

# VILLAGE OF MANITO

ORDINANCE NO. 026-002

USE OF GOLF CARTS, UTILITY-TERRAIN VEHICLES, AND NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON VILLAGE STREETS

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## SECTION 1: GENERALLY

Golf carts, utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs), and other qualifying non-highway vehicles, as defined herein, may be operated on Village streets in accordance with this Ordinance and applicable Illinois State law, including but not limited to **65 ILCS 5/11-1426.1**.

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## SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

### A. Golf Cart

A vehicle originally designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes.

### B. Utility-Terrain Vehicle (UTV)

A self-propelled, electronically or gasoline-powered four-wheeled motor vehicle designed for off-road use and meeting applicable federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. §571.500.

### C. Non-Highway Vehicle

Any golf cart, UTV, or similar vehicle not designed for highway use but permitted under this Ordinance and Illinois law.

### D. Village Streets

All streets located within the corporate limits of the Village of Manito, excluding roadways under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation, except for lawful crossings.

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## SECTION 3: REQUIREMENTS

All operators of non-highway vehicles must comply with the following:

### A. Driver Requirements

1. Must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's license, **or**
  2. Hold a valid Illinois learner's permit and operate the vehicle only when accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age and seated beside them.
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## **B. Registration & Insurance**

1. Must carry **current liability insurance** in compliance with **625 ILCS 5/7-601 and 5/7-602**.
  2. Must obtain a valid Village permit prior to operation.
  3. The vehicle must pass inspection by the Chief of Police or designee.
  4. Must display the **Village-issued permit sticker on the rear slow moving vehicle emblem at all times** while operating.
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## **C. Operation Rules**

1. Must obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois and the Village of Manito.
  2. Operation permitted **any time of day with proper lighting**.
  3. May operate only on Village streets designated for such use.
  4. **Shall not be operated on sidewalks or in parks**, except designated areas.
  5. **Shall not be operated on Adams Street**, except to cross at a right angle (90 degrees).
  6. Shall not operate on IDOT-controlled highways except to cross safely at designated points.
  7. Must yield the right-of-way to overtaking vehicles at all times.
  8. Must not exceed posted speed limits and **shall not exceed 25 mph**.
  9. Must carry only the number of passengers for which the vehicle was designed; all must be seated.
  10. Parking in ADA-designated spaces is prohibited unless proper credentials are displayed.
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## **D. Equipment Requirements**

All permitted vehicles must be equipped with:

1. Steering apparatus
2. Brakes and brake lights
3. Headlight(s) visible from 500 feet (must be illuminated during operation)
4. Tail lamp visible from 100 feet (must be illuminated during operation)
5. Tires in safe condition
6. Side-by-side seating
7. **Slow Moving Vehicle emblem** (625 ILCS 5/12-709)
8. Bicycle safety flag (recommended)
9. Seat belts for each occupant (if equipped, must be worn)
10. Any additional equipment required under **65 ILCS 5/11-1426.1**, as amended

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## **SECTION 4: PERMITS**

### **A. Permit Required**

No person shall operate a non-highway vehicle without a valid permit issued by the Village.

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### **B. Permit Term**

Permits shall be valid annually:

**January 1 through December 31**

(No prorating for partial years)

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### **C. Permit Fee**

**Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per vehicle annually**

**Five Dollars (\$5.00) per replacement permit sticker**

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## **D. Application Requirements**

Applicants must submit:

1. Name and address of applicant(s)
  2. Proof of insurance
  3. Vehicle information (make, model, serial number, description)
  4. Signed waiver of liability indemnifying the Village
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## **E. Issuance Conditions**

No permit shall be issued unless:

- Insurance requirements are met
  - Vehicle passes inspection
  - Application is complete and accurate
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## **F. Suspension or Revocation**

The Village may suspend or revoke a permit if:

1. False information is provided on application
2. Insurance lapses
3. Unsafe operation is observed
4. Necessary to protect public safety

Notice shall be provided in writing via personal delivery or certified mail and shall take effect immediately upon service or within 3 days of mailing.

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## **SECTION 5: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

1. Any violation shall be considered a **petty offense**.
  2. Fines shall be:  
**Minimum: \$150**  
**Maximum: \$750**
  3. Repeat violations may result in permit revocation by the Village Board.
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## **SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

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## **SECTION 7: REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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## **SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.