

Chapter 8 - OFFENSES—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 8-1. - Discharging firearms.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm within the village.
- (b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply to:
 - (1) Law enforcement officers and members of the armed forces or national guard engaged in the performance of their duties;
 - (2) Persons exercising their legal right of self defense.
 - (3) Persons engaging in legal target practice. A permit for approval to target shoot in specific areas on one's property can be sought and granted through the village board. The board has the ability to limit any permits based on the type of lot, lot size and type of weapons to be fired.
 - (4) Persons engaging in rodent control.
 - (5) Persons engaging in bow hunting. Said persons shall be allowed to bow hunt only if they own at least five (5) acres of property in the Village and if they are hunting deer only. Said hunting shall take place at least 100 yards from any occupied dwelling. If a wounded deer goes onto property other than that owned by said hunter, the hunter shall get permission from the owner of the other property to retrieve the deer. Crossbows are not to be used for any purpose under this provision. The only people allowed to so hunt are the landowner(s) and his/her/their relatives.

Sec. 8-2. - Bicycles on sidewalk.

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle on a sidewalk.

Sec. 8-3. - Nighttime usage of public grounds.

It shall be unlawful for any person, except duly authorized village employees, to be present on any public grounds between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. This provision shall not apply to a public right-of-way or sidewalk being utilized by an individual crossing public grounds or utilizing said right-of-way or sidewalk for access to a public building.

As used in this section, "public grounds" means property owned or operated by the municipality surrounding any public building as well as property owned or operated by the village either vacant or as a public park. Further, this provision shall not apply during those periods of time when public grounds are being utilized for municipally sponsored or sanctioned events.

Sec. 8-4. - Regulation of all-terrain vehicles and motorized dirt bikes.

- (a) The definition of the terms "all-terrain vehicle" and "off-highway motorcycle" shall be as set forth in the state Motor Vehicle Code;
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle within the village limits, except on property owned by the person operating the vehicle; on property owned by the parent or guardian of the person operating the vehicle; or upon property which the operator of the vehicle has been given permission by the owner to operate the vehicle thereon. Said vehicle must have a legal exhaust system, including a spark arrester for safety and noise reduction.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) above, no all-terrain vehicle or off-highway motorcycle may be operated within the corporate limits of the village at any location which is within one hundred (100) feet of a residence without permission from that residential property owner except for the purpose of traveling to and from an authorized operating area.
- (d) In addition to the foregoing, all-terrain vehicles and motorized dirt bikes shall at all times be operated in compliance with the laws of the state, including but not limited to 625 ILCS 5/11-1426 and 625 ILCS 5/11-1427.