#### **CHAPTER 24**

#### **MOTOR VEHICLE CODE**

#### **ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS**

24-1-1 <u>ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE; DEFINITIONS ADOPTED.</u> The Illinois Vehicle Code, **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 625, Chapter 1**, entitled **"Title and Definitions"**, as passed, approved and amended by the Illinois General Assembly is hereby adopted by the City, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the City. **(See 65 ILCS Sec. 5/1-3-2)** 

#### **ARTICLE II - GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- **24-2-1 OBEDIENCE TO POLICE.** Members of the Police Department and other appointed officials assigned to traffic duty are hereby authorized to direct all traffic in accordance with the provisions of this Article or in emergencies as public safety or convenience may require, and it shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a policeman. Except in cases of emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person not authorized by law to direct or attempt to direct traffic. **(See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-203)**
- **24-2-2 SCENE OF FIRE.** The Fire Department officer in command or any fireman designated by him may exercise the powers and authority of a policeman in directing traffic at the scene of any fire or where the Fire Department has responded to an emergency call for so long as the Fire Department equipment is on the scene in the absence of or in assisting the Police Department.
- **24-2-3 SIGNS AND SIGNALS.** It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to disobey the instructions of any traffic sign or signal placed in view by authority of the corporate authorities or in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois except upon direction of a police officer. All signs and signals established by direction of the governing body shall conform to the Illinois Vehicle Code and meet the requirements of the Illinois Department of Transportation. **(See 625 ILCS 5/11-301)**

- **24-2-4 UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS.** No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any street, any unauthorized sign, signal, marking, light, reflector or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, nor shall any person place, maintain or display upon or in view of any street, any other sign which hides from view or interferes with the movement of traffic or effectiveness of any traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal, and no person shall place or maintain, nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway, any traffic sign or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising. No tree, bush or foliage of any kind shall be so placed, maintained, allowed to remain, or be displayed upon either public or private property in such a manner as to hide from view or interfere with the movement of traffic or the effectiveness of any traffic-control device, sign or signal.
- **24-2-5 INTERFERENCE WITH SIGNS OR SIGNALS.** It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure, move or interfere with any official traffic sign or signal.
- 24-2-6 <u>ADVERTISING SIGNS.</u> It shall be unlawful to maintain anywhere in the City any sign, signal, marking or device other than a traffic sign or signal authorized by the City Council or the State of Illinois, which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal in view of any street or highway, and it shall be unlawful to place or maintain any sign which hides from view any lawful traffic-control device. It shall be unlawful to maintain or operate any flashing or rotating beacon of light in view of any street or highway. (See Chapters 27, 33 and 40)
- **24-2-7 ANIMALS OR BICYCLES.** Any person riding a bicycle or an animal or driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon any street shall be subject to the provisions of this Code applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except those provisions which can have no application to one riding a bicycle or driving or riding an animal. **(See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-206)**

# 24-2-8 <u>LAMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BICYCLES.</u>

(A) Every bicycle, when in use at nighttime, shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least **five hundred (500) feet** to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Department which shall be visible from all distances of **one hundred (100) feet** to **six hundred (600) feet** to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of

headlights on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of **five hundred (500) feet** to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

- (B) A bicycle shall not be equipped with, nor shall any person use any siren upon a bicycle.
- (C) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will adequately control movement of and stop and hold such bicycle.
- (D) No person shall sell a new bicycle or pedal for use on a bicycle that is not equipped with a reflex reflector or conforming to specifications prescribed by the State on each pedal, visible from the front and rear of the bicycle during darkness from a distance of **two hundred (200) feet.**
- (E) No person shall sell or offer for sale a new bicycle that is not equipped with side reflectors. Such reflectors shall be visible from each side of the bicycle from a distance of **five hundred (500) feet** and shall be essentially colorless or red to the rear of the center of the bicycle and essentially colorless or amber to the front of the center of the bicycle provided. The requirements of this paragraph may be met by reflective materials which shall be at least **three-sixteenths of an inch (3/16th")** wide on each side of each tire or rim to indicate as clearly as possible the continuous circular shape and size of the tires or rims of such bicycle and which reflective materials may be of the same color on both the front and rear tire or rim. Such reflectors shall conform to specifications prescribed by the State.
- (F) No person shall sell or offer for sale a new bicycle that is not equipped with an essentially colorless front-facing reflector.
- (G) Any person charged with a violation of this section shall upon conviction, be fined in accordance with Section 1-1-20 of the City Code. (See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-1507)

#### **ARTICLE III - STOP AND THROUGH STREETS**

- **24-3-1 THROUGH STREETS.** The streets and parts of streets of the City designated by ordinance as "through streets" are hereby declared to be through streets. The driver of a vehicle shall stop at the entrance to a through street and shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles which have entered the intersection or which are approaching so close on a through street as to constitute an immediate hazard unless directed otherwise by the traffic officer. See **Schedule "A"** for applicable through and stop streets.
- 24-3-2 <u>ONE-WAY STREETS OR ALLEYS.</u> It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle on any streets or alleys designated as one-way streets or alleys by ordinance in any direction other than that so designated. See **Schedule "B"** for the designated one-way streets and alleys. (**See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-208**)
- 24-3-3 STOP STREETS. The driver of a vehicle shall stop in obedience to a stop sign at an intersection where a stop sign is erected pursuant to ordinance at one or more entrances thereto and shall proceed cautiously, yielding to the vehicles not so obliged to stop which are within the intersection or approaching so close as to constitute an immediate hazard, unless traffic at such intersection is controlled by a police officer on duty, in which event, the directions of the police officer shall be complied with. See Schedule "A" for designated stop intersections. (See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-302)
- **24-3-4 YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY STREETS.** The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign, in obedience to such sign, shall slow down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions and if required for safety to stop, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway. After slowing or stopping, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time such driver is moving across or within the intersection. **(See Schedule "C")**
- **24-3-5 POSTING SIGNS.** Appropriate signs shall be posted to show all through, stop and yield right-of-way streets, all one-way streets and alleys and all stop intersections. (See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-304)

#### **ARTICLE IV - DRIVING RULES**

24-4-1 ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE; RULES OF THE ROAD ADOPTED. The Illinois Vehicle Code, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 625, Section 11, entitled "Rules of the Road", as passed, approved and amended by the Illinois General Assembly is hereby adopted by the City and the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the City except for the following changes, deletions and omissions:

# (A) **Omissions:**

(1) Omit Sections 11-207, 11-208.1, 11-208.2, 11-209.1, 11-302, 11-303, 11-310(f), 11-313, 11-401 to and including 11-416, 11-500 to and including 11-502, 11-602, 11-603, 11-604, 11-606(b), 11-608, 11-1419, and 11-1422.

# (B) Changes and Additions:

- (1) Change 11-904(a) to read: "Preferential right-of-way at an intersection may be indicated by stop or yield signs as authorized by this Code."
- (2) Change 11-1416(a) to read: "Any person who shall willfully and unnecessarily attempt to delay, hinder or obstruct any other person in lawfully driving and traveling upon or along any highway within this State or who shall offer for barter or sale, merchandise on said highway so as to interfere with the effective movement of traffic shall, upon conviction, be quilty of a violation of this Code."

#### 24-4-2 **DRIVING RULES.**

- (A) <u>Careless Driving.</u> It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle in the City in a careless manner so as to interfere with the safe or lawful operation of any other vehicle or so as to interfere with or to injure, damage, or endanger persons or property engaged in the lawful use of the street.
- (B) <u>Drag Racing Unlawful.</u> No person shall be a participant in drag racing as defined in **Section 5/11-504 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.**
- (C) <u>Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police Officer.</u> Any driver or operator of a motor vehicle who, having been given a visual or audible signal by a police officer directing such driver or operator to bring his vehicle to a stop, willfully fails to or refuses to obey such direction, increases his speed, extinguishes his lights or otherwise flees or attempts to elude the officer is guilty of a violation of this Chapter. The signal given by the police officer may be by hand, voice, siren, red or blue light. Provided, however, the officer giving such signal shall be in police uniform and if driving a vehicle, such vehicle shall be marked showing it to be an official police vehicle.

- (D) <u>Unlawful Possession of Highway Sign or Marker.</u> The City's Street Department with reference to traffic-control signals, signs or markers owned by the City are authorized to indicate the ownership of such signs, signals or markers on the back of such devices in letters not less than **three-eighths of an inch (3/8")** or more than **three-fourths of an inch (3/4")** in height, by use of a metal stamp, etching or other permanent means and except for employees of the City, police officers, contractors and their employees engaged in highway construction, contract or work on the highway approved by the City, it is a violation of this Chapter for any person to possess such sign, signal or marker so identified. (See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-313)
- (E) <u>Special Speed Limitations on Elevated Structures.</u> No person shall drive a vehicle over any bridge or other elevated structure constituting a part of a highway at a speed which is greater than the maximum speed which can be maintained with safety to such bridge or structure when such structure is sign-posted.

Upon the trial of any person charged with the violation of this section, proof of the determination of the maximum speed by the City and the existence of such signs is conclusive evidence of the maximum speed which can be maintained with safety to such bridge or structure. (See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-608)

- (F) <u>General Speed Restrictions.</u> The speed limits on the various streets shall be approved by the City Council, but shall not exceed **twenty miles per hour (20 MPH)** in a school zone and not to exceed **twenty-five miles per hour (25 MPH)** on a residential street; otherwise, **thirty miles per hour (30 MPH)** on an arterial street unless otherwise posted. **Schedule "J"** shall list the applicable streets that have specific speed limits thereon. (**See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-604**)
- (G) <u>Special Speed Limit While Passing Schools.</u> No person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of **twenty miles per hour (20 MPH)** while passing a school zone or while traveling upon any public thoroughfare on or across which children pass going to and from school during school days when school children are present.

This section shall not be applicable unless appropriate signs are posted upon streets and maintained by the City or State wherein the school zone is located. School crossings are hereby established in **Schedule "D"**. (See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-605)

(H) Failure to Reduce Speed. A vehicle shall be driven upon the streets and alleys of this City at a speed which is reasonable and proper with regard to traffic conditions and the use of the street or alley. The fact that the vehicle does not exceed the applicable maximum speed limit does not relieve the driver of the duty to decrease speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or when special hazard exists with respect to pedestrian or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions. Speed must be decreased as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person or vehicle on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

- (I) <u>Traffic Lane Usage.</u> Whenever any roadway within the City has been divided into **two (2)** or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, a vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.
- (J) <u>U-Turns Prohibited.</u> No driver of a vehicle shall make a "U-turn" on any street or at any intersection of any streets in the City.
- 24-4-3 <u>DUTY TO REPORT ACCIDENT.</u> The driver of a vehicle which is in any manner involved in an accident within the City shall, without unnecessary delay, notify the Police Department and shall make a report of such action. Failure to report an accident within the City within **twenty-four (24) hours** shall result in arrests of the person or persons involved. (See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-415)
- 24-4-4 TRANSPORTING LIQUOR IN VEHICLES. No person shall transport, carry, possess or have any alcoholic liquor within the passenger area of any motor vehicle in this City except in the original container and with the seal unbroken. (See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-502)
- **24-4-5 EXCESSIVE NOISE STOPPED VEHICLE.** No operator of a motor vehicle shall, when the motor vehicle is stopped, unreasonably accelerate the engine thereof with the gears of the vehicle in neutral, thereby causing an unreasonably loud or excessive noise.
- **24-4-6 EXCESSIVE NOISE WHEELS.** No operator of a motor vehicle shall when the motor vehicle is stopped, accelerate the engine with the gears of such vehicle in neutral and while so accelerating the engine, shift the gears of the vehicle into a forward or reverse movement, thereby causing an unreasonably loud noise with the drive wheels of the vehicle.
- **24-4-7 EXCESSIVE NOISE SQUEALING TIRES.** No operator of a motor vehicle shall cause the wheels of such vehicle to spin violently, thereby causing an unreasonably loud or excessive noise. **(See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-505)**
- **24-4-8 RECKLESS, NEGLIGENT OR CARELESS DRIVING.** It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle in the City in a careless, reckless, negligent or wanton manner, or carelessly so as to endanger life or property.
- **24-4-9 EXCESSIVE NOISE WHILE DRIVING.** No operator of a motor vehicle shall, when operating the vehicle, accelerate the vehicle or rapidly stop the vehicle causing an unreasonably loud noise.

# **ARTICLE V - EQUIPMENT OF VEHICLES**

- 24-5-1 <u>ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE</u>; <u>EQUIPMENT OF VEHICLES</u> <u>ADOPTED</u>. The Illinois Vehicle Code, **Illinois Compiled Statutes**, **Chapter 625**, **Section 12**, entitled "**Equipment of Vehicles**", as passed, approved, and amended by the Illinois General Assembly is hereby adopted by the City and the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the City. (**See 625 ILCS Secs. 5/12-605, 5/12-605.1**; and **5/12-605.2**)
- **24-5-2 MUFFLER.** No motor vehicle shall be operated on any street unless such vehicle is provided with a muffler in efficient actual working condition; and the use of a cut-out is prohibited. No muffler shall cause an unreasonably loud or excessive noise. **(See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/12-602)**
- 24-5-3 <u>SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS.</u> No driver of any motor vehicle within the City shall operate or permit operation of any sound amplification system which can be heard outside the vehicle from **seventy-five (75) feet** or more when the vehicle is being operated upon a highway, unless such system is being operated to request assistance or warn of a hazardous situation. (See 625 ILCS 5/12-611) (Ord. No. 1433; 10-06-08)
- 24-5-4 EXCESSIVE ENGINE BRAKING NOISE PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a commercial vehicle as defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-111.8 to operate or actuate any engine braking system within the City that emits excessive noise unless it is an emergency. The Maintenance Superintendent is authorized and directed to post signs stating: "EXCESSIVE ENGINE BRAKING NOISE PROHIBITED" at appropriate locations. (Ord. No. 1433; 10-06-08)

#### **ARTICLE VI - PARKING RULES**

- **24-6-1 TIME LIMIT PARKING.** It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle for a period of time in excess of the amount of time designated by law and so posted.
- **24-6-2 PARKING FOR SALE, REPAIR OR PEDDLING PROHIBITED.** No person shall park a vehicle upon any street for the purpose of:
  - (A) displaying such vehicle for sale; or
- (B) washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle, except when emergency repairs are necessary; or
  - (C) peddling merchandise.

#### 24-6-3<u>STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES.</u>

- (A) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control devices, no person shall:
  - (1) **Stop, Stand or Park a Vehicle:** 
    - (a) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
    - (b) On a sidewalk.
    - (c) Within an intersection.
    - (d) On a crosswalk.
    - (e) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings.
    - (f) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
    - (g) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel.
    - (h) On any railroad tracks.
    - (i) At any place where official signs prohibit stopping.
    - (j) On any controlled-access highway.
    - (k) In the area between roadways of a divided highway, including crossovers.
    - (I) In any alley that is open and maintained.
    - (m) On a side of the street in the opposite direction of the flow of traffic.
  - (2) <u>Stand or Park a Vehicle</u> (whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge passengers):
    - (a) In front of a public or private driveway.
    - (b) Within **fifteen (15) feet** of a fire hydrant.
    - (c) Within **twenty (20) feet** of a crosswalk at an intersection.
    - (d) Within **thirty (30) feet** upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of the roadway.
    - (e) Within **twenty (20) feet** of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance

to any fire station within **seventy-five (75) feet** of such entrance (when properly sign-posted).

- (f) At any place where official signs prohibit standing or parking.
- (3) **Parking a Vehicle** (whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers):
  - (a) within **fifty (50) feet** of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing;
  - (b) at any place where official signs prohibit parking;
  - (c) in yellow zones;
  - (d) street sweeping zones.
- (4) Parking a Recreational Vehicle, Motor Home, Tractor Trailer, Utility Trailer or Boat/Trailer. Park a recreational vehicle (RV), motor home, tractor trailer, commercial vehicle, utility trailer or boat/trailer on any street or alley except that they may be temporarily parked on a street or alley to load or unload, but not for more than four (4) hours and they may not be parked so that they impede or disrupt the flow of traffic or cause an unsafe or dangerous condition for traffic. Furthermore, moving vans or tractor trailers may be parked for an overnight period on a street or alley to load or unload furniture to or from a residence so long as they do not impede or disrupt the flow of traffic or cause an unsafe or dangerous condition for traffic and only after obtaining permission from the Chester Police Department.
- (B) No person shall move a vehicle not lawfully under his control into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.
- (C) Schedules "F", "G", "H", "I", "O" and "P" shall list all applicable no-parking, limited parking or special parking zones. (See 625 ILCS 5/3-815) (Ord. No. 1682; 08-20-18)

# 24-6-4 PARKING FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

- (A) <u>Designated Parking.</u> Certain parking spaces within the confines of the City shall be designated for use by handicapped persons' vehicles only and will be posted with appropriate signs to that effect.
- (B) <u>Use of Designated Handicapped Parking.</u> The use of designated handicapped parking locations, duly posted and signed shall to that effect, be open to any vehicle which bears the appropriate handicapped Illinois Registration Plate issued by the Secretary of State for the State of Illinois, or a valid handicapped parking permit issued by another governmental agency or which bears a handicapped card furnished in accordance with **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 625; Section 5/11-1301.1, et. seq.**
- (C) <u>Application for Illinois Handicapped Registration Plate.</u> The issuance of an Illinois Handicapped Motor Vehicle Registration Plate shall be made with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois at any facility provided and approved for that purpose by the Secretary of State. (See 625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-1301.2)

- (D) Penalty. Any vehicle parked in violation of this Article in a posted designated handicapped space which does not bear an Illinois Handicapped Registration Plate, or a valid handicapped parking permit issued by another governmental agency of a City Handicapped Registration Card will be ticketed and the vehicle will be removed in accordance with departmental policies and in accordance with Section 5/11-1302, Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. The registered owner of the vehicle as ascertained by the registration plates of the vehicle will be presumed to be in control of the vehicle and will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The same registered owner will be held liable for the cost of removal of the vehicle and must pay that cost, plus storage charges, if any, prior to the release of the vehicle. (Ord. No. 1151; 04-20-98) (625 ILCS Sec. 5/11-1301.3)
- (E) <u>Handicapped Parking Areas.</u> Those places designated as "Handicapped Parking Spaces" are listed in **Schedule "P".**

#### 24-6-5 LOAD LIMITS.

- (A) <u>Established.</u> There is hereby established "gross load limit" on City streets. The term "gross load limit" shall mean the total weight of a vehicle and the load it is carrying. The specified streets and the load limits are hereby listed in **Schedule "M".**
- (B) **Restrictions.** It shall be unlawful to operate a vehicle upon any street where the operation is prohibited by this Section and where such signs of prohibition are posted, except that a vehicle may be driven on such street for not more than the minimum distance necessary for the purpose of making deliveries or picking up loads.
- (C) **Exceptions.** This Chapter shall not include pickup trucks, trucks operated by the City maintenance and repairs on the street or the operation of a vehicle owned by the U.S. government or State of Illinois while on lawful business of these agencies.
- **24-6-6 LIMITED PARKING ZONES; TWO-HOUR.** There shall be established two-hour parking zones throughout the City as designated in **Schedule "G"** and **"N"**.

# 24-6-7 **LIMITING PARKING ZONES.**

- (A) There is herewith established a **one (1) hour** limited parking areas within and upon the following described streets within the City, and subject to the terms and provisions hereinafter set forth. The **one (1) hour** parking areas are listed in **Schedule "I"**.
- (B) Vehicles parked in a **one (1) hour** designated parking area shall be limited to parking for a period of **one (1) hour** between the hours of **6:00 A.M.** and **6:00 P.M.** Monday through Saturday. Vehicles parked in violation of this Section shall be deemed to be illegally parked, and the owner thereof shall pay to the municipality the sum of **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** as a fine. Anyone having received **four (4) citations** for violation of this Section shall subject that vehicle to be towed away when such vehicle is illegally parked for the **fifth (5th) time** within this zone which is herewith designated as a tow-a-way zone. The owner of any towed vehicle shall be responsible for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the City, its employees, or independent contractors engaged by the City to tow the vehicle away.
- (C) Any person who moves a vehicle within this **one (1) hour** designated parking area with the intention of circumventing or evading the requirements of this ordinance shall also be guilty of a separate and distinct offense, and shall be fined the sum of **Ten**

**Dollars (\$10.00)** in that it is found by the City, that those in possession of motor vehicles move these vehicles around within the above-described limited parking zone with the express intent of avoiding receiving a citation for being overparked in one parking spot, and then move it to another parking spot with the same intent to start a new time period. The **one (1) hour** parking zones are hereby established in **Schedule "I". (Ord. No. 975; 04-02-90)** 

- **24-6-8 TOWING CARS AWAY.** The Police Department and all members thereof assigned to traffic duty are hereby authorized to remove and tow away, or have removed and towed away by commercial towing service, any car, boat, trailer, or other vehicle illegally parked in any place where such parked vehicle creates or constitutes a traffic hazard, blocks the use of a fire hydrant or obstructs or may obstruct the movement of any emergency vehicle; or any vehicle which has been parked in any public street or other public place for a period of **twenty-four (24) hours**. The towing service will safely keep the towed vehicle and its contents, maintain a record of the tow as set forth in **625 ILCS 5/4-204** for law enforcement agencies, until the vehicle is claimed by the owner or any other person legally entitled to possession thereof or until it is disposed of as provided in this Code. **(625 ILCS 5/4-202)**
- **24-6-9 PARKING VIOLATIONS.** There is hereby established a minimum fine of **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** and a maximum fine of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for any person parked in violation in any areas designated as no parking zones and for any person violating stop signs. **(Ord. No. 1065; 07-18-94)**
- **24-6-10 PRIMA FACIE PROOF.** The fact that a vehicle which is illegally parked or operated is registered in the name of a person shall be considered prima facie proof that such person was in control of the vehicle at the time of such violation.
- **24-6-11 PARKING TICKETS STATE STATUTE.** The City Council intends to utilize **Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 625; Section 5/6-306.5** and the procedure set forth therein.

The appropriate authorities are hereby authorized to utilize the statute and the procedure set forth therein. (Ord. No. 819; 12-06-82)

- **24-6-12 DESIGNATED LOADING ZONES.** There is hereby established designated loading zones within and upon certain streets within the City as designated in **Schedule "Q"**. No vehicle shall park in a designated loading zone unless merchandise, equipment, supplies or inventory is being loaded or unloaded to/from such vehicle to/from a business located adjacent to or within a reasonable distance from such loading zone. Vehicles may only park in a designated loading zone while loading or unloading, and once the loading or unloading is complete, such vehicle shall be immediately moved from the designated loading zone. **(Ord. No. 1477; 12-21-09)**
- **24-6-13 THIRTY-MINUTE PARKING.** The following described areas are hereby designated as 30-minute parking between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. of the same day, Monday through Friday.
  - (A) The **two (2) parking spaces** in front of City Hall on Swanwick Street.
- (B) The **two (2) parking spaces** in front of the Post Office on Swanwick Street. **(Ord. No. 1792; 04-04-23)**

# ARTICLE VII – ABANDONED, LOST, STOLEN OR UNCLAIMED VEHICLES

# 24-7-1 <u>ABANDONMENT OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED.</u>

- (A) The abandonment of a vehicle or any part thereof on any highway in this City is unlawful.
- (B) The abandonment of a vehicle or any part thereof on private or public property, other than a highway, in view of the general public, anywhere in this City is unlawful except on property of the owner or bailee of such abandoned vehicle. A vehicle or any part thereof so abandoned on private property shall be authorized for removal, by the City, after a waiting period of **seven (7) days** or more, or may be removed immediately if determined to be a hazardous dilapidated motor vehicle under Section 5/11-40-3.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code.
- (C) A towing service may begin to process an unclaimed vehicle as abandoned by requesting a record search by the Secretary of State up to **ten (10) days** after the date of the tow, or any later date acceptable to the Secretary of State. This paragraph shall not apply to vehicles towed by order or authorization of the City or a law enforcement agency. **(625 ILCS 5/4-201)**
- ABANDONED, LOST, STOLEN OR UNCLAIMED VEHICLE NOTIFICATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. When an abandoned, lost, stolen or unclaimed vehicle comes into the temporary possession or custody of a person in this City, not the owner of the vehicle, such person shall immediately notify the municipal police when the vehicle is within the corporate limits of the City, or the State Police or the county sheriff when the vehicle is outside the corporate limits of the City. Upon receipt of such notification, the municipal police will authorize a towing service to remove and take possession of the abandoned, lost, stolen or unclaimed vehicle. The towing service will safely keep the towed vehicle and its contents, maintain a record of the tow as set forth in 625 ILCS 5/4-204 for law enforcement agencies, until the vehicle is claimed by the owner or any other person legally entitled to possession thereof or until it is disposed of as provided in this Code. (625 ILCS 5/4-202)

# 24-7-3 <u>REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR OTHER VEHICLES;</u> TOWING OR HAULING AWAY.

- (A) When a vehicle is abandoned on a highway in an urban district or on public property **ten (10) hours** or more, its removal by a towing service may be authorized by a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.
- (B) When a vehicle is abandoned or left unattended on a highway other than a toll highway, interstate highway or expressway, outside of an urban district for **twenty-four (24) hours** or more, its removal by a towing service may be authorized by a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

(C) When an abandoned, unattended, wrecked, burned or partially dismantled vehicle is creating a traffic hazard because of its position in relation to the highway or its physical appearance is causing the impeding of traffic, its immediate removal from the highway or private property adjacent to the highway by a towing service may be authorized by a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

# 24-7-4 POLICE TOWS; REPORTS, RELEASE OF VEHICLES, PAYMENT. When a vehicle is authorized to be towed away as provided in Section 24-7-2 or 24-7-3:

- (A) The authorization, any hold order, and any release shall be in writing, or confirmed in writing, with a copy given to the towing service.
- (B) The police headquarters or office of the law officer authorizing the towing shall keep and maintain a record of the vehicle towed, listing the color, year of manufacture, manufacturer's trade name, manufacturer's series name, body style, Vehicle Identification Number, license plate year and number and registration sticker year and number displayed on the vehicle. The record shall also include the date and hour of tow, location towed from, location towed to, reason for towing and the name of the officer authorizing the tow.
- (C) The owner, operator, or other legally entitled person shall be responsible to the towing service for payment of applicable removal, towing, storage, and processing charges and collection costs associated with a vehicle towed or held under order or authorization of the law enforcement agency. If a vehicle towed or held under order or authorization of a law enforcement agency is seized by the ordering or authorizing agency or any other law enforcement or governmental agency and sold, any unpaid removal, towing, storage and processing charges and collection costs shall be paid to the towing service from the proceeds of the sale. If applicable law provides that the proceeds are to be paid into the treasury of the appropriate civil jurisdiction, then any unpaid removal, towing, storage and processing charges and collection costs shall be paid to the towing service from the treasury of the civil jurisdiction. That payment shall not, however, exceed the amount of proceeds from the sale, with the balance to be paid by the owner, operator, or other legally entitled person.
- (D) Upon delivery of a written release order to the towing service, a vehicle subject to a hold order shall be released to the owner, operator or other legally entitled person upon proof of ownership or other entitlement and upon payment of applicable removal, towing, storage and processing charges and collection costs. (625 ILCS 5/4-204)

#### 24-7-5 RECORD SEARCHES FOR UNKNOWN OWNER.

(A) When a law enforcement agency authorizing the impounding of a vehicle does not know the identity of the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled person, that law enforcement agency will cause the vehicle registration records

of the State of Illinois to be searched by the Secretary of State for the purpose of obtaining the required ownership information.

- The law enforcement agency authorizing the impounding of a vehicle will cause the stolen motor vehicle files of the State Police to be searched by a directed communication to the State Police for stolen or wanted information on the vehicle. When the State Police files are searched with negative results, the information contained in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) files will be searched by the State Police. The information determined from these record searches will be returned to the requesting law enforcement agency for that agency's use in sending a notification by certified mail to the registered owner, lienholder and other legally entitled persons advising where the vehicle is held, requesting a disposition be made and setting forth public sale information. Notification shall be sent no later than ten (10) business days after the date the law enforcement agency impounds or authorizes the impounding of a vehicle, provided that if the law enforcement agency is unable to determine the identity of the registered owner, lienholder or other person legally entitled to ownership of the impounded vehicle within a ten (10) business day period after impoundment, then notification shall be sent no later than two (2) days after the date the identity of the registered owner, lienholder or other person legally entitled to ownership of the impounded vehicle is determined. Exceptions to a notification by certified mail to the registered owner, lienholder and other legally entitled persons are set forth in 625 ILCS 5/4-209.
- (C) When ownership information is needed for a towing service to give notification as required under this Code, the towing service may cause the vehicle registration records of the State of Illinois to be searched by the Secretary of State.

The written request of a towing service, in the form and containing the information prescribed by the Secretary of State by rule, may be transmitted to the Secretary of State in person, by U.S. Mail or other delivery service, by facsimile transmission, or by other means the Secretary of State deems acceptable.

The Secretary of State shall provide the required information, or a statement that the information was not found in the vehicle registration records of the State, by U.S. Mail or other delivery service, facsimile transmission, as requested by the towing service, or by other means acceptable to the Secretary of State.

- (D) The Secretary of State may prescribe standards and procedures for submission of requests for record searches and replies via computer link.
- (E) Fees for services provided under this Section shall be in amounts prescribed by the Secretary of State under Section 3-821.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code. Payment may be made by the towing service using cash, any commonly accepted credit card or any other means of payment deemed acceptable by the Secretary of State. **(625 ILCS 5/4-205)**
- **24-7-6 IDENTIFYING AND TRACING OF VEHICLE.** When the registered owner, lienholder or other person legally entitled to the possession of a vehicle cannot be identified from the registration files of this State or from the

registration files of a foreign state, if applicable, the law enforcement agency having custody of the vehicle shall notify the State Police, for the purpose of identifying the vehicle owner or other person legally entitled to the possession of the vehicle. The information obtained by the State Police will be immediately forwarded to the law enforcement agency having custody of the vehicle for notification purposes as set forth in **Section 24-7-5** of this Code. **(625 ILCS 5/4-206)** 

# 24-7-7 RECLAIMED VEHICLES; EXPENSES.

- (A) Any time before a vehicle is sold at public sale or disposed of as provided in **Section 24-7-8**, the owner, lienholder or other person legally entitled to its possession may reclaim the vehicle by presenting to the law enforcement agency having custody of the vehicle proof of ownership or proof of the right to possession of the vehicle.
- (B) No vehicle shall be released to the owner, lienholder or other person under this Section until all towing, storage and processing charges have been paid. **(625 ILCS 5/4-207)**

# 24-7-8 DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED VEHICLE.

- When an abandoned, lost, stolen or unclaimed vehicle **seven (7)** years of age or newer remains unclaimed by the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled person for a period of thirty (30) days after notice has been given as provided in **Sections 24-7-5** and **24-7-6** of this Article, the law enforcement agency or towing service having possession of the vehicle shall cause it to be sold at public auction to a person licensed as an automotive parts recycler, rebuilder or scrap processor under Article 5 of Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes or the towing operator which towed the vehicle. Notice of the time and place of the sale shall be posted in a conspicuous place for at least ten (10) days prior to the sale on the premises where the vehicle has been impounded. At least **ten (10) days** prior to the sale, the law enforcement agency where the vehicle is impounded, or the towing service where the vehicle is impounded, shall cause a notice of the time and place of the sale to be sent by certified mail to the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled persons. Notice as provided in **Sections 24-7-5** and **24-7-6** of this Article as provided in this Section shall state the time and place of sale and shall contain a complete description of the vehicle to be sold and what steps must be taken by any legally entitled persons to reclaim the vehicle.
- (B) If an abandoned, lost, stolen or unclaimed vehicle displays dealer plates, notice under this Section and **Section 24-7-9** of this Code shall be sent to both the dealer and the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled persons.
- (C) In those instances where the certified notification specified in **Section 24-7-5** and **24-7-6** of this Article has been returned by the postal authorities to the law enforcement agency or towing service, the sending of a second certified notice will not be required. **(625 ILCS 5/4-208)**

# 24-7-9 DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED VEHICLES WITHOUT NOTICE.

- (A) New Car. When the identity of the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled persons of an abandoned, lost or unclaimed vehicle of **seven (7)** years of age or newer cannot be determined by any means provided for in this Article, the vehicle may be sold as provided for in **Section 24-7-8** without notice to any person whose identity cannot be determined.
- (B) Old Car. When an abandoned vehicle of more than seven (7) years of age is impounded as specified by this Article, or when any such vehicle is towed at the request or with the consent of the owner or operator and is subsequently abandoned, it will be kept in custody or storage for a minimum of ten (10) days for the purpose of determining the identity of the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled persons and contacting the registered owner, lienholder, or other legally entitled persons by the U.S. Mail, public service or in person for a determination of disposition; and an examination of the State Police stolen vehicle files for theft and wanted information. At the expiration of the ten (10) day period, without the benefit of disposition information being received from the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled persons, the vehicle may be disposed of in either of the following ways:
  - (1) The law enforcement agency having jurisdiction will authorize the disposal of the vehicle as junk or salvage.
  - (2) The towing service may sell the vehicle in the manner provided in **Section 24-7-8** of this Article, provided that the paragraph shall not apply to vehicles towed by order or authorization of a law enforcement agency.
- (C) <u>Antique Vehicle.</u> A vehicle classified as an antique vehicle, custom vehicle, or street rod may, however, be sold to a person desiring to restore it. **(625 ILCS Sec. 5/4-209)**
- **24-7-10 DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS DILAPIDATED MOTOR VEHICLES.** Any hazardous dilapidated motor vehicle impounded pursuant to the provisions of this Article and **65 ILCS 5/11-40-3.1**, whether impounded at a public facility or on the property of private towing service, shall be kept in custody for a period of **ten (10) days** for the purpose of determining the identity of the registered owner or lienholder and contacting such owner or lienholder, if known, by regular U.S. Mail. At the expiration of the **ten (10) day** period, without benefit of disposition information being received from the registered owner or lienholder, the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction will authorize the disposal of the vehicle as junk. **(65 ILCS 5/4-209.1)**
- **24-7-11 COLLECTION OF UNPAID CHARGES.** In an action to collect towing, storage and processing charges that remain unpaid after disposition of a vehicle towed or relocated under this Code, the towing service may recover reasonable collection costs.

24-7-12 POLICE RECORD FOR DISPOSED VEHICLE. When a vehicle in the custody of the City or law enforcement agency is reclaimed by the registered owner, lienholder or other legally entitled person, or when the vehicle is sold at public sale or otherwise disposed of as provided in this Article, a report of the transaction will be maintained by that law enforcement agency for a period of **one (1) year** from the date of the sale or disposal. **(625 ILCS 5/4-210)** 

# 24-7-13 PUBLIC SALE PROCEEDS; DISPOSITION OF.

- (A) When a vehicle located within the corporate limits is authorized to be towed away by a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction and disposed of as set forth in this Article, the proceeds of the public sale or disposition after the deduction of towing, storage and processing charges shall be deposited in the treasury of the Municipality.
- (B) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to vehicles disposed of or sold at public sale under subsection (k) of **625 ILCS 5/4-107** of the Illinois Vehicle Code. **(625 ILCS 5/4-211)**

#### 24-7-14 LIABILITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

- (A) A law enforcement officer or agency, a department of municipal government designated under **625 ILCS 5/4-212.1** or its officers or employees, or a towing service owner, operator or employee shall not be held to answer or be liable for damages in any action brought by the registered owner, former registered owner, or his legal representative, lienholder or any other person legally entitled to the possession of a vehicle when the vehicle was processed and sold or disposed of as provided by this Article.
- (B) A towing service, and any of its officers or employees, that removes or tows a vehicle as a result of being directed to do so by a law enforcement officer or agency or a department of municipal government or its officers or employees shall not be held to answer or be liable for injury to, loss of, or damages to any real or personal property that occurs in the course of the removal or towing of a vehicle or its contents on a limited access highway in a designated Incident Management Program that uses fast lane clearance techniques as defined by the Department of Transportation. (625 ILCS 5/4-213)

# 24-7-15 VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE.

- (A) Any person who violates **Section 24-7-1(A)** or **(B)** of this Article or who aids and abets in that violation:
  - (1) shall be fined not less than **Seventy-Five Dollars** (\$75.00) nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars** (\$750.00) for any **one** (1) offense; and

- (2) shall be required by the court to make a disposition on the abandoned or unclaimed vehicle and pay all towing, storage and processing charges and collection costs.
- (B) When a vehicle is abandoned, it shall be presumed that the last registered owner is responsible for the abandonment and shall be liable for all towing, storage and processing charges and collection costs, less any amounts realized in the disposal of the vehicle. The last registered owner's liability for storage fees may not exceed a maximum of **thirty (30) days'** storage fees.

The presumption established under this paragraph may be rebutted by a showing that, prior to the time of the tow:

- (1) a report of vehicle theft was filed with respect to the vehicle; or
- (2) the vehicle was sold or transferred and the last registered owner provides the towing service with the correct identity and address of the new owner at the time of the sale or transfer.

If the presumption established under this Section is rebutted, the person responsible for theft of the vehicle or to whom the vehicle was sold or transferred is liable for all towing, storage and processing charges and collection costs. **(625 ILCS 5/4-214)** 

# **24-7-16 DEFINITIONS.**

- (A) <u>Abandoned Vehicle</u> shall mean any vehicle which is left unattended and apparently deserted.
- (B) <u>Highway</u> shall mean and include any street, alley, lane, court, boulevard, public square, public place and sidewalk.
- (C) <u>Vehicle</u> shall mean every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a street or highway, whether subject to or exempt from registration, excepting bicycles, snowmobiles and devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(Ord. No. 1332; 08-01-05)

#### **ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS**

# 24-8-1 **SNOW ROUTES DESIGNATED.**

- (A) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any marked snow route in the City at any time within **twelve (12) hours** after a snowfall of **three (3) inches** or more has occurred.
  - (B) The designated snow routes in the City shall be:

# Street Location

Swanwick St. From State St. to Servant St. **(#751)**State St. From Stacey St. to Courthouse **(#751)** 

Plus all intersecting streets located between the above designated streets.

(C) Any vehicles parked in the snow route zone shall be towed away at the owner's expense. (Ord. No. 751; 11-19-79)

# 24-8-2 STREET SWEEPING ZONES.

- (A) It shall be unlawful to park any type of vehicle within any designated street sweeping zone in the City as designated above during the times and along the portions of the route as set forth herein.
- (B) Any vehicle parked in the street sweeping zone or route shall be towed away at the owner's expense. **(Ord. No. 833; 05-02-83)**
- (C) The specific zones shall be listed in **Schedule "O". (Ord. No. 833; 05-02-83)**

#### **ARTICLE IX – NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**

**24-9-1 GENERAL.** Utility terrain vehicles, as defined and qualified herein, shall be allowed on City streets under the conditions as stated herein. No other non-highway vehicles as defined by **625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1** shall be permitted to be operated on the City streets.

#### 24-9-2 **DEFINITIONS.**

- (A) "Utility Terrain Vehicle" shall have the definition set forth in **625 ILCS 5/1-168.8**, further qualified, as follows: Any motorized device designed to travel primarily off-highway, **seventy-four (74) inches** or less in width, having a manufacturer's dry weight of **three thousand (3,000) pounds** or less, traveling on **four (4)** or more tires, designed with a non-straddle seat, having bench or side-by-side bucket seats, and a steering wheel for steering control, except equipment such as lawnmowers.
- (B) "City Streets" means any of the streets within the boundaries of the City and under the sole jurisdiction of the City and includes the terms roads, roadways and highways.
- **24-9-3 REQUIREMENTS.** All persons wishing to operate a utility terrain vehicle on City streets must ensure compliance with the following requirements:
  - (A) Proof of current liability insurance.
- (B) Must be certified with the City and have the vehicle certified with the City by inspection by the Police Chief or his designated representative.
- (C) Must comply with the published "Rules Concerning Alternate Transportation for the City of Chester" as stated in **Section 24-9-4** and as periodically updated.
  - (D) Must display City decal on the rear of the vehicle.
  - (E) Must have a current, valid Illinois driver's license.
  - (F) Must be **twenty-one (21) years** of age and a licensed driver.
- **24-9-4 RULES CONCERNING ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION.** All persons wishing to operate a utility terrain vehicle on City streets must ensure compliance with the following rules:
  - (A) Must obey all traffic laws of the State of Illinois and the City of Chester.
  - (B) Must be operated only on City streets, except where prohibited.
- (C) May only be operated on streets/roadways that have a posted speed limit of **fifty-five (55) miles per hour** or less.
- (D) A person who is operating or who is in actual physical control of a utility terrain vehicle as defined herein on a roadway while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is subject to **625 ILCS 5/11-500** through **625 ILCS 5/11-502**.
- (E) Utility terrain vehicles shall not be operated on sidewalks in the City or places other than on streets and parking areas.
- (F) All operators of a utility terrain vehicle must adhere to the child restraint laws pursuant to the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

- (G) Any operator or passenger of a utility terrain vehicle must be in a sitting position and wearing a seatbelt while the vehicle is in motion.
- (H) A person is not eligible to operate a utility terrain vehicle upon any street, roadway or highway within the corporate limits of the City unless he or she has a valid driver's license issued in his or her name by the Secretary of State.
- (I) Utility terrain vehicles may not be operated on streets, highways and roads located in the City that are under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation, which at this time include the following:
  - (1) State Highway 3
  - (2) State Highway 150
  - (3) Opdyke Street
  - (4) Bridge Road from its intersection with Lehmen Drive/Route 3 to the Chester Bridge
  - (5) Lehmen Drive
  - (6) State Street
- (J) A person may make a direct crossing of a street, road or highway under the jurisdiction of the State at an intersection with another public street, road or highway on which the operation of utility terrain vehicles are permitted.

#### 24-9-5 **PERMITS.**

- (A) No person shall operate a utility terrain vehicle without first obtaining a permit from the City Clerk as provided herein. Permits shall be granted for a period of **one (1) year** from **January 1** to **December 31** and renewed annually. The cost of the permit is **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)**. Insurance coverage is to be verified by the Police Department and in effect when obtaining or renewing a permit. There will be no proration for a partial year.
- (B) Every application for a permit shall be made on a form supplied by the City and shall contain the following information:
  - (1) Name and address of applicant.
  - (2) Name of liability insurance carrier.
  - (3) Serial number, make, model and description of the utility terrain vehicle.
  - (4) Waiver of liability signed by applicant releasing the City and agreeing to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all future claims resulting from the operation of their utility terrain vehicle on the City streets.
  - (5) Insurance coverage in effect when obtaining or renewing a permit specifically for the vehicle to be operated pursuant to the permit and shall be verified by the Police Department.
  - (6) Photocopy of the operator's current driver's license.
  - (7) Such other information as the City may require.
  - (C) No permit shall be granted unless the following conditions are met:
    - (1) The vehicle must be inspected by the Chief of Police (or his designee) to ensure that the vehicle is safe to operate on City streets and is in compliance with this Article.
    - (2) A physically handicapped applicant must submit a certificate signed by a physician certifying that the applicant is able to safely operate a utility terrain vehicle on City streets.

(3) The applicant must provide evidence of insurance in compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes regarding minimum liability insurance for passenger motor vehicles to be operated on the roads of the State of Illinois.

# (D) <u>Suspensions or Revocations.</u>

- (1) The City may suspend or revoke a permit granted hereunder upon a finding that the holder thereof has violated any provision of this Article, other City Ordinance or State statute, or there is evidence that permittee cannot safely operate a utility terrain vehicle on the designated roadways.
- (2) A suspension or revocation shall be made in writing and shall set forth the provision(s) of statute or ordinance found to be violated. Suspensions or revocations may be appealed in writing to the City Council within **fourteen (14) days** from the issuance of the suspension or revocation, and if appealed, the City Council shall hold a public hearing at which the affected owner may appear, present witnesses and evidence, and be represented by an attorney. The City Council shall uphold the suspension or revocation if it determines by a preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing that the violation which was the basis for the suspension or revocation occurred. During the appeal process, the suspension or revocation shall remain in full force and effect.
- **24-9-6 VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS.** No utility terrain vehicle may be operated on a roadway unless, at a minimum, it is properly equipped with the following: 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, an orange pennant/flag displayed on a rod or antennae **three (3) feet** above the top frame of the vehicle, a headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of **five hundred (500) feet** to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from at least **one hundred (100) feet** from the rear, brake lights, turn signals, seat belts, windshield and any additional requirements set forth in **65 ILCS 5/11-1438** or **65 ILCS 5/11-1426**, whichever is applicable, and as amended or the Illinois Vehicle Code.

#### 24-9-7 **VIOLATIONS.**

- (A) Any vehicle authorized for use on public streets by the passage of this Article shall be subject to all local and State laws that generally apply to the respective Motor Vehicle Codes, and any violation of either Code will cause the operator of said vehicle to be eligible for prosecution according to the laws of that Code.
- (B) Any person violating any provision of this Article, shall upon conviction, be fined in an amount not less than **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)**, nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)**.

(Ord. No. 1760; 09-21-21)