

ORD 925 – Golf Carts

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RULES

You can burn landscape waste every month BUT July and August, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday between 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

BRUSH PICK

UP

Brush pick up will be the last Wednesday of the month. Paper lawn bags must be used. Piles must be neatly stacked Fees will be charged before oversized piles are picked Call City Hall 309-928-3412 for someone to come look it over.

Please fill out and the form, print and bring to

City Hall Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

[PDF Golf Cart Form](#)

Ordinance 925

An Ordinance Authorizing and Regulating the Use/ Operation of Electric or Gas Powered Golf Carts Within City of Farmer City

Whereas, residents of the City of Farmer City have requested the City to permit the use of golf carts for travel on the City streets; and

Whereas, the City Council for the City of Farmer City have considered the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the City streets; and

Whereas; it is the intent of this Ordinance to regulate the use of motorized golf carts within the corporate limits of the City of Farmer City as authorized by State of Illinois compiled statutes.

NOW, Therefore, be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Farmer City:

Section 1 – Policy Statement

This Ordinance is adopted in the interest of public safety. Golf Carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on public street and roads hereinafter referred to as “streets”, and that the City of Farmer City does

not advocate or endorse their safety issues. This Ordinance is not to be relied upon as determination that operation of golf carts on streets is safe or advisable even if done in accordance with the Ordinance. All persons operating golf carts must be observant of and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. All persons who operate or ride golf carts on city streets inside the City of Farmer City do so at their own risk and peril. The City of Farmer City disavows any liability for permitting golf carts to be operated on the City streets. Use of a golf cart on public streets is a privilege, not a right.

Section 2 – Definitions

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 engaging in the playing of golf. Supervising the play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a public or private golf course. 625 ILCS 5/1-123.9.

Street; – the entire width between boundary lines of every way publicly maintained, when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel

625 ILCS 5/1-201.

Section 3 – Rules and Regulations

Golf carts may only be operated on streets within the City of Farmer City in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

A. Any person who operates a golf cart in the City of Farmer City assumes full

responsibility for all liability associated with the operation of the cart.

B. Any person who operates a golf cart must be at least 18 (eighteen)

years of age

and possess a valid driver's license to operate a motor vehicle issued by the

State of Illinois or any other state.

C. Any person who operates a golf cart must possess proof of liability insurance for

personal injury and property damage with limits of liability not less than the

minimum required by the State of Illinois for the operation of a passenger vehicle.

D. Golf carts may only be operated on streets from sunrise to sunset.

E. Golf carts may not be operated when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke,

fog, or other conditions or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly

see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

F. Golf carts shall be equipped with headlights and taillights and illuminated at all

times when operated on City streets as required by 625 ILCS 5/12-201

G. Golf carts may not be operated other than on dedicated streets, alleys, and

parking areas within the City of Farmer City.

H. Golf carts may be operated on City streets which have posted speed limits of 30

miles per hour or less, but golf carts may not exceed 20 miles per hour. This

section does not prohibit golf carts from crossing a road or street at a stop intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour.

I. Golf carts shall not be operated on Illinois state highways. Golf carts may only cross highways at posted stop intersections.

J. Any person who operates a golf cart on City streets must obey and adhere to all

State of Illinois traffic laws.

K. Any person who operates a golf cart on City streets must yield right of way to all

vehicles approaching or overtaking them at all times.

L. The maximum occupancy of golf carts traveling on City streets will be one per

bucket seat or three per bench dependent upon number of available seat belts

M. Golf carts are ONLY allowed to park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver or

at least one passenger has a valid handicap parking sticker and that sticker is

clearly visible in the cart.

N. All golf carts operated on city streets must be inspected by the person(s)

designated by the City Manager, and must have valid permit documentation from

The City of Farmer City properly displayed on the rear of the golf cart on the driver's side.

O. Golf carts may only be operated on city streets beginning April 1st and ending on November 30th of each calendar year.

Section 4- Equipment

Golf carts shall be properly equipped with the following;

- a. Horn
- b. Brakes and brake lights
- c. Turn signals
- d. A steering wheel apparatus
- e. Tires
- f. Rearview mirror
- g. Approved "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem on rear of vehicle (625 ILCS 5/12-709)
- h. Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front
which must be illuminated when in operation
- i. Tail lamp that emits a red light visible from a distance of 100 feet from the rear
which must be illuminated when in operation