

**ORDINANCE NO. 07-15**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF  
SOMONAUK CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING  
TO UTILITY VEHICLES**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF SOMONAUK, DEKALB AND LASALLE COUNTIES, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.**

That the following language be and is hereby inserted as Title 6, Chapter 6 of the  
Somonauk Code of Ordinances:

**Title 6: MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

**Chapter 6: UTILITY VEHICLES**

**6-6-1: Definitions:**

**OPERATE:** To ride on or in, other than as a passenger, use or control the operation of  
a utility vehicle in any manner, whether or not the utility vehicle is underway.

**ROADWAY:** That portion of a highway, improved, designed or ordinarily used for  
vehicular traffic.

**UTILITY VEHICLE:** Any self-propelled vehicle typically operated off-road and used for  
transportation or hauling, with an engine size of 1,100 cc or less (for example: Kawasaki  
Mule, John Deere Gator, Polaris Ranger), excluding golf carts.

**6-6-2 Violation:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a utility vehicle on any roadway within the  
corporate limits of the Village of Somonauk without a valid permit. Any person  
determined to have violated any section or provision of this Chapter shall be fined not

less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for any one offense.

**6-6-3 Permit:**

The Village may issue annual permits to government and/or not-for-profit applicants for the use of utility vehicles on the roadways within the corporate limits of the Village of Somonauk. Permits shall expire on April 30 each year and must be renewed annually on May 1. Applicants shall complete an application form available from the Village Clerk and pay the required permit fee of \$10.00 prior to issuance of the permit.

**6-6-4 Traffic Laws:**

Except as otherwise provided herein, any person operating a utility vehicle on the roadways within the Village of Somonauk shall possess a valid drivers license and shall comply with all regulations, provisions and sections of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time, and all ordinances contained in the Somonauk Code of Ordinances. Vehicles not equipped with lights must display reflective tape and/or a sign indicating "Slow Moving Vehicle".

**SECTION 2. REPEALER**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY**

This Ordinance, and every provision thereof, shall be considered severable. In the event that any court of competent jurisdiction may find and declare any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, provision or section or part of a phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, provision or section of this Ordinance is void or unconstitutional, the

remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and provisions and parts of phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, provisions and sections not ruled void or unconstitutional shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED this 9 day of August, 2007 with 6 members voting aye, 0 members voting nay, the President Not voting, with 0 members abstaining or passing, and said vote being:

DANIEL STAHL	<u>Aye</u>	ROBERT HANSON	<u>Nay</u>
MERLIN MILLIGAN	<u>Nay</u>	REBECCA MORPHEY	<u>Aye</u>
RICHARD MCMILLAN	<u>Aye</u>	SCOTT MERRILL	<u>Aye</u>

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VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED this 9 day of August, 2007.

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

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