

## 16.11 GOLF CARTS (New May 2012) Amended 2017

**Section 1.** Chapter 16 of the 2008 Village Code of the Village of Forrest is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 16.11 which shall read as follows:

### **A. Purpose**

The purpose of the section is to allow the travel on some streets within the corporate limits of the Village by certain golf carts and neighborhood vehicles which have been registered with the village.

### **B. Definitions**

Whenever in this section the following terms are used, they shall have for the purpose of this section only the following meanings:

**ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE** – any motorized off-highway device designed to travel primarily off high-way, 50 inches or less in width having a manufacturer’s dry weight of 1,500 pounds or less, traveling on 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 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 of a public or private golf course.

**NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLE** – a self-propelled, electric powered, four-wheeled motor vehicle (or a self-propelled, gasoline powered, four wheeled motor vehicles with an engine displacement under 1,200 cubic centimeters) that is capable of attaining in one mile a speed of more than 20 miles per hour, but not more than 25 miles per hour. Examples would include a John Deere “Gator” or Kawasaki “Mule” and similar side-by- side seated vehicles, but will not include all-terrain vehicles or other similar unlicensed vehicles.

### **C. Limitations on operation**

Subject to the limitations set forth in this chapter, any person **who is 16 years old or older and with a valid driver’s license** may operate a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle registered in the manner hereinafter set forth on any street or highway under the jurisdiction of the Village where the posted speed

limit is 20 miles per hour or less. This section shall not be construed as granting permission for any person operating a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle to drive upon or cross any street or highway under the jurisdiction of Forrest Township or Livingston County; or to drive upon (except to cross as described in Section H below) any highway under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation, including without limitation Illinois Route 47 and U.S. Route 24.

**This section shall not be constructed as granting permission to any person to operate an all-terrain (or similar) vehicle, dirt bike, or any other unlicensed motorized vehicle on any street in the Village of Forrest, except for vehicles as provided for in Village Ordinance Chapter 16.04.**

#### **D. Safety Equipment**

No golf cart or neighborhood vehicle may be operated on a street or highway under the jurisdiction of the Village unless, at a minimum, it has the following safety equipment.

- (1) Brakes
- (2) Steering apparatus
- (3) Tires
- (4) Rearview Mirror
- (5) A slow-moving emblem (as required of other vehicles at 625 ILCS 12-709) on the rear of the golf cart or neighborhood vehicle, optional.
- (6) Headlights that will emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet from the front
- (7) A Tail lamp that emits a red light visible from a distance of at least one hundred feet from the rear
- (8) Brake lights
- (9) Turn signals
- (10) Separate seat belts for the operator and each passenger

#### **E. Regulations specifically applicable to golf carts and neighborhood vehicles**

When on a street or highway under the jurisdiction of the Village, a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle shall be operated in accordance with the following regulations.

- (1) The golf cart or neighborhood vehicle shall have its headlights and tail lamps lighted at all times
- (2) Any person operating a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle as authorized in this chapter shall travel on the street in the same direction as traffic and as near to the right side of the roadway as possible
- (3) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person operating a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle on streets or highways under the jurisdiction of the Village shall obey any and all traffic regulations set forth either in the Village of Forrest Code or in the Illinois Vehicle Code

- (4) The operator and all passengers must wear a seat belt
- (5) The golf cart or neighborhood vehicle may not be operated on any public (common) sidewalk or boulevard, or private property without the property owner's consent or Village property marked "No Trespassing" and similar markings

#### **F. Insurance**

The operator of a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle must at all times when the vehicle is operated on streets within the Village, carry evidence that the operator and the vehicle are covered by liability insurance in the manner and amounts required by Chapter 7, Article VI of the Illinois Vehicle Code as from time to time amended.

#### **G. Registration**

No golf cart or neighborhood vehicle may be operated on the streets of the Village as authorized in this section unless the golf cart or neighborhood vehicle has been registered with the Village Clerk on a registration form provided by the Village Clerk. A person registering a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle must provide the following information annually at the time of registration:

- (1) The name and address of the owner(s) of the vehicle
- (2) The name and address and driver's license number of all persons authorized by the owner(s) to operate the vehicle
- (3) The make, model and serial number of the vehicle
- (4) A certificate of insurance demonstrating the existence of liability insurance coverage for the period of registration as require by Section F

Annually, a representative of the Village shall inspect the vehicle to ensure that it has been outfitted with safety equipment as required by Section D. The owner of the vehicle shall pay an **annual registration fee of \$10.00** at the time of registration. Upon verification the vehicle meets all requirements imposed by this ordinance, the owner of the vehicle shall be issued registration permit. Term of the first year's registration permit shall be from June 1 through May 31 or portion thereof. Subsequent permits shall be for 1 year beginning June 1 and expiring on May 31. Registrations are not transferable.

Registration will be done only on Tuesday from 9am to 3pm April 1 through November 30 by appointment only. – need to remove this. Office hours M-F 8am- 4:30pm

#### **H. STATE and U.S. ROUTE CROSSING POINTS**

A golf cart or neighborhood vehicle may cross Route 47 at the intersection of Route 47 and John Street or at the intersection of Route 47 and Martin Street or at the intersection of Route 47 and North Street or at the intersection of Route 47 and Walnut Street

A golf cart or neighborhood vehicle may cross Route 24 **only** at the intersection of Route 24 and Beech Street.

## **I. PENALTIES**

The penalty for operating a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle without a current registration or operable safety equipment or licensed driver as outlined in Sections C, D, and E above shall be a fine of \$100.00, payable to the Village of Forrest, and the loss of registration rights for that vehicle for a period of one year. Each day in violation of Sections C, D, and E will constitute a separate incident. In addition to a law enforcement officer, this citation may be issued by and Village of Forrest Trustee or Village President.

The penalty for operating a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle in violation of Section F, G, and H shall be fine \$100.00 payable to the Village of Forrest. Each violation of Section F, G, and H will constitute a sperate incident. In addition to a law enforcement officer, this citation may be issued by any Village of Forrest Trustee or Village President.

While in operation, the traffic laws and associated penalties provided by the Illinois Vehicle Code also apply to a golf cart or neighborhood vehicle.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances on the subject and shall be construed therewith except as to that part in direct conflict with any other ordinance, and in the event of such conflict, the provisions hereof shall govern.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance is hereby ordered to be published in pamphlet form by the Forrest Village Clerk who is hereby ordered to keep at least three (3) copies hereof available for public inspection in the manner provided by law.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and a ten (10) day period of publication, or June 1, 2012, whichever is later, in the manner provided by law.

**Section 5.** Any interpretation or clarification of the Ordinance shall be the sole responsibility of the Village President with appeal rights to the Village Board of Trustees.

**Section 6.** This Ordinance may be amended or rescinded by a majority vote of the Forrest Village Board at any time.

### Revisions of April 2015

1. Reduced operating age from an 18 year old licensed driver to a 16 year old licensed driver.
2. Reduce the registration fee from \$50.00 annually to \$10.00 annually.

### Revisions of April 2017

1. Slow-moving emblem (as required of other vehicles at 625 ILCS 12-709) on the rear of the golf cart or neighborhood vehicle made optional.