



## **Johnsburg Municipal Code:** **15.16 Operation of Non-Highway** **vehicles on Village Streets**

In 2013 the Village Board approved the use of some types of non-highway vehicles, including golf carts, on village streets provided certain specific criteria are met. This information bulletin serves as a summary of the rules, however, a complete list of regulations is available at the following website.

[http://villageofjohnsburg.org/sites/default/files/Chapter%2015\\_0.pdf](http://villageofjohnsburg.org/sites/default/files/Chapter%2015_0.pdf)

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **Q: What type of specific vehicles are allowed?**

A: There are two types of vehicles which are permitted according to the ordinance. The first is a golf cart as defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code in section 625 ILCS 5/123.9 "A vehicle specifically designed and intended for the purposes of transporting one or more persons ... while engaged in the playing of golf ". What this means is the cart must have been originally manufactured for use as a golf cart. The second type of vehicle which is permitted is an off-highway vehicle as defined by 625 ILCS 5/1-168.8. This section states the vehicle must have been "designed to travel primarily off-highway, 64 inches or less in width, having a manufacturer's dry weight of 2,000 pounds or less, traveling on 4 or more non-highway tires, designed with a non-straddle seat and a steering wheel for steering control ".

#### **Q: Are all terrain vehicles (A.T.V.'s) allowed?**

A: Four-wheelers, Three-wheelers and motocross bikes are not allowed. These vehicles have a "straddle seat" which is specifically prohibited.

#### **Q: What do I need to do to register and have my vehicle inspected?**

Registration forms are available on the village's website or at the police department records desk. Once the form is completed and valid proof of insurance is in hand return the application to the Johnsburg Village Hall with the inspection fee. Within 5 business days, of being received, a Community Service Officer will contact the applicant to schedule an appointment to perform the inspection. Upon a successful inspection the required annual permit will be issued.

#### **Q: How much does the registration cost?**

The non-refundable registration and inspection fee is \$50.00 per year.



## Frequently Asked (cont.):

### **Q: What are the requirements for the annual inspection?**

A: The equipment requirements checked during the inspection are as follows as defined by the Illinois statute and Johnsburg Municipal Code: "Vehicle Equipment: ...brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem (as required of other vehicles in 625 ILCS 5/12-709) on the rear of the non-highway vehicle, a 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."

### **Q: Do I need to have a valid drivers license to operate a vehicle?**

Yes, only persons with valid drivers licenses are permitted to operate a non-highway vehicle or golf cart on streets.

### **Q: Am I required to obtain insurance for the vehicle?**

Yes, in addition to the inspection items listed above owners must provide valid proof of insurance at the time of the inspection.

### **Q: I am not a resident of the Village of Johnsburg, am I eligible to operate a non-highway vehicle or golf cart on the village streets?**

Yes, although only after the registration and inspection is completed as prescribed herein.

### **Q: Can the vehicles be operated on all streets?**

No, the vehicles may only be operated on village streets where the above black diamond shaped sign with a golf cart are displayed. Vehicles may cross prohibited streets so long as performed in a perpendicular direction.

### **Q: Who do I contact to have the inspection scheduled?**



Once the application is completed it must be dropped off or mailed to the Johnsburg Village Hall with the non-refundable \$50.00 inspection/permit fee. Within 5 business days, of being received, a member of the code enforcement department will contact the applicant for the inspection.

For a complete list of regulations please refer to the Johnsburg Municipal Code section 15.16 which is available on the website or at the Johnsburg Village Hall.

