



City of Wilmington  
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**Golf Cart / Non-Highway Vehicle  
Permit Application**

Valid for Calendar Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit No: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_, Wilmington, IL 60481

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1) The golf cart or non-highway vehicle must pass an inspection for all required equipment
- 2) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes regarding minimum liability insurance
- 3) Applicant must possess a valid Driver's License

The applicant has received and read a copy of the City of Wilmington ordinance concerning the registration and operation of Golf Carts and Non-Highway Vehicles on City Streets and understands that the City may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of the City of Wilmington Ordinance governing Golf Carts and Non-Highway Vehicles, or there is evidence that permittee cannot safely operate a qualified vehicle on the designated roadways. Failure to abide by this ordinance shall result in a fine with each infraction of this ordinance constituting a separate offense bearing a separate fine.

Any person operating a golf cart or non-highway vehicle is subject to all laws of the Illinois Vehicle Code including Driving under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs. The capacity of the vehicle cannot be exceeded, and operators are required to comply with the Child Passenger Safety Laws. Appropriate seatbelts and safety seats are required.

By signing this application, the applicant hereby releases the City of Wilmington, its elected official and its employees and agrees to indemnify and hold them harmless from any and all claims resulting from the operation of this golf cart or non-highway vehicle on public streets.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Equipment Checklist**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Documents:

- Valid Driver's License
- Valid Proof of Insurance to Operate Vehicle on Public Streets
- Bill of Sale / Proof of Ownership or Statement of Ownership

Equipment:

- Brakes
- Steering Apparatus
- Tires
- Rearview Mirror
- Red Reflectors – Front & Rear
- Slow Moving Vehicle Emblems (as required of other vehicles in section 12-709 of the Illinois Vehicle Code) on the Rear of the Vehicle
- Headlight Visible Up to 500 feet
- Tail Light Visible Up to 100 feet
- Brake Lights
- Turn Signals
- Appropriate Seatbelts and Safety Seats

**APPROVED**

**DECLINED**

Police Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Fee: **\$25.00**

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Article 1. Operation of Golf Carts and Non-Highway Vehicles**

### **74.01 Definitions.**

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

"City Streets:" Any of the streets within the boundaries of the city of Wilmington except for state, county and township roads.

"County Roads:" Any road under the jurisdiction of Will County Highway Department.

"Golf Cart:" A vehicle specifically designed and intended for the purpose 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 (mph).

"Non-Highway Vehicles:" As defined herein, means any motorized off-highway device designed to travel primarily off-highway, up to 82 HP, 64 inches or less in width, having a manufacturer's dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, traveling on four or more non-highway tires, designed with side by side bench or bucket (non-straddle) seating, steering wheel, pedals for break and gas with a maximum speed of 45 miles per hour (mph).

"State Roads:" Any road under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation. State roads include, but are not limited to IL Route 102, IL Route 53, Interstate 55, and frontage roads.

"Township Roads:" Any road under the jurisdiction of a township road district.

(Ord. 17-10-17-04, § 1, passed 10-17-17; Ord. No. 19-04-16-02, § 1, passed 4-16-19)

### **74.02 Operating requirements.**

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it shall be lawful for a person to drive or operate a golf cart or non-highway vehicle upon city streets in the city of Wilmington.

- a. A person shall not drive or operate a golf cart or non-highway vehicle upon any roadway in the city of Wilmington without a valid driver's license.
- b. It is unlawful to drive or operate a golf cart upon or non-highway vehicle on any roadway in the city of Wilmington with a speed limit greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour. Provided, however, a golf cart or non-highway vehicle may cross a roadway at an intersection where the roadway to be crossed has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.
- c. Any person driving or operating a golf cart or non-highway vehicle shall not cross any state, county or township road, toll road, interstate highway, or controlled access highway unless at an intersection controlled by a traffic light or a four-way stop sign and the speed limit of the highway to be crossed is thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less at the place of crossing.
- d. A golf cart or non-highway vehicle shall only be driven or operated on roadways under the exclusive jurisdiction of the city of Wilmington unless the city has concurrent jurisdiction with another unit of government controlling the roadway and authorizes the same.

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- e. A person who drives or is in actual physical control of a golf cart or non-highway vehicle while under the influence is subject Sections 11-500 through 11-502 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, including but not limited to Driving Under the Influence (625 ILCS 5/11-501) and Illegal Transportation or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor in a Motor Vehicle (625 ILCS 5/11-502), and applicable local ordinances.
  - f. Golf carts and non-highway vehicles shall not be operated on sidewalks or other public property not accessible to or authorized for vehicular traffic.
  - g. A person who drives or operates a golf cart or non-highway vehicle shall obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois and the city of Wilmington with regard to the movement and operation of vehicles on the streets and roadways.
  - h. It is unlawful to operate or drive any non-highway vehicle, as defined by Section 11-1426.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1), besides a golf cart or non-highway vehicle, on any roadway in the city of Wilmington.

(Ord. 17-10-17-04, § 1, passed 10-17-17; Ord. No. 19-04-16-02, § 1, passed 4-16-19)

#### **74.03 Equipment requirements.**

A golf cart or non-highway vehicle shall not be operated on any roadway in the city of Wilmington, unless at a minimum, it has the following in a working and operable condition: brakes, seat safety belts, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectors in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem (as required of other vehicles in Section 12-709 of the Illinois Vehicle Code) on the rear of the golf cart or non-highway vehicle, a headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least one hundred (100) feet to the rear, brake lights and turn signals. All golf carts and non-highway vehicle shall have their headlights and tail lamps illuminated when driven or operated upon a roadway in the city of Wilmington as required by section 12-201 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(Ord. 17-10-17-04, § 1, passed 10-17-17; Ord. No. 19-04-16-02, § 1, passed 4-16-19)

#### **74.04 Mandatory insurance.**

Any person who operates a golf cart or non-highway vehicle on a street, roadway, or public alleyway shall be subject to the mandatory insurance requirements under Sections 7-601 through 7-610 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(Ord. 17-10-17-04, § 1, passed 10-17-17; Ord. No. 19-04-16-02, § 1, passed 4-16-19)

#### **74.05 Registration required.**

It shall be unlawful for a person to drive or operate a golf cart or non-highway vehicle upon any roadway in the city of Wilmington unless the golf cart or non-highway vehicle is registered with the Wilmington Police Department and conspicuously displays a valid and corresponding registration number placard/sticker on the passenger side of the rear bumper on the golf cart or non-highway vehicle.

- (A) Upon the adoption of this ordinance, and annually thereafter, all owners of golf carts or non-highway vehicle shall apply to register their golf carts or non-highway vehicle with the Wilmington City Hall by fully and truthfully completing a registration application. In order to register, the golf cart or non-highway vehicle shall be subject to inspection by the Wilmington Police Department.
- (B) The registration and the corresponding placard/sticker shall be valid for a period of January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year.

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- (C) A nonrefundable registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid to the city of Wilmington with each application or reapplication for registration.
  - (D) Registration shall be subject to revocation in the event the Wilmington Police Department determines the applicable insurance policy for the golf cart or non-highway vehicle has been revoked, has lapsed or is otherwise invalid.
  - (E) All owners of golf carts or non-highway vehicles registered with the Wilmington Police Department will be issued a corresponding registration number placard/sticker, which shall be affixed and remain conspicuously visible on the rear of the golf cart or non-highway vehicle.

(Ord. 17-10-17-04, § 1, passed 10-17-17; Ord. No. 19-04-16-02, § 1, passed 4-16-19)

#### **74.06 Capacity limitations; seat safety belts and child restraints required.**

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a golf cart or non-highway vehicle upon any roadway within the city of Wilmington while transporting or carrying more occupants than seat safety belts on the golf cart.
- (B) Each driver and passenger of a golf cart or non-highway vehicle operated on any roadway within the city of Wilmington shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat safety belt.
- (C) A child less than eight (8) years of age shall not be transported in a golf cart or non-highway vehicle unless properly secured in an appropriate child restraint system, or otherwise protected as required by Section 4 of the Child Passenger Safety Act. Each driver of a golf cart or non-highway vehicle transporting a child eight (8) years of age or more, but less than 16 years of age, shall secure the child in a properly adjusted and fastened seat safety belt. The transportation of a child eight (8) years of age or less is prohibited unless the child is accompanied by the child's parent or guardian or a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older other than the driver.

(Ord. 17-10-17-04, § 1, passed 10-17-17; Ord. No. 19-04-16-02, § 1, passed 4-16-19)

#### **74.07 Penalty.**

Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$75.00, and not more than \$750.00. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during and on which a violation occurs or continues.

(Ord. 17-10-17-04, § 1, passed 10-17-17; Ord. No. 19-04-16-02, § 1, passed 4-16-19)