



Town of Mount Pleasant

Golf Cart Registration Application

Code of Ordinances, Part 7, Section 7-4.8

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A golf cart registration authorizes the operation of a golf cart on roads posted 35 miles per hour or less, except NC Highways 73 & 49. No golf cart shall be driven in the Town of Mount Pleasant without a valid registration. The registration must be attached to the front, lower corner of the driver's side windshield of the golf cart. The annual fee for a golf cart permit is set forth in the Town's adopted fee schedule. The annual registration fee, as set forth in the Town's fee schedule, shall be paid at the time of application.

***NOTE:** Subject to the definitions of North Carolina General Statute 20-4.01, golf carts shall not exceed 20mph. ATV's, mini-trucks, and state-registered, low-speed vehicles are NOT considered golf carts, and are regulated under North Carolina General Statute 20-121.1.

Golf Cart Rules:

1. Golf carts shall not be operated on or alongside a public road or street with a posted speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour. No golf carts are permitted on numbered highways including NC Highway 73 and NC Highway 49 regardless of posted speed limit. Golf carts may cross a road with a posted speed limit greater than 35 mph. However, once this segment of road has been transversed, the golf cart is still required to travel only on or along a roadway with a speed limit of 35 mph or less. Golf carts must cross in a manner that is the most direct route in order to decrease crossing distance, i.e. no riding along a road or crossing at an angle. Under no circumstance is a golf cart allowed to cross a control access facility other than at bridges which cross over or under a control access facility.
2. Any person who operates a golf cart must be responsible for all liability associated with operation of the golf cart and must have liability insurance coverage which will cover the use of a golf cart in an amount not less than required by North Carolina law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of North Carolina.
3. Any person who operates a golf cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age or older. No person may operate a golf cart unless that person is licensed to drive upon the public streets, roads and highways of North Carolina and then, only in accordance with such valid driver's license. Golf cart operators must carry their driver's license on their person at all times while operating a golf cart on public roads.
4. Any person who operates a golf cart on public streets and roads must adhere to all applicable State and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to those banning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, and all other illegal drugs. In addition, no golf cart containing any open container of alcohol shall be operated on public roads.
5. The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of North Carolina and the Town, which governs the operation of motor vehicles.
6. An operator may not allow the number of people in the golf cart at any one time to exceed the maximum capacity specified by the manufacturer. The operator shall not allow passengers to ride on any part of a golf cart not designed to carry passengers, such as the part of the golf cart designed to carry golf bags. In no instance shall a golf cart be operated at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour. No golf cart may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions.

7. Golf carts must be operated at the right edge of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
8. Golf carts must park in designated spaces in such a manner that multiple golf carts can utilize the space. All parking rules and limits apply. No parking on sidewalks is allowed.
9. Golf carts must have basic equipment supplied by the manufacturer, including a vehicle identification or serial number. Such equipment must include all safety devices as installed by said manufacturer, including rear view mirror and a visibly affixed rear triangle reflector of the same type required by North Carolina law.
10. Golf carts without lights may be operated only during daylight hours. Golf carts meeting the requirements set forth below may operate at any time:
 - a. Golf carts having two (2) operating headlights, one on each side of the front of the golf cart and two (2) operating tail lights, one on each side of the rear of the cart, all four (4) lights must be visible from a distance of 500 feet; and
 - b. If a mechanical turn signal indicator is not installed, then hand signals are required for turns.
11. Each owner must have proof of ownership and liability insurance. These documents must be in the golf cart at all times while in operation on public roads.
12. The registration sticker shall be valid for one (1) year and must be visible on a golf cart operated on a public road.
13. Lost or Stolen Permit/Stickers are the responsibility of the owner and must be replaced before the golf cart is operated on a public road.

***NOTE:** North Carolina General Statute 20-135.2A states that seat belts shall be properly worn, as installed. NCGS 20-137.1 states that passengers under 16 years of age shall be properly secured by a seatbelt which meets federal standards and that children under 8 years of age and less than 80 pounds be properly secured in a weight appropriate child passenger restraint system (car seat).

By signing below, I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the above rules, and acknowledge that if I am found in violation of the above rules, I may be subject to fines, tow fees and/or the revocation of my Town Golf Cart Registration. Furthermore, by signing below, I release the Town from liability that may arise as a result of operation of a golf cart inside the Town limits.

Full Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy #: _____ Driver's License #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: DECAL NO. ASSIGNED _____	EMPLOYEE _____
DATE ISSUED _____	EXPIRATION DATE _____