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THE JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISONVILLE,  
CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRISONVILLE  
THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.**

**PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM BY AUTHORITY OF THE  
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WHEREAS, pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1, the State Legislature prohibits the operation of golf carts on any street, highway, or roadway in the State of Illinois except as otherwise set forth in said statute; and

WHEREAS, 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1(d) provides that a municipality, township, county, or other unit of local government may authorize, by ordinance or resolution, the operation of non-highway vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction if the unit of government determines that the public safety will not be jeopardized; and

WHEREAS, a golf cart as defined by 625 ILCS 5/1-123.9, is deemed to be a "non-highway" vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Morrisonville has determined that the public safety would not be jeopardized by allowing the operation of golf carts on a limited basis as otherwise set forth herein within the corporate limits of the Village of Morrisonville, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Morrisonville has considered the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the streets and roadways as otherwise set forth herein, and it has determined that golf carts may safely travel on and/or cross the streets and roadways as otherwise set forth in this ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morrisonville, Christian County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The following shall be adopted and incorporated as part of the Village of Morrisonville's Municipal Code:

## Golf Carts

### **A. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following words and terms used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this Section:

Village: The Village of Morrisonville, Christian County, Illinois.

Streets and Roadways under the Jurisdiction of Village of Morrisonville:

All those streets and roadways located within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Morrisonville, Illinois, and under the jurisdiction of the Village of Morrisonville, Christian County, Illinois.

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 on a public or private golf course. (625 ILCS 5/1-123.9) A golf cart is further defined as a "non-highway" vehicle, as set forth in 625 ILCS 5/11-2426.1.

### **B. Prohibition of Use of Golf Carts:**

No person shall ride, drive, or operate any golf cart on any roadway or street located within corporate limits of the Village of Morrisonville, Illinois, except as specifically set forth herein.

### **C. Golf Cart Permit:**

No golf cart shall be operated on the Village of Morrisonville streets or roadways unless it is inspected and issued a permit from the Village of Morrisonville. The Chief of Police, and/or his designee, shall be in charge of the inspection. The golf cart being inspected must meet the specifications as set forth in 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1(e). Those requirements are as follows:

No non-highway vehicle (golf cart) may be operated on a roadway unless, at a minimum, it has the following: Brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rear view mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem (as required of other vehicles in Section 12-709 of this Code) on the rear of the non-highway vehicle – golf cart, a headlight

**I. Posted Signs:**

The Street Superintendent shall cause appropriate signs to be posted on those streets and roadways where golf carts are authorized to be operated pursuant to this Ordinance and the State Statute referenced herein.

**J. Operation on Sidewalks/Hours:**

No person shall operate a golf cart upon any sidewalk located within the jurisdictional limits of the Village of Morrisonville. The operation of golf carts within the Village of Morrisonville, Christian County, Illinois, will be allowed both in the daytime and after dark.

**K. Prohibited Crossings:**

Golf carts as used in this section shall not make a direct crossing upon or across any toll road, interstate highway, or controlled access highway in the street. Notwithstanding the above, golf carts as stated in this Ordinance shall be allowed to cross the state highway, municipal street, county highway, or road district highway if the operator of the golf cart makes a direct crossing provided:

1. The crossing is made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the street, road, or highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing; and
2. The golf cart is brought to a complete stop before attempting a crossing; and
3. The operator of the non-highway vehicle yields the right of way to all pedestrians and vehicular traffic which constitutes a hazard; and 4. When crossing a divided highway, the cross is made only at an intersection of the highway with another public street, road, or highway.

**L. Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act:**

No action by the Village of Morrisonville under this Ordinance or 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 designates the operation of a golf cart as an intended or permitted use of property with respect to Section 3-102 of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act.

**M. A Valid Driver's License**

A person may not operate a golf cart as otherwise set forth in this Ordinance upon the street and roadways as otherwise set forth herein unless he/she has a valid Illinois driver's license issued in his/her name by the Illinois Secretary of State, or a valid out of state driver's license issued in his/her name by the appropriate department/agency of that state responsible for issuing driver's licenses.

**N. Violation/Penalties**

Any person who violates any terms or provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine, upon conviction, in an amount not less than Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) nor more than Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for each separate offense.

**SECTION 2:** The provisions of other Village of Morrisonville Ordinances to the extent they duplicate, conflict with, or otherwise affect the validity hereof, shall be disregarded, and otherwise, all of the provisions of all other Village of Morrisonville Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3:** If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holdings shall not affect or otherwise impair any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance which is not, in or of itself, invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4:** This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, approval, adoption, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, and pursuant to roll call vote, this Ordinance was passed, approved, and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

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LARRY TOLLIVER  
President of the Village of Morrisonville

ATTEST:

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DARCY MONTGOMERY, Village Clerk

(Municipal Seal)

### GOLF CART INSPECTION CHECKLIST

- Brakes
- Steering apparatus
- Tires
- Rear view mirror
- Red reflectorized warning device in the front
- Red reflectorized warning device in the rear
- Slow moving emblem (as required by other vehicles in Section 12-709 of the code) on the rear of golf cart
- Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front
- A tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear, brake lights, and turn signals
- Valid Driver's License  
(Make copy)
- Valid proof of insurance  
(Make copy)
- Copy of ordinance  
(Give copy of ordinance to owner/operator of golf cart)

Notes:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Inspector

For office use only:

- Copy of Insurance
- Copy of License
- Checklist with signatures

that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear, brake lights, and turn signals. When operated on a street or roadway within the Village of Morrisonville, the golf cart shall have its headlights and tail lamps lighted as required by 625 ILCS 5/12-201 entitled "When Lighted Lamps are Required."

The permit (sticker form) must be displayed openly on the front left side fender of the golf cart. Anyone obtaining a golf cart permit shall pay a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per calendar year.

**D. Driving Under the Influence:**

Any person who drives or is in actual physical control of a golf cart on a roadway as otherwise set forth herein while under the influence is subject to 625 ILCS 5/11-501 through 625 ILCS 5/11-502 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

**E. Compliance with State of Illinois Traffic Code:**

Every golf cart operated as authorized in this Ordinance shall comply with any and all traffic regulations found in Chapter 625 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.

**F. Mandatory Insurance:**

Any person who operates a golf cart as otherwise set forth herein shall be subject to the mandatory insurance requirements under Article 6 of Chapter 7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/7-601 et seq.).

**G. Permitted Streets and Roadways:**

Golf carts shall only be allowed to be operated on those streets and roadways located within the corporate jurisdiction of the Village of Morrisonville and upon which the Village of Morrisonville has jurisdiction of those streets and roadways.

**H. Prohibited Non-Highway Vehicles:**

This Chapter shall not be deemed to authorize any other non-highway vehicles as defined in 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1, to be operated on any street or roadways within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Morrisonville upon which the Village of Morrisonville has jurisdiction. (All-terrain vehicle, neighborhood vehicle, off-highway vehicle, utility vehicles (UTV)).