

ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-1-1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON
ROADS LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD

WHEREAS, the Village of Ringwood (“Village”) exists as a unit of local government in the County of McHenry and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ringwood is charged with the health, safety and welfare of its citizens which extends to public safety on roadways which are owned by and under the jurisdiction of the Village of Ringwood; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Highway Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-1428(d) defines “Golf Cart” as 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; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Highway Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1, allows local governments like the Village of Ringwood to permit the use of non-highway vehicles on the roadways under their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this ordinance, golf carts and UTV’s are considered non-highway vehicles and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires that non-highway vehicles may operate on all roads in the Village except on Route 31, Ringwood, Barnard Mill and Pioneer Roads. Non-highway vehicles are authorized to travel on the sidewalks along Barnard Mill Road between School Road and Route 31. In addition, non-highway vehicles can cross Ringwood and Barnard Mill Road at the intersection of Ringwood and Barnard Mill Road; and

WHEREAS, the Village has considered the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the roadways in Ringwood; and

WHEREAS, the maximum speed limit on all roadways in the Village of Ringwood is 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, after considering the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the roads in Ringwood, the Village has determined that golf carts and UTV’s may safely travel on or cross the roadways in the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ringwood, McHenry County, Illinois, as follows:

1. **RECITALS:** The recitals set forth above in this Ordinance are incorporated fully here, as if set forth here.
2. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the use of golf carts and UTV's on the roadways in the Village of Ringwood.
3. It shall be lawful for any person who is a licensed driver to drive or operate a golf cart or UTV upon the roadways in the Village of Ringwood which are owned by and under the jurisdiction of the Village, that these non-highway vehicles may operate on all roads in the Village except on Route 31, Ringwood, Barnard Mill and Pioneer Roads. Non-highway vehicles are authorized to travel on the sidewalks along Barnard Mill Road between School Road and Route 31. In addition, non-highway vehicles can cross Ringwood and Barnard Mill Road at the intersection of Ringwood and Barnard Mill Road; and
4. Any licensed driver operating a golf cart or UTV upon the roadways in Ringwood shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Rules of the Road and the Illinois Vehicle Code.
5. No golf cart, or UTV, may be operated on a roadway unless, at a minimum, it has the following: brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a slow moving emblem on the rear, 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.
6. A vehicle sticker indicating that the golf cart, or UTV, has been registered with the Village of Ringwood must be displayed on all golf carts and UTV's driven on the roadways in the Village. Golf cart and UTV vehicle stickers can be purchased at Ringwood Village Hall 6000 Barnard Mill Road .
The initial cost to register your non highway vehicle is \$50.00 which includes sticker. Renewals will be every 3 years and cost \$10.00. Before obtaining a vehicle sticker for the Golf Cart or UTV, the owner must provide Proof of Liability Insurance as well as proof that the vehicle has been equipped with the items listed in Paragraph 7 of this Ordinance.
7. The Village of Ringwood shall post appropriate signs for the safe operation of the golf carts or UTV on the roadways in the Village that are owned by and under the jurisdiction of the Village.
8. The provisions contained herein shall be in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Illinois Rules of the Road and the Illinois Vehicle Code. (625ILCS 5-100 et.seq.), as may be amended from time to time.
9. **NOTICE:** Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, notice of the adoption of this Ordinance shall be placed on the Village of Ringwood Website and inform the Village of Ringwood residents about the Golf Cart/UTV ordinance in the Village of Ringwood quarterly newsletter.

10. **SEVERABILITY:** This Ordinance and any amendment hereto and the various parts sections, subsections and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, subsection, sections or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of the ordinance or amendment hereto shall not be affected thereby.

11. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date upon which the ordinance is adopted and passed by the Village of Ringwood Board of Trustees and President, in accordance with the law.

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

PASSED THIS 31ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

APPROVED:


Richard Mack, President

ATTEST:


Susan Keener, Clerk