

# Village of Onarga Code Enforcement

113 W. Seminary Ave  
P.O. Box 100  
Onarga, IL 60955

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Attention Registered Non Highway use vehicle owner,

Thank you for your participation in the Village of Onarga's Non Highway vehicle use registration program.

Once again we have had another safe year and are looking forward to 2026-2027 registrations. Your permit will expire on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2026. If you plan on participation again this year, we are having a walk in registration day on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-4pm. If there are any issues, please call and schedule an appointment to have your vehicle inspected and permitted before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Please review the village ordinance which contains rules and regulations to follow to insure your vehicle is still up to code as well as all necessary equipment the vehicle will need before it can be approved for operation. Please complete the attached permit request and a liability release form.

Steps that need to be taken before registration of non-highway vehicle

1. Read through the entire village ordinance code.
2. Carefully go through the checklist of requirements needed before vehicle can be operational and permitted. The vehicle must have all the required items listed before inspection date to be allowed on Village roadways.
3. Read and fill out all information required for permit.
4. Read and sign liability release.

All golf cart/ATV/UTV vehicles shall be registered and inspected annually before use in the Village of Onarga. Requirements for registering vehicles include, showing proof of ownership, proof of insurance, all permit papers and liability waiver signed. The vehicle registration is valid for one year, it must be renewed before May 1<sup>st</sup> the following year.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any question please contact the Onarga Code Enforcement at 815-471-4892

Sincerely,

Code Enforcement Officer  
Chris Pheifer

815-471-4892

# Alternative Transportation Permit

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant(s) Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact#: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions:

1. Complete this application and submit with inspection form, hold harmless and release liability form, copy of driver's license and copy of insurance.
2. Make check payable to "The Village of Onarga."
3. Bring this form, in person, to the Village Hall located at 113 W Seminary, Onarga, Illinois.

**THIS PERMIT WILL EXPIRE ON MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND MUST BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR**

I have received and read the Village of Onarga Ordinance regarding this transportation permit. I understand that if I wish to operate this vehicle on the village streets that I am to renew this permit annually, which requires an inspection and proof of insurance. By signing this application I agree to maintain adequate insurance in accordance with the above referenced ordinance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

## Equipment Checklist/Inspection Form

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

### Documents

<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid Driver's License
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid Proof of Insurance to operate the vehicle on public streets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill of Sale/Proof of Ownership or Statement of Ownership

### Equipment

<input type="checkbox"/>	Brakes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steering apparatus
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tires
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rearview mirror
<input type="checkbox"/>	Red Reflectors front and rear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Slow moving vehicle emblem (as required of other vehicles in section 12-709 of the Illinois Vehicle Code) on the rear of the vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Headlight visible up to 500 feet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Taillight visible up to 100 feet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brake Lights
<input type="checkbox"/>	Turn Signals
<input type="checkbox"/>	Warning/Caution flag not less than 5 feet above the frame. (Suggested)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Horn

APPROVED

DECLINED

Authorized Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VILLAGE OF ONARGA HOLD HARMLESS LIABILITY RELEASE**

**UNCONDITIONAL AND FULL GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

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 the Village of Onarga (hereinafter referred to as "the Village")

I fully recognize that there are dangers and risks to which I may be exposed by operating a golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle on village streets. The following is a description and/or examples 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 village 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 a golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle on village streets.

The operator, as of the date below, shall hereinafter save, hold harmless and indemnify the village against any and all liability, claims, causes of action, and costs of whatsoever kind of nature including, without being limited to injury, damage, loss including death, resulting from, arising out of or occurring in connection with my use of this golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle on village streets.

I understand that the Village has an Ordinance governing the use of qualified golf carts and utility-terrain vehicles on Village streets and I hereby agree to conform with all requirements of the Village Ordinance at all times. I have had the opportunity to read said Ordinance and "Rules Concerning Alternate Transportation for the Villag of Onarga" and my signature below acknowledges that I will comply with this Ordinance and said Rules as well as all of the applicable traffic laws of the State of Illinois at all times when operating this golf cart or utility-terrain vehicle on Village 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 or utility-terrain vehicle on village streets, I release the Village(and the Village Board, 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 also covers liability, claims and actions caused entirely or in part by any acts or failures to act, including but not limited to negligence, mistake, or failure to enforce, supervise, or maintain.

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

I understand that this release means I am fiving up, among other things, rights to sue the Village, its Village Board, 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.

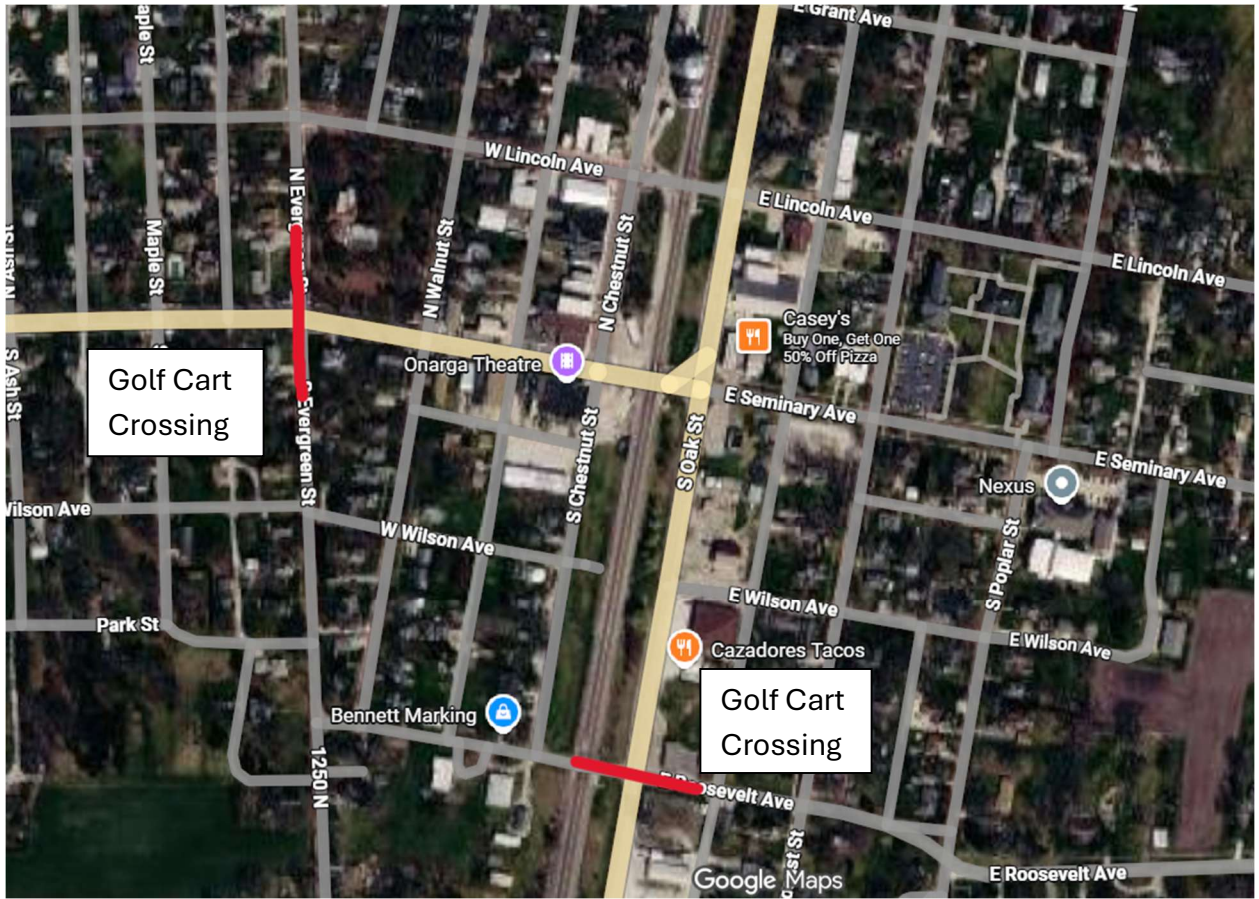
I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE RELEASE, I FULLY UNDERSTAND IT, AND I AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY IT.

X

X

Operator's Signature and Date

Witness



**VILLAGE OF ONARGA  
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF NON-HIGHWAY  
VEHICLES ON STREETS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
VILLAGE OF ONARGA, ILLINOS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Onarga has considered the volume, speed and character of the traffic on the streets within its jurisdiction and has determined that, subject to the conditions stated herein and the provisions of the 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1, certain “non-highway vehicles”, namely “golf-carts”, “all-terrain vehicles” and “utility terrain vehicles” as defined therein may safely operate on the streets within the jurisdiction of the Village.

WHEREAS, the Village of Onarga shall amend the Village’s municipal Code to create Chapter 10.21 Non-Highway Vehicles to reflect the current State statute.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF ONARGA, ILLINOIS, AS  
FOLLOWS:**

The Village of Onarga Municipal Code shall be amended to create Chapter 10.21, Non-Highway Vehicles, in its entirety, as follows:

**10.21.010 GENERALLY:**

The following “Non-Highway Vehicles” as defined in 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1: “All-Terrain Vehicles” as defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-101.8; and “Golf-Carts” as defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-123.9, shall be allowed on Village Streets under the conditions as stated herein.

**10.21.011 DEFINITIONS:**

1. “Golf Cart”, as defined in 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1
2. “All-Terrain Vehicles” as defined in 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1
3. “Utility Terrain Vehicles” as defined in 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1
4. “Village Streets” means any of the streets within the boundaries of the Village of Onarga.

**10.21.012 REQUIREMENTS:**

All persons wishing to operate an allowed non-highway vehicle on the Village streets must ensure compliance with the following requirements:

1. Proof of current mandatory liability insurance as required by Article VI of Chapter 7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
2. Must have the vehicle certified with the Village by inspection by the Village Police Chief or designated representative.

3. Must comply with the published “Rules Concerning Alternate Transportation for the Village of Onarga” as periodically updated.
4. Must display Village decal on the rear of the vehicle.
5. Must have a current, valid driver’s license.
6. Golf carts must be equipped as follows:
  - A. Horn;
  - B. Brakes and Brake lights;
  - C. Turn Signals;
  - D. A Steering Wheel Apparatus;
  - E. Tires;
  - F. Rearview Mirror;
  - G. Approved “Slow Moving Vehicle” emblem on the rear of the vehicle (625 ILCS 5/12-709);
  - H. Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front which must be illuminated when in operation;
  - I. Tail Lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear which must be illuminated when in operation;
  - J. Red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear;
  - K. Any additional requirements which may be amended to 65 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 or the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code.
7. Golf Carts, All-Terrain vehicles and Utility terrain vehicles must be equipped as follows:
  - A. Brakes and Brake lights;
  - B. Turn Signals on the front and rear;
  - C. A Steering Wheel Apparatus;
  - D. Tires;
  - E. Rearview Mirror;
  - F. Approved “Slow Moving Vehicle” emblem on the rear of the vehicle (625 ILCS 5/12-709);
  - G. Headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front which must be illuminated when in operation;
  - H. Tail Lamp that emits a red light visible from at least 100 feet from the rear which must be illuminated when in operation;
  - I. Red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear;
  - J. Any additional requirements which may be amended to 65 ILCS 5/11-1426.1 or the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code.
8. All non-highway vehicles operated on municipal streets must have headlamps illuminated at all times.
9. Must obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois and the Village of Onarga.
10. Must be operated only on Village streets, except where prohibited.

11. Any person operating or in physical control of an allowed non-highway vehicle as described herein, must execute a **Village of Onarga Liability Release**.
12. Must not be operated in excess of posted speed limit and, may not be operated at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour.
13. May only be operated between sunrise and 11:00 p.m.
14. A person operating or who is in actual physical control of an allowed non-highway vehicle, as described herein, on a roadway shall not operate such vehicle while under the influence and shall be subject to Section 11-500 through 11-502 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (625 ILCS 5/11-500-11-502).
15. Allowed non-highway vehicles shall not be operated on sidewalks or in Village parks, other than parking areas.
16. Allowed non-highway vehicles may not be operated on streets and highways and roads under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation, or the Iroquois County Highway Department except to cross at designated streets. "Golf carts, all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles" may not be operated on the following national or state highways except to cross said highways at the intersections in a path ninety (90) degrees to said Highway 54 and 45 at Evergreen and Roosevelt streets.
17. All non-highway vehicles permitted on Village streets shall have headlights illuminated at all times while being operated on Village streets.

#### **10.21.020 PERMITS**

1. No person shall operate an allowed non-highway vehicle without first obtaining a permit from the office of the Police Chief as provided herein. Permits shall be granted for a period of one (1) year and renewed annually. The cost of the permit is \$35.00. Insurance coverage is to be verified, by the Police Department, to be in effect when obtaining and renewing a permit.
2. Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the Village and shall contain the following information:
  - A. Name and address of applicant;
  - B. Name of liability insurance carrier;
  - C. The serial number, make, model and description of the allowed non-highway vehicle;
  - D. Signed Waiver of Liability by applicant releasing the Village of Onarga and agreeing to indemnify and hold the Village harmless from any and all future claims resulting from the operation of their allowed non-highway vehicle on the Village of Onarga streets;
  - E. Photocopy of applicable liability insurance coverage card specifically for the vehicle to be operated pursuant to the permit;
  - F. Such other information as the Village may require.

3. No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:
  - A. The vehicle must be inspected by the Village Chief of Police (or designee) to ensure that the vehicle is safe to operate on Village streets and is in compliance with this Ordinance and with the State of Illinois Motor Vehicle Code;
  - B. A physically handicapped applicant must submit a certificate signed by a physician, certifying that the applicant is able to safely operate an allowed non-highway vehicle on Village streets;
  - C. The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes regarding minimum liability insurance for passenger motor vehicles to be operated on the roads of the State of Illinois.
4. The Village may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this Ordinance or there is evidence that permittee cannot safely operate an allowed non-highway vehicle on the designated roadways.

#### **10.21.030 VIOLATIONS**

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of \$75.00. Any second or subsequent offense shall result in the revocation of the permit for a period of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) years. To the extent that any violation of the Ordinance also constitutes a violation of a criminal statute of the State of Illinois, then the violator shall be subject to criminal prosecution.