



LEAGUE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Golf Cart Frequently Asked Questions

Who can drive a golf cart? The driver must possess a valid driver's license.

Do I have to obey all traffic laws? Drivers must abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the authorized streets and parking areas of the city.

Am I required to register my golf cart? Yes, with some exceptions. Applications for a permit authorizing the operation of a golf cart shall be made by a person who owns, leases or otherwise uses a golf cart. The golf cart shall be inspected by personnel designated by the Chief of Police. Currently golf carts will be inspected by League City Police Officers or members of the League City Police Department Volunteers in Policing (VIP) Program. Contact Community Outreach Officer Todd Young at 281-554-1848 or todd.young@leaguecity.com. The permit shall be affixed on the left side of the cart in a manner that it is clearly visible from 50 feet.

Are there any exceptions to the permitting? Yes, under the following circumstances:

- A permit is not required for golf carts owned or leased by a golf course and used entirely on the golf course or crossing from one section of a golf course to another section of the same course.
- A permit is not required for a privately owned golf cart used entirely on the golf course or crossing from one section of a golf course to another section of the same course. No golf cart exempted from permitting under this section may be operated on any public roadway for any other purpose.

Do I need a permit to drive to or from a golf course on a public roadway? Yes

How long is the permit valid? Permit/decals are valid for a period of (2) two years.

How much does a permit cost? The permit costs \$50.00.

Where can I drive a golf cart in League City?

- No person may operate a golf cart upon any portion of a street or traffic way having a posted speed greater than 35MPH.



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- All motorized carts are entitled to a full use of a lane on the authorized streets and parking areas of the City and no motor vehicle should be driven in a manner as to deprive any motorized cart of the full use of a lane.
- The driver of a motorized cart shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.
- No driver shall operate a motorized cart between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.
- The driver of a motorized cart may cross a multi-lane or federal, county or state route only at an intersection controlled by an official traffic control device which stops traffic from all directions. The driver may cross a multi-lane road, other than a federal, state or county route, if it is required from one portion of a golf course to another portion of the same golf course. If a cart crossing path is provided for transition between one section of golf course to another section of the same golf course across a multi-lane road, the operator shall cross at and within the cart crossing path.

Can I or my passengers drink alcoholic beverages while operating my golf cart?

- No. Your golf cart is considered a “motor vehicle”. All alcohol laws pertaining to motor vehicles do apply such as Open Container and Driving while Intoxicated.

What equipment is required? All equipment shall meet Texas and Federal motor vehicle safety standards:

- Operational headlamps: (2 required)
- Operational tail lamps: (2 required, brake lamps not required)
- Side reflectors: (2 front amber in color and 2 red in color)
- Operational parking brake
- Rearview mirror: (capable of a clear unobstructed view of at least 200 feet to the rear)
- Slow moving vehicle emblem:
 - This is a triangular emblem that conforms to standards and specifications adopted by the director under Section 547.104 and displayed in accordance with section 547.703 of the Texas Transportation Code.
 - The emblem must be clearly visible and mounted to the rear with the base no lower than 3 feet nor the top higher than 5 feet from the ground.



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- The emblem must not be obstructed by any passengers.
- Electric horn: (permanently mounted in reach of the driver and audible for a distance of 200 feet.

Can I drive my children to school in a golf cart? Yes, children must be properly seated while the cart is in motion and may not be transported in a reckless or negligent manner. No person younger than 6 years of age may be transported in a golf cart unless restrained by a safety belt restraint. The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons whom factory seating is installed and provided on the golf cart.

Can I drive on the sidewalk, hike or bike trail? Generally, no. Golf carts shall not be operated on any sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, jogging path, park trail or any location normally used for pedestrian traffic except for official police business or by League City personnel conducting a required job function directly related to their assigned duties. The League City Police Department acknowledges there are some sidewalk areas in our city that golf carts have traditionally been allowed to operate. We are currently working with the Engineering Department to designate paths referred to as “Multi-use Cart Paths” where it will be permissible for golf carts to be operated. Please refer to the Ordinance for further clarification.

Are there any parking restrictions? Yes. Golf carts may only be parked in the same manner and in the same places designated for the parking of motor vehicles. The stopping, standing or parking of golf carts in areas where parking is not allowed or in any place that impedes the flow of traffic, pedestrian walkways or a passageway is prohibited. Golf carts shall not park within any space designated for disabled persons unless a current disabled parking placard is displayed and the person to whom the placard was issued is operating or being transported by the cart.

Are there any weather restrictions? Yes. Golf carts shall not be operated during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other condition or at any time when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons or vehicles on the roadway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet.