



City of Georgetown

208 S. Walnut Street – Georgetown, Illinois 61846
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March 14, 2025

Golf Cart Owners,

I would like to remind you that it is time to renew your Golf Cart Permits. Your permit expires on April 30, 2025.

I have enclosed the necessary papers for you to fill out in advance. You will no longer need to have your cart inspected in order to purchase your permit. Please review the Ordinance for using a Non-Highway Vehicle on the City Streets. Since we are no longer requiring an inspection, I would like to direct your attention to Section G listing the items needed to operate your vehicle safely on any of our streets.

You may purchase your permit anytime during regular office hours. We are here from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Please bring in the completed papers, proof of insurance and the \$30 fee. We must see your valid driver's license at the time we issue the permit. If you would prefer, you may mail these items to us, along with a copy of your valid driver's license, and we will in turn mail your permit sticker to you. Please place the permit sticker on the upper right-hand corner of your windshield.

Your permit will be good from May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Wilson
City Clerk

Enclosure
Release of liability
Golf Cart Ordinance
Golf Cart application



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Permit No. _____

2025 GOLF CART PERMIT APPLICATION

This application is for a permit to operate a golf cart on Georgetown city streets in accordance with City of Georgetown Ordinance Number 883B dated June 6, 2011, Ordinance 2017-07 and Ordinance 2017-11 dated March and April, 2017. Fee is \$30

Permits are good May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

IL Driver's License No. _____ Expiration Date _____

Liability Insurance Carrier _____ Policy No. _____

**__ GOLF CART or __ RECREATIONAL OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE
INFORMATION**

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

Serial No. _____

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the City of Georgetown revised Ordinance 883B/2017-08 and affirm that all information provided above to be true and factual.

Signature of Applicant

Date

**UNCONDITIONAL AND FULL GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY,
DISCHARGE AND COVENANT WAIVER**

This is a legally-binding UNCONDITIONAL AND FULL GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT not to sue, made by me _____ (hereinafter referred to as Operator) to City of Georgetown and its Council (hereinafter referred to as the City).

I fully recognize that there are dangers and risks to which I may be exposed by operating a golf Cart/Utility Vehicle or Electric Scooter on city streets. The following is a description and/or example of significant dangers and risks associated with this activity: INJURY TO MYSELF OR OTHERS, DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY OR THAT OF OTHERS, DEATH OF MYSELF OR OTHERS.

IN NO EVENT SHALL THE CITY BE LIABLE FOR DIRECT, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, WHETHER ARISING IN TORT CONTRACT OR ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY, IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF OPERATOR'S USE OF SUCH VEHICLE ON CITY STREETS.

THE OPERATOR, AS OF THE DATE BELOW, SHALL HEREINAFTER SAVE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE CITY AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION AND COSTS OF WHATSOEVER KIND AND NATURE INCLUDING, WITHOUT BEING LIMITED TO INJURY, DAMAGE, LOSS INCLUDING DEATH, RESULTING FROM ARISING OUT OF, OR OCCURRING IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THIS VEHICLE ON CITY STREETS.

I understand that the City has an Ordinance governing the use of Golf Carts/Utility Vehicles or Electric Scooters on City streets and hereby agree to conform, at all times, with all the requirements of the City Ordinance. I have had the opportunity to read said Ordinance and my signature below acknowledges that I will comply with these Ordinances and of all the applicable traffic laws of the State of Illinois at all times when operating this vehicle on City streets.

I, THEREFORE AGREE TO ASSUME AND TAKE ON MYSELF ALL OF THE RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN ANY WAY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ACTIVITY. IN CONSIDERATION OF AND RETURN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPERATE A GOLF CART/UTILITY VEHICLE OR ELECTRIC SCOOTER ON CITY STREETS RELEASE THE CITY AND THE COUNCIL EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND ACTIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM INJURY OR HARM TO ME OR OTHERS INCLUDING DEATH, OR FROM DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY OR PROPERTY OF ANY OTHER IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ACTIVITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS RELEASE COVERS LIABILITY, CLAIMS AND ACTIONS CAUSED ENTIRELY OR IN PART BY ANY ACTS OF FAILURE TO ACT ON MY PART, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NEGLIGENCE, MISTAKE, OR FAILURE TO ENFORCE, SUPERVISE OR MAINTAIN.

I assure the City that there are no health-related reasons or problem which preclude or restrict my participation in this activity. I further assure the City that I have adequate health and liability insurance necessary to provide for and pay any medical cost or property damage that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this activity, and I will indemnify and hold the City harmless for any such medical cost or property damage.

I understand that this Release means I am giving up, among other things, rights to sue the City, its Council, employees and or agents for injuries (including death), damages or losses I may incur or cause. I also understand that this Release binds my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, as well as myself.

I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE RELEASE, I FULLY UNDERSTAND IT, AND I AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY IT.

WITNESS: _____ Date _____

Operator's Signature: _____ Date _____

Chapter 10.30 - NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

10.30.010 - Definitions.

- A. For the purpose of this chapter a golf cart, shall have the meaning defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-123.9, as amended from time to time, namely, a vehicle designed and intended for the purpose of transporting one or more persons and their golf clubs or maintenance equipment while engaged in playing golf, supervising the play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a private golf course; provided, however, that the term shall not include any all-terrain vehicle as defined in 623 ILCS 5/1-101.8, nor any off-highway motorcycle as defined by 625 ILCS 5/1-153.1 nor a vehicle capable of attaining speeds exceeding twenty miles per hour.
- B. For purposes of this article, a recreational off-highway vehicle, shall have the meaning defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-168.8, namely any motorized off-highway device designed to travel primarily off-highway, sixty-four inches or less in width, having a manufacturer's dry weight of two thousand pounds or less, traveling on four or more non-highway tires, designed with a non-straddle seat and a steering wheel for steering control, except equipment such as lawnmowers.

(Ord. No. 883B, § 1, 6-6-11; Ord. No. 2017-11, § 1, 4-17-17)

10.30.020 - Restrictions.

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a non-highway vehicle upon any street, highway or roadway in the city. If the operation of a non-highway vehicle is authorized under this paragraph, the non-highway vehicle may be operated only on the streets where the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour or less. This paragraph does not prohibit a non-highway vehicle from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five miles per hour.
- B. Non-highway vehicles may only be operated at speeds of twenty miles per hour or less.
- C. Non-highway vehicles may not be operated upon city sidewalks, nor in city parks, except in designated parking areas.
- D. Non-highway vehicles may not be operated in inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions to the extent that persons or vehicles cannot be clearly seen from a distance of five hundred feet.
- E. Non-highway vehicles may not be operated upon Illinois Route 1 (Main Street). Illinois Route 1 (Main Street) may be crossed only at its intersections with East West, West West and Mulberry Streets, and only if authorized by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

- F. A person may not operate a non-highway vehicle upon any street, highway or roadway in the city unless he or she has a valid Illinois driver's license issued in his or her name by the Secretary of State.
- G. A non-highway vehicle may be operated on a street, roadway or highway in the city only if it has the following: Brakes; a steering apparatus; four wheels; tires; a rear-view mirror; red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear; a slow-moving emblem (as required of other vehicles in 625 ILCS 12-709) on the rear of the vehicle; a muffler; a horn; a headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the front; a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least one hundred feet from the rear; brake lights; turn signals; and seat belts. When operated on a street, road or highway, a non-highway vehicle shall have its headlight and tail lamps lighted as required by 625 ILCS 12-201.
- H. Any person who operates a non-highway vehicle on a street, road or highway in the city shall be subject to the mandatory insurance requirements under Article VI of Chapter 7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(Ord. No. 883B, § 1, 6-6-11)

10.30.030 - License/permit required.

- A. It shall be unlawful to drive or operate a non-highway vehicle upon any street, highway or roadway of the city without having a license or permit issued by the city clerk or his or her designee, which license or permit shall be clearly visible on the front windshield (upper right-hand corner) of the vehicle, demonstrating compliance with all of the provisions of this chapter.
- B. Applications for non-highway vehicle licenses or permits shall be made to the city clerk and each license issued hereunder shall be in effect from May 1st to April 30th of the following year. Each such application shall be accompanied by an annual fee for such license, which shall be thirty dollars, payable to the City of Georgetown.

(Ord. No. 883B, § 1, 6-6-11; Ord. No. 2017-07, §§ 1, 2, 3-20-17)

10.30.990 - Penalty.

Whoever violates any provisions of this chapter shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars. In addition to any fine imposed hereunder, the offender shall be ordered to pay all of the costs and fees incurred by the city in prosecuting the violation, which shall include but not be limited to the cost associated with an administrative adjudication proceeding or court proceeding, and reasonable attorney fees.

The chief of police may suspend a license issued hereunder upon a violation of the safety equipment or insurance provisions of this chapter, which license shall remain suspended until the violation has been abated.