

**CHAPTER 1**  
**GENERAL TRAFFIC PROVISIONS**

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**§9-1-1: ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE:**

(A) Adoption:

There is hereby adopted by reference as part of this Chapter the following provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/1-100 et seq., including, but not limited to, the penalty provisions which are part thereof, as same may be amended from time to time, the same being a public record of the State, subject to additions, amendments or modifications hereinafter set forth.

The following provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code are hereby expressly adopted by reference:

1. Chapters 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18A in their entirety, as they may be amended from time to time.
2. Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act, 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 40/1-1 through 40/11-1, inclusive.
3. Child Passenger Protection Act, 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 25/1 through 25/9, inclusive.

Excluded from adoption by reference and hereby deleted are Chapters 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13A, 13B, 17, 18B, 18C, 19 and 20 except as specified above.

The following amendments, modifications and/or additions are hereby made in the provisions in the Illinois Vehicle Code otherwise herein adopted by reference: “State” and “Department” shall mean the “Village of Tower Lakes”, provided, however, that the Village does not assume any power or authority which, by law, can only be undertaken by the State or the Illinois Department of Transportation. The penalties provided by the provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code hereby adopted by reference shall be identical to the penalties provided in the Illinois Vehicle Code, except as otherwise expressly stated in this Title. To the extent such amendments, modifications and/or additions or any other provisions of this Code are inconsistent with any of the provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code herein adopted, the more restrictive and specific regulation shall apply, but otherwise this Code shall be so construed as to favor the effectiveness of the regulations and intent of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Any citation to the above and foregoing provisions shall be designated as set forth in the Illinois Vehicle Code and prefixed by reference to this Title.

(B) Penalties:

Every person convicted of violating any provision of this Section (the Illinois Vehicle Code as incorporated by reference herein by the foregoing subsection) shall be punishable by one or more of the following dispositions as are authorized for such offense by reference to the Illinois Vehicle Code and as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction:

1. Such maximum fine as authorized by reference to the Illinois Vehicle Code; and/or
2. A term of incarceration, either periodic or continuous, in a penal institution other than the penitentiary for a period not to exceed three hundred sixty four (364) days as authorized by reference to the Illinois Vehicle Code; and/or
3. A term of supervision or conditional discharge as authorized by reference to the Illinois Vehicle Code and the Illinois Unified Code of Corrections; and/or
4. Mandatory community service; and/or
5. Such other disposition as authorized by reference to the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(Ord. 98-433, 10-19-1998)

**§9-1-2: VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:**

(A) Maximum Weight:

The maximum weight limitations for all roads, streets and highways under the maintenance jurisdiction of the Village of Tower Lakes shall be a twelve thousand (12,000) pound axle load through any single axle, which maximum weight limitation shall be effective when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice thereof are erected on such roads, streets and highways. The term "axle load" shall have that meaning contained in 5-105.6 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(B) Temporary Prohibition of Certain Classes of Vehicles:

1. Whenever any road, street or highway, or parts thereof, under the maintenance jurisdiction of this Village, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions, may be seriously damaged or destroyed by the use of trucks or other commercial vehicles, the operation of said vehicles thereon shall be prohibited or the permissible weight thereof reduced.
2. Pursuant to 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/15-316(a), during the period from March 1 through and including May 30 of each year, the maximum weight limitation for all roads, streets, and highways under the maintenance jurisdiction of the Village of Tower Lakes shall be an eight thousand (8,000) pound axle load through any single axle, when appropriate regulatory signs giving notice thereof are erected on such roads, streets, and highways.
3. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Tower Lakes, by separate ordinance, may modify the weight restriction set forth in subsection (B)2 of this Section and may prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles over and upon such roads, streets, or highways, or parts thereof, so designated by the Village of Tower Lakes, provided that said prohibition, as modified, shall not exceed ninety (90) days in any one calendar year. Upon enacting such ordinance as provided in subsection (B)2 of this Section, appropriate regulatory signs designating the provisions of the ordinance at each end of that portion of any road, street or

highway, or parts thereof, affected thereby; and the ordinance shall not be effective unless and until such signs are erected and maintained.

4. If the Village President, or the Chairperson of the Roads Committee, or the Chief of Police shall determine that any roads, streets or highways, or parts thereof, might suffer serious damage prior to the time in which the Board of Trustees could meet for the purpose of taking remedial action as provided in subsections (B)2 and (B)3 of this Section, then in such emergency the Village President, or the Chairperson of the Roads Committee, or the Chief of Police may act alone in prohibiting the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles over and upon such roads, streets or highways, or parts thereof, or in restricting the permissible weight thereof, and may direct the erection of regulatory signs at each end of such streets, roads or highways, or parts thereof, affected thereby.
5. The Board of Trustees, at its next regular meeting called after action taken by the Village President, or the Chairperson of the Roads Committee, or the Chief of Police as provided above, shall either confirm said action by ordinance or extend said prohibition for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days; or, by ordinance, direct that the signs be removed and declare that no emergency exists.

(C) Enforcement and General Penalties:

Whenever any vehicle is operated in violation of the provisions of this Section, or any other maximum axle or gross weight limit specified on a regulatory sign in this Village, both the owner and driver of such vehicle shall be deemed guilty of such violation and either the owner or driver of such vehicle may be prosecuted for such violation. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of any violation of this Section and/or any other maximum axle or gross limit specified on a regulatory sign within this Village, shall be fined according to the provisions and schedule as provided in Section 15-113 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(D) Exceptions:

1. The provisions of this Section governing size, weight, and load shall not apply to:
  - (a) Fire apparatus;
  - (b) Equipment for snow and ice removal operations owned or operated by any governmental body, or required or directed by the Village;
  - (c) Implements of husbandry temporarily operated or towed in a combination upon a road, street or highway in this Village, provided that such combination does not consist of more than three (3) vehicles or, in the case of having fresh, perishable fruits or vegetables from farm to the point of first processing, not more than three (3) wagons being towed by an implement of husbandry (as defined in Section 1-130 of the Illinois Vehicle Code);
  - (d) School buses (as defined in Section 1-182 of the Illinois Vehicle Code).
2. The provisions of this Section governing weight shall not apply to:
  - (a) Vehicles (including loads) operated by a public utility when transporting equipment required for emergency repair of public utility facilities or properties, or vehicles

transporting equipment required for the emergency repair of individual water wells or of the Village's water supply system;

- (b) A truck not in combination, used exclusively for garbage or refuse disposal equipped with self-compactors but not containing industrial roll-off hoists and roll-off containers, provided that such vehicles do not exceed the following weight limitations:
  - (1) Twenty two thousand (22,000) pounds per single axle;
  - (2) Forty thousand (40,000) pounds per tandem axle;
  - (3) Fifty four thousand (54,000) pounds' gross vehicle weight; or
- (c) A tow truck under instructions from a police officer to legally clear, remove or impound a vehicle or when such tow truck is actually engaged in towing a disabled vehicle;
- (d) Any vehicle which would otherwise be in violation of subsection (A) of this Section may be permitted to operate on a specified route on Village roads, streets, or highways, but only if such vehicle has received a special overweight permit issued by the Village President, or his designee, by the Chairman of the Roads Committee, or by the Chief of Police in accordance with and as authorized by Section 15-301 of the Illinois Vehicle Code and only if there has been paid in advance a fee for such special permit equal to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or a fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for a multiple vehicle special permit for up to five (5) separate vehicles owned by the same owner. Such authorized officials of the Village may withhold their approval of the application for any such permit if they determine that any road, street, or highway, or parts thereof, under the maintenance jurisdiction of the Village of Tower Lakes may be seriously damaged or destroyed by the vehicle (including the load) in question. If approved, any such special permit, whether for a single vehicle or for multiple vehicles, shall be valid for a maximum of seventy two (72) hours as specified on the permit and shall apply only to the specific vehicle(s) whose owner and registration shall appear on the special permit application and on the special permit.

(Ord. 2004-003, 5-17-2004)

**§9-1-3: STOP, YIELD STREETS:**

(A) Stop Streets:

The following intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections and all vehicles on the roads specified below are required to stop prior to entering the respective intersections:

1. Vehicles on South Hills Drive at its intersection with Kelsey Road;
2. Vehicles on Circle Drive at its intersection with Roberts Road;
3. Vehicles on West Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with Roberts Road;
4. Vehicles on North Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with Roberts Road;
5. Vehicles on Paddock Lane at its intersection with Roberts Road;
6. Vehicles on East Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with Roberts Road;
7. Vehicles on Terrace Drive at its intersection with Roberts Road;
8. Vehicles on Devonshire Drive at its intersection with Roberts Road;
9. Vehicles on Pebble Creek Drive at its intersection with Indian Trail Road;
10. Vehicles on Rolling Green Drive at its intersection with Indian Trail Road;
11. Vehicles eastbound and westbound on Melrose Drive at its intersection with Oxford Road;

12. Vehicles eastbound and westbound on Melrose Drive at its intersection with Devonshire Road;
13. Vehicles southbound on East Gateway Drive at its intersection with East Lake Shore Drive;
14. Vehicles eastbound on Essex Place at its intersection with East Gateway Drive;
15. Vehicles eastbound on East Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with East Gateway Drive;
16. Vehicles westbound on Leon Drive at its intersection with Tomahawk Lane;
17. Vehicles southbound on Warwick Road at its intersection with Melrose Drive;
18. Vehicles northbound on Oxford Road at its intersection with Cambridge Drive;
19. Vehicles northbound, southbound, eastbound and westbound at the intersection of Oxford Road with East Tower Drive (4-way stop);
20. Vehicles southbound on West Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with Murray Road;
21. Vehicles northbound on West Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with Murray Road;
22. Vehicles eastbound on Murray Road at its intersection with West Lake Shore Drive;
23. Vehicles eastbound on East Tower Drive at its intersection with East Gateway Drive;
24. Vehicles northbound on East Gateway Drive at its intersection with East Tower Drive;
25. Vehicles on Marian Court at its intersection with Roberts Road;
26. Vehicles on West Drive at its intersection with Roberts Road;
27. Vehicles on Old Paddock Lane at its intersection with Roberts Road;
28. Vehicles on Fenview Drive at its intersection with Kelsey Road;
29. Vehicles northbound and southbound on Devonshire Road at its intersection with Melrose Drive;
30. Vehicles northbound and southbound on Oxford Road at its intersection with Melrose Drive;
31. Vehicles northbound on East Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with Melrose Drive;
32. Vehicles westbound on East Tower Drive at its intersection with East Lake Shore Drive;
33. Vehicles westbound on North Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with West Lake Shore Drive;
34. Vehicles northbound, southbound, eastbound, and westbound at the intersection of Cambridge Drive and Devonshire Road (4-way stop);
35. Vehicles northbound and southbound on Terrace Drive at its intersection with Cambridge Drive;
36. Vehicles northbound and southbound on Warwick Road at its intersection with East Tower Drive;
37. Vehicles northbound and southbound on Devonshire Road at its intersection with East Tower Drive;
38. Vehicles southbound on Devonshire Road at its intersection with East Lake Shore Drive;
39. Vehicles eastbound on Abby Court at its intersection with Route 59; and
40. Vehicles northbound and southbound on West Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with North Lake Shore Drive.

Stop signs shall be erected at or near the entrance to the aforesaid intersections.

(B) Yield Streets:

The following intersections are hereby designated as yield intersections and all vehicles on the roads specified below are required to yield to vehicles on the respective intersecting roads:

1. Vehicles on Tomahawk Lane at its intersection with Circle Drive.
2. Vehicles southbound on Terrace Drive at its intersection with Melrose Drive.
3. Vehicles northwestbound on West Lake Shore Drive at its intersection with West Tower Drive.
4. Vehicles eastbound and westbound on Robin Road at its intersection with Barsumian Drive.

Yield signs shall be erected at or near the entrance to the aforesaid intersections.

(C) Signalized Stop Intersections:

The following intersections are hereby designated as signalized stop intersections and all vehicles on the roads specified below are required to comply with said traffic signals:

1. Vehicles on Essex Place at its intersection with Route 59;
2. Vehicles on Indian Trail Road at its intersection with Route 59.

(Ord. 2010-005, 9-20-2010)

**§9-1-4: PEDESTRIAN TRAFFICWAYS:**

The following portions of streets are hereby designated as pedestrian trafficways, and shall not be used for vehicular traffic of any kind:

- (A) That portion of Esther Drive lying between the east line of Bays Place and the west line of Abbott Place.
- (B) That portion of West Drive lying west of the westerly lot line (extended southerly into West Drive) of 220 Bays Place running westerly to the western boundary of the Village, thence northerly to the northern boundary of the Village, thence easterly to the west line of Bays Place.
- (C) That portion of Circle Drive presently known as the “causeway” lying between the intersection of Circle and West Drives on the north and the northern lot line of 740 Circle Drive on the south.

(Ord. 2003-009, 5-19-2003; amd. 2014 Code)

**§9-1-5: SPEED LIMITS:**

- (A) Based upon a traffic or engineering investigation, the reasonable, safe and absolute maximum speed limit upon any road, street or highway within the Village of Tower Lakes subject to the jurisdiction of the Village, except those hereinafter specified, is hereby established at twenty (20) miles per hour, except on Roberts Road, Route 59 and Indian Trail Road. Based upon a traffic or engineering investigation, the reasonable safe and absolute maximum speed limit of Indian Trail Road shall be thirty five (35) miles per hour. It shall be unlawful to drive any motor vehicle on any such road, street or highway within the Village at a speed in excess of the posted speed.
- (B) Any speed limit established and posted by the applicable authority which differs from those limits herein set forth shall govern any road, street or highway within the Village which is under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation or for which a county highway department has maintenance responsibility.

(Ord. 98-433, 10-19-1998)

**§9-1-6: OPERATION OF SNOWMOBILES PROHIBITED:**

- (A) It shall be and is hereby declared to be unlawful and prohibited for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile on any Village street, road, highway or right-of-way.

- (B) It shall be and is hereby declared to be unlawful and prohibited for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile anywhere within the corporate limits of the Village of Tower Lakes. (Ord. 98-433, 10-19-1998)

**§9-1-7: OPERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES:**

- (A) As used in this Section, “neighborhood electric vehicle” means a self-propelled, electronically powered four (4) wheeled motor vehicle which is capable of attaining in one 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, CRF, part 571.500.
- (B) Considering the volume, speed, and character of traffic on roadways within the Village, neighborhood electric vehicles may be operated on roadways within the Village of Tower Lakes only on streets solely under the jurisdiction of the Village, but only if operated for Village and/or community purposes by an officer or employee of the Village of Tower Lakes, or its Police Department, or a volunteer authorized by a Village officer or employee for such purposes.
- (C) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a neighborhood electric vehicle upon any street, highway, or roadway in this Village.

(Ord. 2006-003, 4-17-2006)