

**CITY OF GALVA**

ORDINANCE NO. 1527

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NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS

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ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF GALVA, ILLINOIS  
THIS 28 DAY OF July, 2008

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Galva, Henry County, Illinois, the 28 day of July, 2008.

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois has the authority, pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1, *et. seq.*, to authorize by ordinance or resolution the operation of neighborhood vehicles on roadways under its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Galva have found and determined that the operation of neighborhood vehicles will not jeopardize the public safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVA, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS**

As used in this ordinance, "neighborhood vehicle" means a self-propelled, electronically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle which is capable of attaining in one (1) mile a speed of more than twenty (20) miles per hour, but not more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour, and which conforms to federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500.

**SECTION 2: LIMITATIONS ON OPERATION**

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a neighborhood vehicle on any street or highway under the jurisdiction of the City of Galva. Subject to the limitations set forth in this ordinance, any person with a valid Illinois driver's license issued in his or her name by the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois may request permission from the City to operate a neighborhood vehicle on any street or highway under the jurisdiction of the City where the posted speed limit is thirty-five (35) mile per hour or less. Any such request will be reviewed by the Chief of Police, or his designee; and, based on the volume, speed and character of the traffic on the roadway, the Chief of Police or his designee will decide whether a neighborhood vehicle can operate safely on the roadway. An authorized neighborhood vehicle is not prohibited from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or more, unless such crossing is hereinafter prohibited in this ordinance. This Section shall not be construed as granting permission for any person operating a neighborhood vehicle to drive upon any street of highway under the jurisdiction of the County of Henry or the Galva Park District, or to drive upon any street or highway under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

### **SECTION 3: SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

No neighborhood vehicle may be operated on a street or highway under the jurisdiction of the City unless, at a minimum, the vehicle conforms to the federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500 and has the following additional safety equipment:

- A. Brakes;
- B. Steering apparatus;
- C. Tires;
- D. Rearview mirror;
- E. Amber reflectorized warning devices on the front and rear;
- F. A "slow moving" emblem (as required of other vehicles by 625 ILCS 12-709) on the rear of the neighborhood vehicle;
- G. A headlight that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500') feet to the front;
- H. A tail lamp that emits a red light visible from a distance of at least one hundred (100') feet to the rear;
- I. Turn signals; and
- J. Seat belts for driver and all passengers.

### **SECTION 4: REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY APPLICABLE TO NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLES**

Any authorized neighborhood vehicle operating on any street or highway under the jurisdiction of the City of Galva shall be operated in accordance with the following regulations:

- A. The neighborhood vehicle shall have its headlights and tail lamps lighted at all times.
- B. Any person operating a neighborhood vehicle as authorized in this ordinance shall travel on the street or highway in the same direction as traffic and as near the right side of the roadway as possible.
- C. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, any person operating a neighborhood vehicle on streets or highways under the jurisdiction of the City of Galva shall obey any and all traffic regulations set forth in any ordinance of the City of Galva or in the Illinois Vehicle Code.
- D. The neighborhood vehicle, its driver, and all passengers shall be covered by either automobile insurance to the extent required by state law or by comprehensive general liability insurance with a combined single limit of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars. Written proof of the insurance coverage must be filed with the Chief of Police prior to permission being granted to operate a neighborhood vehicle in the City.

- E. After the Chief of Police or his designee determines that a neighborhood vehicle may safely operate on a roadway in the City, appropriate signs shall be posted.

#### **SECTION 5: PERMIT LIMITS**

A permit issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance. A permit may be re-issued upon the reapplication and compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance by the applicant and after review by the Chief of Police or his designee. A permit fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars shall be paid to the City Clerk before any permit is issued.

#### **SECTION 6: PENALTY**

Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Fifty (\$50) Dollars or no more than Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars. Any violation of this ordinance (except those which would constitute a violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code not eligible for disposition through an Administrative Warning Ticket under the Illinois Municipal Code) may be enforced as follows:

- A. Administrative Warning Ticket(s) – In the sole discretion of a city police officer, the officer may issue an Administrative Warning Ticket (AWT), which, for the purposes of this ordinance is defined as a notice of a violation of a city ordinance used in lieu of an arrest or Notice to Appear in Circuit Court. Persons who have received an AWT for a violation of any provision of this ordinance may settle and compromise the claim by paying to the City of Galva an administrative fee in the amount of Fifty (\$50) Dollars within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance. In addition to paying an administrative fee, as provided for in this subparagraph, persons issued an AWT will be required, within fifteen (15) days of the date of issuance of the AWT, to correct the violation(s) indicated thereon to the satisfaction of the city police department. Persons who have been issued an AWT for a violation of this ordinance and who fail to pay the administrative fee in the allotted time, AND/OR those persons who have been issued an AWT who fail to correct the violation when required or indicated, within the time allotted, will be issued a Notice to Appear in the Circuit Court of Henry County, or issued a Notice of Complaint filed in the Circuit Court of Henry County, or issued a combination of a Notice to Appear and a Notice of Complaint filed in said Court, and shall be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in subparagraph B of this Section as follows:
- B. In lieu of an AWT, as defined in subparagraph A of this Section, or upon failure to timely compromise and/or correct any violation for which an AWT has been issued, a city police officer may cause the issuance of Notice to Appear and/or cause the issuance of a Notice of Complaint to be filed in the Circuit Court of Henry County, which will subject the person to whom the

notice or notices have been issued to a fine of not less than Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars and not more than Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

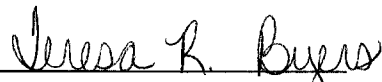
**SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance is effective upon its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

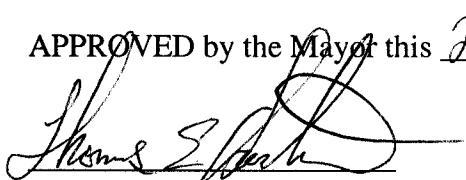
The Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

PASSED by the City Council this 28 day of July, 2008.

AYES: 4  
NAYS: 0  
PRESENT: 4

  
Teresa R. Byers, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 28 day of July, 2008.

  
Thomas E. Hartman, Mayor



# NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLE PERMIT APPLICATION



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

## POLICE ONLY

NAME:		PERMIT NO.	EXPIRES	\$ FEE PAID
IL D.L. #:	EXPIRES:	INSPECTION DATE:	INSPECTED BY:	
ADDRESS		INSPECTION RESULTS <input type="checkbox"/> PASSED <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED COMMENTS:		
CITY				
STATE	ZIP			

## INSPECTION CHECKLIST

BRAKES	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
STEERING APPARATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
TIRES	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
REVIEW MIRROR	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
AMBER REFLECTORIZED WARNING DEIVCE ON FRONT	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
RED REFLECTORIZED WARNING DEVICE ON REAR	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
SLOW MOVING EMBLEM ON REAR	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
HEADLIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
TAIL LAMP	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
TURN SIGNALS	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED
SEAT BELTS	<input type="checkbox"/> PASSED	<input type="checkbox"/> FAILED

**PERMIT FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**  
VEHICLE MUST PASS ALL ITEMS. ANY SINGLE FAILURE OR MULTIPLE FAILURES WILL  
RESULT IN THE NON-ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT.  
LOST, STOLEN, MUTILATED OR DESTROYED PERMIT STICKERS ARE THE SOLE  
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERMIT HOLDER. REPLACEMENT STICKERS MAY BE  
OBTAINED FROM THE GALVA POLICE DEPARMENT FOR A FEE OF \$25.00

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM

I, Teresa Byers, certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois.

I certify that on the 28 day of July, 2008, the corporate authorities of the City of Galva passed and approved Ordinance No. 1527, entitled " **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS**", which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 1527 was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the Galva Administration Building commencing on the 28 day of July, 2008, and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

DATED at Galva, Illinois, this 28 day of July, 2008.

(SEAL) Teresa B. Byers  
CITY CLERK