

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

ORDINANCE NO. O48-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 71 OF "THE HIGHLAND PARK CODE OF 1968," AS AMENDED, TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES BY THE CITY'S FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, Chapter 71 of "The Highland Park Code of 1968," as amended ("**City Code**"), sets forth regulations regarding vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Chapter 71 of the City Code to permit the operation of recreational off-highway vehicles by the City's Police Department and Fire Department within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the adoption of the amendment set forth in this Ordinance will serve and be in the best interests of the City and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE: **RECITALS.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Ordinance as findings of the City Council.

SECTION TWO: **AMENDMENT TO SECTION 71.360.** Section 71.360, titled "Snow Vehicles, Go-Carts, Etc., On Public Property," of Chapter 71, titled "Traffic Rules," of Title VII, titled "Traffic Regulations," of the City Code is hereby re-titled and amended to read as follows:

~~"Sec. 71.360. - Snow Vehicles, Go Carts, Etc., On Public Property~~ **Other Vehicles on Streets and Highways.**

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, **or permit the operation of,** a snow vehicle, go-cart, mini bike or any similar engine powered vehicle or device upon any street, highway, sidewalk, school ground, or any other public property within the City except as may be authorized by the City of Highland Park by ordinance, in areas other than the streets, highways or sidewalks.
- (B) ~~No person shall permit the operation of such a vehicle upon or within any of the areas prohibited hereinabove.~~ **City-owned recreational off-highway vehicles may be**

operated on streets, roads, and highways under the City's jurisdiction, but only by employees of the City's Police Department and Fire Department for public safety purposes, and only in accordance with the following:

- (1) The person operating the vehicle must have a valid driver's license;
- (2) The vehicle may only be operated on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less; and
- (3) Operation of the vehicle must be in accordance with Section 1426.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1.

(C) Reserved."

SECTION THREE: PUBLICATION. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form pursuant to the Statutes of the State of Illinois.

SECTION FOUR: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

AYES: Mayor Rotering, Councilmember Bruckman, Ross, Tapia, Stone, Blumberg

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Lidawer

PASSED: June 10, 2024

ADOPTED: June 10, 2024

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM: June 11, 2024

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Nancy R. Rotering, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ghida S. Neukirch, City Clerk