.
- (N) No “non-highway” vehicle as defined in ILCS Ch. 625, Act 5, § 11-1426.1 is permitted on village streets, roads or highways except golf carts and UTVs as defined in section 70.20.
 - 1. No aftermarket muffler or exhaust which produces a noise level above the original manufacturer’s muffler or exhaust will be permitted.
 - 2. All home-build, or kit-build, golf carts and UTVs are prohibited.
- (O) All crossings of streets, roads and highways which are permitted by this subchapter must be direct crossings made at an intersection.
- (P) Compliance is required with the following provision of the Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act whichever is more restrictive:
 - 1. When transporting any child under 8 years, the driver shall be responsible for providing for the protection of the child by securing them in an appropriate child restraint system. The parent or legal guardian of the child under 8 years shall provide a child restraint system to any person who transports a child.
 - 2. If the child being transported is under 2 years of age, the driver is responsible for properly securing the child in a rear facing child restraint system unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches tall.
 - 3. For purposes of this section a “child restraint system” means any device which meets the standard of the United States Department of Transportation designed to restrain, seat or position children, which also includes a booster seat.
 - 4. A child weighing more than 40 pounds may be transported in the rear seat while only wearing a lap belt if the back seat is not equipped with a combination lap and shoulder belt.

70.22 Prohibited Crossings and Roadway Restrictions

It shall be prohibited by this code to:

- (A) Cross U.S. Route 6 (Eames Street)
- (B) Cross or Operate on any Frontage Road
- (C) Operate on Thomas Dillon Drive, Bradley Street, Amoco Road, or Exchange Boulevard
- (D) Hansel Road between Rachel Drive and McLindon Road
- (E) Ridge Road between U.S. Route 6 (Eames Street) and Hansel Road
- (F) Bell Road, north of U.S. Route 6 (Eames Street)
- (G) Knapp Street
- (H) Tryon Street, north of U.S. Route 6.
- (I) Operate on any street, highway, or road under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation; or the County Highway Department; or under the jurisdiction of another local unit of government or private entity which has not authorized their use.
- (J) Operate upon any street, highway, or road, or section thereof, not under control of the Village of Channahon
- (K) Operate on any street, highway, or road with a posted speed limit of more than 35 MPH.

70.23 Seat Belt Usage Required

Each driver of and passenger, regardless of age, in seats of a golf cart or UTV operated on streets within the Village, shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt described in the Illinois Vehicle Code/Village Code; except that wearing seat belts is not required for any of the following:

- (A) A driver or passenger possessing a written statement from a physician that such person is unable, for medical or physical reasons, to wear a seat belt.
- (B) A driver or passenger possessing an official certificate or license endorsement issued by the appropriate agency in another state or country indicating that the driver or passenger is unable for medical, physical, or valid reasons to wear a seat belt.

70.24 Permits

(A) No person shall operate a golf cart or UTV on a Village street without first obtaining a permit as provided herein. Permits shall expire on December 31 of each year. The cost of the permit shall be \$10. Applications for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the Village, shall be executed by the applicant, and shall contain the following:

1. Name and address of applicant
2. Driver's license number
3. Address and phone number
4. Name of liability insurance carrier and policy number
5. The serial number or VIN, make, model and description of golf cart or recreational off-highway vehicle
6. Waiver of liability on a form provided by the Village
7. Such other information as the Village may require

(B) No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:

1. The vehicle is properly titled with the Illinois Secretary of State, if abled or required;
2. A physically handicapped applicant or operator must submit a certificate signed by a physician, certifying that the applicant is able to safely operate a golf cart or UTV on Village streets;
3. The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois statutes regarding minimum liability insurance for passenger motor vehicles to be operated on the roads of the State of Illinois.

(C) Permits may be renewed upon demonstration of compliance with the requirements for initial issuance of a permit and the payment of the permit fee.

(D) Permits are non-transferable

(E) Permit holders must inform the Channahon Police Department within ten (10) days of any change of address, phone number, and/or insurance coverage.

(F) A permit shall be denied for the following reasons:

1. The vehicle is not properly titled with the Illinois Secretary of State Office, if abled or required;
2. Insurance information cannot be verified;
3. Registered owner does not possess a valid driver's license;
4. Owner has provided false information in their application;
5. Vehicle does not conform to the requirements of this ordinance; or
6. Permit holder cannot safely operate golf cart or UTV.

70.25 Seizure and Impoundment

Golf Carts and UTVs are subject to seizure and impoundment pursuant to Chapter 97 of the code of Ordinance, and seizure under Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

70.26 Revocation

- (A) Any person who violates the provisions of this Chapter may be subject to revocation of permit(s) or non-renewal of permit(s), at the discretion of the Police Chief, or designee, and subject to a monetary fine as provided under the general penalty provision 70.99 of this Code.
- (B) No refund of the permit fee will be granted in the event of a revocation.
- (C) Any golf cart or UTV whose permit was revoked, or non-renewed, for violating any portion of this Chapter, cannot be permitted or operated on any roadway for a period of one (1) year.
- (D) Person(s) who violate provisions of this chapter may have their ability to permit any golf cart or UTV revoked for a minimum of one (1) year.
- (E) The Village may suspend or revoke a permit granted under this Chapter if there is evidence that the permit holder cannot safely operate the vehicle on designated roadways.

70.27 Special Events

Notwithstanding Section 70.24 of the Village Code, a golf cart, recreational utility vehicle, recreational off-highway vehicle, and all-terrain vehicle may be operated on approved streets of the Village without a permit issued under Section 70.24 as part of a special event for which the Village has granted approval; provided, however, that all other provisions of the Village Code, the Illinois Compiled Statutes and all other applicable laws and regulations shall apply to such operation.

70.28 Exemptions

Any golf cart, all-terrain vehicle, off-highway motorcycle, or recreational off-highway vehicle belonging to any municipal, state, county, district, federal, or tribal police, fire, Emergency Management Agency; or anyone requested, summoned, or directed by the same; shall be exempt from this Chapter.

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

- (A) Any person found to be in violation of § [70.03](#) shall be subject to fine of not less than \$75, and not to exceed \$750.
- (B) Any person violating any of the provisions of §§ [70.11](#) through [70.14](#) shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during and on which a violation occurs or continues.
- (C) Any person who violates any provision of §§ [70.20](#) through [70.28](#) shall upon conviction be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.