

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 1611

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ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS, TO
REGULATE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM BY
AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
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WHEREAS, the City of Lawrenceville, Illinois ("City") is a duly organized and existing municipality created under the provisions of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to authorize the operation of certain non-highway vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction, pursuant to Section 11-1426.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1); and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City have determined that it is in the best interest of the residents and the general public to amend Chapter 24 of the Revised Code of Ordinances to permit the operation of golf carts on certain public streets under its jurisdiction, subject to the rules and regulations as set forth herein and as may be adopted from time to time hereafter; and

WHEREAS, the City, by adoption of this Ordinance, does not designate 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Illinois, as follows:

Section One. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The Recitals contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated in this Ordinance as if set out fully herein.

Section Two. AMENDMENT. Chapter 24 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City shall be amended to add "Article IX-Golf Carts" as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section Three. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any section, clause, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all parts that are severable shall remain in full force and effect. If any part of this Ordinance is found to be invalid in any one or more of its severable applications, all valid applications that are severable from the invalid application shall remain in effect.

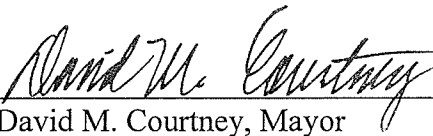
Section Four. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions or causes of actions which shall accrue to the City prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section Five: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Illinois, and approved by the Mayor, this 12th day of June, 2025.

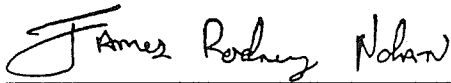
VOTE: 6 Ayes 2 Nays -- Absent -- Abstain

Approved this 12th day of June, 2025.



David M. Courtney, Mayor
City of Lawrenceville, Illinois

Attest:



James Rodney Nolan, City Clerk
City of Lawrenceville, Illinois

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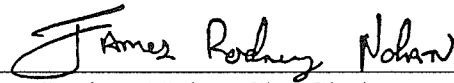
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COUNTY OF LAWRENCE
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I, James Rodney Nolan, City Clerk of the City of Lawrenceville, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance entitled:

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was duly passed by the City Council of said City on the 12th day of June, 2025, and was afterwards on the same day and date duly approved by the Mayor of said City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said City of Lawrenceville, Illinois, this 12th day of June, 2025.



James Rodney Nolan, City Clerk
City of Lawrenceville, Illinois



EXHIBIT A

ARTICLE IX – GOLF CARTS

24-9-1 POLICY STATEMENT. This Article is adopted in the interest of public safety. Golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets and roadways, and the City in no way advocates or endorses their operation on streets. Golf carts are not an intended or permitted use of City streets. The City, by regulating the operation of golf carts, is merely addressing some, but not all, safety issues. This Article is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on the streets is safe or advisable, even if done in accordance with this Article. 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 pedestrian persons. All persons who operate or ride on a golf cart on City streets do so at their own risk and peril. The City has no liability under any theory of liability for permitting golf carts to be operated on City streets. No action taken by the City under 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 designates the operation of 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, any successor or amending statute, or any case law interpreting such statute.

24-9-2 DEFINITIONS. As used in this Article:

"Golf cart" means 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).

"City streets" means any of the streets within the City, excluding any street which is under the jurisdiction of a unit of government other than the City, including but not limited to the State of Illinois.

24-9-3 EQUIPMENT. Golf carts operated on a City street shall have the following equipment in good working condition:

- A. Horn
- B. Brakes
- C. Brake lights
- D. Turn signals on front and rear
- E. Seatbelts for driver and passengers
- F. Steering wheel apparatus (non-handlebar)
- G. Four tires
- H. Rearview mirror
- I. "Slow Moving Vehicle" emblem on rear, as required by 625 ILCS 5/12-709
- J. Red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear
- K. Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front
- L. Tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear

- M. Any additional equipment as may be required pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1, or any other provision of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as hereafter amended.

24-9-4 GENERAL REGULATIONS. Golf carts may be operated within the City only in accordance with the following regulations:

- A. Minimum Age. An operator must be at least 18 years of age.
- B. Valid Driver's License. An operator must possess a valid Illinois driver's license or valid driver's license issued by another state.
- C. Proof of Insurance. An operator must possess proof of liability insurance.
- D. Decal Display. The City's permit decal shall be visibly displayed on the rear of the golf cart.
- E. Illumination. A golf cart shall have its headlights and tail lamps illuminated at all times while in operation on City streets.
- F. Seat Belts. The operator and any passenger shall be secured by properly fastened and adjusted seat belts.
- G. Passengers. A passenger shall at all times be seated in a manufacturer-installed passenger seat while the golf cart is in operation on a City street. A golf cart shall transport only the number of passengers for which the golf cart was designed to transport. The operator shall not transport any passenger who is sitting on the lap of another occupant. It shall be unlawful to transport any child required to use a child restraint system under the Child Passenger Protection Act (625 ILCS 25/1 et seq.).
- H. Speed Limit. Golf carts shall not operate on any City street with a posted speed limit greater than 35 mph, and shall not operate in excess of the posted speed limit.
- I. Modifications. It shall be unlawful to modify or alter a golf cart from the manufacturer's specifications, including the suspension system, except to bring the golf cart in compliance with Section 24-9-3.
- J. Trailers. It shall be unlawful to pull wagons, trailers, or any other equipment or device behind or attached to a golf cart.
- K. Right of Way. The operator of a golf cart shall travel on the street in the same direction as other traffic, as near to the right side of the street as practical and shall yield the right of way to overtaking motor vehicles at all times.
- L. Compliance with other Laws. The operator of a golf cart shall comply with all local ordinances and the provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time, including but not limited to prohibitions against operating a vehicle while

under the influence of alcohol or drugs, mandatory insurance requirements, and all other rules of the road.

24-9-5 STREET AND CROSSING RESTRICTIONS; PROHIBITED AREAS. Golf carts may be operated within the City subject to the following prohibitions and restrictions:

A. State Highways. Golf carts shall not be operated on any highway or roadway under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Subject to IDOT approval, a golf cart may cross such highway or roadway only at the following intersections:

- (1) the intersection of 11th Street and State Street;
- (2) the intersection of 12th Street and State Street;
- (3) the intersection of 19th Street and State Street, for the sole purpose of crossing onto 20th Street;
- (4) the intersection of 20th Street and State Street, for the sole purpose of crossing onto 19th Street;
- (5) the intersection of Lexington Avenue and 15th Street;
- (6) the intersection of Collins Avenue and 15th Street.

B. Prohibited Streets. Golf carts shall not be operated on the following streets:

- (1) State Street, except to cross at an intersection as may be permitted under subparagraph (A).
- (2) Fifteenth (15th) Street, except to cross at an intersection as may be permitted under subparagraph (A).

C. Other Prohibited Areas. Golf carts shall not be operated in the following areas or locations:

- (1) on any sidewalk;
- (2) walking paths or nature trails;
- (3) City parks, other than designated parking areas;

24-9-6 PERMITS. No golf cart shall be operated in the City without the owner first obtaining a permit from the Chief of Police as provided herein.

A. Application. A person desiring a permit shall apply to the Chief of Police on forms provided by the City. The application shall include the following information:

- (1) Name of applicant;
- (2) Address of applicant;
- (3) Driver's license number (a copy of the applicant's current license will be kept on file with the application);
- (4) Name, address and driver's license number of each authorized operator;
- (5) Make, model, and serial number of the golf cart;
- (6) Name of liability insurance carrier and policy number (a copy of the liability insurance coverage card for the golf cart to be operated will be kept on file with the application);
- (7) Such other information as the City may require.

B. Conditions. No permit shall be issued unless the following conditions are met:

- (1) The golf cart shall be inspected by the Chief of Police or his designated representative to insure that the vehicle is in compliance with Section 24-9-3 and is otherwise safe to operate on City streets.
- (2) The applicant has provided evidence of insurance in compliance with the mandatory insurance requirements under the Illinois Vehicle Code establishing minimum liability coverage for passenger motor vehicles to be operated on roads and highways in the State of Illinois.
- (3) The applicant and all authorized operators have executed an "Unconditional and Full General Release of Liability," on a form as provided by the City, releasing the City and agreeing to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all claims for personal injury or property damage arising from the operation of the golf cart on City streets.

C. Annual Fee, Renewal. Permits shall be issued on the following terms:

- (1) Permits shall be granted for a period of one calendar year, regardless of the date of issuance.
- (2) The initial annual permit fee is \$50.00, non-refundable, and not subject to proration.
- (3) Permits may be renewed on an annual basis, between October 1 and December 31 of each year. The annual renewal fee is \$25.00. The holder of an expired permit shall be required to apply for a new permit and pay a new permit fee of \$50.00.
- (4) Permits are non-transferable between owners or vehicles.

D. Permit Revocation. A permit issued pursuant to this Article may be revoked by the Chief of Police on the following grounds:

- (1) The permit holder made a material misrepresentation on the permit application.
- (2) An unauthorized person operates the golf cart on City streets.
- (3) An authorized operator's driver's license has been suspended or revoked.
- (4) The permit holder's liability insurance has lapsed or been terminated.
- (5) An authorized operator can no longer safely operate a golf cart on City streets.
- (6) An authorized operator has committed two or more violations of this Article within a one-year period.

The Chief of Police shall issue the notice of revocation in writing and serve the notice upon the permit holder via personal delivery or regular mail to the address shown on the holder's application. A revocation shall be reversed only by a majority vote of the corporate authorities at a regular meeting.

24-9-7 **VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.** A person who violates any provision of this Article shall be fined not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$750.00 for any one offense. A person cited for a violation under this article may settle and compromise the citation by paying the City the sum of \$75.00 within 14 days of the date of the violation notice. Any second or subsequent violation within a one-year period shall result in a revocation of the permit.