

VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUND, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE No. 250C

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 250B

Non — Highway Vehicles

1. DEFINITIONS.

(A) "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 play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a public or private golf course.

(B) "UTV": Any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, motorbike, or snowmobile, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four (4) or more low-pressure tires of twenty (20) PSI or less, maximum width less than seventy-four (74) inches, maximum weight less than two thousand (2,000) pounds, or having a wheel base of ninety-four (94) inches or less and no modified exhaust. UTV does not include golf carts or vehicles specifically designed to carry a disabled person or implements of husbandry.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS. Golf carts and UTVs may only be operated on streets within the Village in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

(A) Any person who operates a golf cart or UTV in the Village takes full responsibility for all liability associated with operating a golf cart or UTV.

(B) Any person who operates a golf cart must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or twenty-one (21) years of age for a UTV and possess a valid driver's license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Illinois or any other state.

(C) No person shall operate, and no owner shall permit another person to operate a golf cart or UTV on a Village street unless: (1) the golf cart or UTV is covered by a liability insurance policy as required by Section 7-601 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/7-601); and (2) the operator of the golf cart or UTV carries with him proof of liability insurance as required by Section 7-602 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/7-602).

(D) No person shall operate a golf cart or UTV on a Village street in excess of the posted speed limits.

(E) Golf carts or UTVs may not be operated on the following national or state highways except to cross said highway at intersections in a path ninety (90) degrees to said highway: State Highway 48 or Lewis Street during school hours.

(F) Golf carts or UTVs shall have their headlights and taillights lighted at all times when operated on Village streets.

(G) Golf carts and UTVs 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 five hundred (500) feet.

(H) Golf carts and UTVs may not be operated on the sidewalks or in Village parks other than parking areas.

Golf cart and UTV drivers must yield the right-of-way to overtaking vehicles at all times.

(J) Any person who operates a golf cart or UTV on the streets of the Village must adhere to all applicable state laws concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages and all illegal drugs, as well as all other state traffic laws.

(K) The maximum occupancy of golf carts or UIN/s traveling on Village streets shall be one person per seatbelt installed on the golf cart or UTV.

(L) Children must be properly secured in a child restraint system as required pursuant to the Child Passenger Protection Act (625 [LCS 25/1 et seq.).

(M) Each driver and passenger shall wear a properly fastened and adjusted seat safety belt.

(N) Golf carts and UTVs are only allowed to park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver or at least one (1) passenger has a valid handicapped parking sticker.

(O) The operator of a golf cart or UTV shall obey all ordinances of the Village and all provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time.

3. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT. A golf cart or UTV operated on a Village street shall have the following equipment in good working condition at all times:

- Brakes;
- (B) Steering apparatus;
- (C) Tires;
- (D) Rearview mirror;
- (E) A slow-moving emblem as required by 625 ILCS 5/12-709 attached to the rear;
Headlights that emit white light visible from at least five hundred (500) feet to the front;
- (G) Taillights that emit red light visible from at least one hundred (100) feet from the rear;
- (H) Brake lights on the rear;
Turn signals on the front and rear;
- (J) Seat belts for each passenger;

4. PERMITS.

No person shall operate a motorized golf cart or U TV without obtaining a permit from the Village Police Department as provided in this Section.

- (B) Permits shall be granted for a period of one (1) year and may be renewed annually on May 1st of each year.
- (C) The annual cost of a permit is Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per golf cart or U TV, to cover the costs of implementing and maintaining this Article, and shall be paid to the Village Treasurer by the applicant. Insurance coverage shall be verified as in effect by the Police Department when issuing or renewing a permit. Second year of permit will be Thirty-Five(\$35.00) for renewal of permit.

(D) After completion of the application and payment of the requisite fee, the applicant shall present the golf cart or UTV to the Chief of Police, or his designee, for an inspection to determine whether the golf cart or UTV may be operated on a Village street. If the applicant and golf cart or UTV are qualified under the terms and conditions of this Article, a license shall be issued to the applicant which must be kept on the vehicle at all times. The Police Department shall issue a sticker as visible proof of compliance, which shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of registration, and which must be displayed on the front uppermost part of the body on the driver's side of the vehicle at all times.

(E) Golf cart or UTV owners must complete a permit application form. The completed forms will be maintained by the Village Treasurer.

(F) The license of an operator of a golf cart or UTV issued pursuant to this Article may be revoked by the Chief of Police, or his/her designee, if (1) there is any material misrepresentation made by the applicant on the application or (2) the required liability insurance is no longer in full force and effect or (3) there is evidence that the license holder can no longer safely operate the golf cart or UTV or (4) for any reason that he/she feels is appropriate to insure the safety and well-being of the citizens of the Village.

(G) The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, shall issue a notice of revocation of a license in writing and either hand deliver the notice to the license holder or send the notice by certified mail to the license holder at the address on the application. The revocation of a license shall be effective immediately after personal service, or on the third day after the post mark of the certified mail receipt.

(H) (H) Permit denial for outstanding indebtedness to the Village. (1) No permit authorizing operation of a motorized golf cart or UTV on Village streets shall be issued to any applicant who, at the time of application, owes the Village any delinquent taxes, fees, charges, fines, utility bills, special assessments, or other monetary obligations (collectively, "Outstanding Village Indebtedness"). (2) The Village Treasurer shall certify whether an applicant has any Outstanding Village Indebtedness. The Treasurer shall provide such certification to the Police Department within five (5) business days of a request for issuance of a permit. (3) An application shall be denied if the Treasurer's certification discloses Outstanding Village Indebtedness, unless the applicant: (a) pays the full amount of Outstanding Village Indebtedness prior to issuance; or (b) provides written proof of an executed payment plan with the Village and is current in payments under that plan. (4) Denial of a permit under this subsection shall be in writing and shall state the reason for denial and the procedure for curing the indebtedness. An applicant denied a permit under this subsection may appeal the denial to the Village Board by filing a written request for review within ten (10) days of the denial. The Village Board shall hear the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. (5) For purposes of this subsection, Outstanding Village Indebtedness shall include amounts owed by the applicant as owner, co-owner, or as responsible party for the subject property or account. This subsection shall not prevent the Village from pursuing any other remedies available under law to collect outstanding debts.

5. ENFORCEMENT.

The Village may prosecute violators of this Article in accordance with Illinois laws.

(B) Each day a person fails to comply with the provisions of this Article constitutes a separate offense.

Repeat offenders may have the privileges granted by this Article revoked by the Village Board upon recommendation by the Police Department.

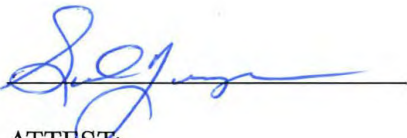
(D) Upon investigation by and the recommendation of the Police Department the Village Council may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that there is evidence that the Permittee cannot safely operate the motorized golf cart or UTV on the designated streets.

(E) Fines for such violations shall be consistent with the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code.

This ordinance shall be effective on the date below.

Presented, Passed, Approved and Recorded this 11 day of April, 2026.

Village Mayor:



ATTEST:

