

## ARTICLE VII – OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

**24-7-1**      **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Article, the following terms are defined as follows:

**"All-terrain vehicle":** Any motorized off-highway device designed to travel primarily off-highway, **fifty (50) inches** or less in width, having a manufacturer's dry weight of **one thousand five hundred (1,500) pounds** or less, traveling on **three (3)** or more non-highway tires, designed with a seat or saddle for operator use, and handlebars or steering wheel for steering control, except equipment such as lawnmowers.

**"Golf cart":** A vehicle specifically designed and intended for the purposes of transporting **one (1)** 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.

**"Off-highway motorcycle":** Any motorized device designed to travel primarily off-highway on **two (2) wheels**, having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, upon or by which any person, persons or property may be transported or drawn.

**"Recreational off-highway vehicle":** Any motorized off-highway device designed to travel primarily off-highway, **sixty-four (64) inches** or less in width, having a manufacturer's dry weight of **two thousand (2,000) pounds** or less, traveling on **four (4)** or more non-highway tires, designed with a non-straddle seat and a steering wheel for steering control, except equipment such as lawnmowers.

**"Non-highway vehicles":** All-terrain vehicles, golf carts, off-highway motorcycles and recreational off-highway vehicles.

The foregoing definitions are verbatim from the Illinois Vehicle Code.

**24-7-2**      **PERMITTED VEHICLES.** In accordance with Section 11-1426.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the Village hereby allows the operation of the following types of non-highway vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction where the posted speed limit is **thirty-five miles per hour (35 MPH)** or less:

Golf carts

Recreational off-highway vehicles

**24-7-3**      **PROHIBITED.** The Village does not allow the operation of all-terrain vehicles or off-highway motorcycles on any roadways under its jurisdiction. Nor does the Village allow the operation of any non-highway vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction where the posted speed limit is over **thirty-five miles per hour (35 MPH)**. This Section does not, however, prohibit a golf cart or recreational off-highway vehicle from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than **thirty-five miles per hour (35 MPH)**.

**24-7-4**      **ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE.** Operation of golf carts and recreational off-highway vehicles on roadways under the jurisdiction of the Village shall be in accordance with the Illinois Vehicle Code, including but not limited to Section 11-1426.1 thereof, as in effect on the date of adoption of this Article or as hereafter amended, and including but not limited to provisions relating to mandated insurance coverage, mandated lights, emblems, turn

signals and other safety equipment and warning devices, manner of operation, rules of the road, crossing of state highways and licensure of operators.

**24-7-5      INSPECTIONS.** Prior to operating a non-highway vehicle upon the roadways of the Village, the owner of such a non-highway vehicle shall have the non-highway vehicle inspected by the Chief of Police, or the Chief's authorized designee, for compliance with this Article and Section 11-1426.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. Upon satisfactory completion of inspection, in the discretion of the Chief or the Chief's designee, a permit and corresponding permit number will be issued to the owner. **(Ord. No. 19-02; 02-20-19)**

**(Ord. No. 12-18; 11-21-12)**