



## PENALTIES UPON VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE

- In addition to constituting a misdemeanor or infraction as provided by G.S. 14-4, violation of any provision of this ordinance shall subject the offender to a civil penalty in the amount of \$50 for each separate or distinct offense to be recovered by the town in an action in the nature of debt if not paid by the offender within 72 hours after being cited for the violation.
- Operating a golf cart under the influence of an impairing substance (i.e., alcohol or drugs) on a public street or road is a violation of state law and is punishable as provided therein. The charging officer does not have discretion to issue a civil citation for violation of this subsection. The town may refuse to register and issue a permit for the operation of a golf cart or may revoke a previously issued permit, if the registered golf cart and/or the owner of the golf cart is involved in three or more violations of this section and/or violation s of state law pertaining to within a three-year time period. Said revocation and/or denial of a permit shall be effective for one year.
- Animal Welfare Ordinance: It shall be unlawful for any person to carry in or upon a golf cart operated on city town streets or rights of ways any animal that is not humanely secured by a harness or other device so that the animal cannot fall from, jump from or be thrown from vehicle.

## LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- This section is adopted to address the interest of public safety. Golf carts are not designed to be used on the public streets and the Town in no way advocates or endorses their operation on public streets or roads. The Town of Oakboro, by regulating this operation is addressing obvious safety issues and adoption of this section is not to be relied upon as determination on public streets or roads do so at their own risk and peril and must be observant of and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, pets and other motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. The Town of Oakboro has no liability under any theory of liability and the town assumes no liability for permitting golf carts to be operated on the public streets and roads under the special legislation granted under the special legislation.
- Prior to operating a golf cart, please read the complete ordinance as shown on the town website at [www.oakboro.com](http://www.oakboro.com). It is also available upon request from the Town Hall or Police Department.
- Feel free to call the Town of Oakboro Police Department at 704-485-4214 if you have any questions

# Town of Oakboro Golf Cart Ordinance

Effective: January 1, 2020



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## safety is our number one concern for you

### REQUIRED SAFETY FEATURES

- Two operating front headlights or an equivalent light bar, visible from a distance of at least 250 feet
- Two operating tail lights, with brakde lights and turn signals – visible from a distance of at least 250 feet
- A rear vision mirror, a horn, and stop lamps
- At least one reflector per side and a parking brake
- A Type 1 or Type 2 seat belt assembly conforming to section 541.209 of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209 installed at each seating position
- A windshield and a maximum of three rows of seats
- Any modification to the golf cart must comply with all safety requirements of this section and must be inspected by the appropriate town staff prior to operation.
- Operators views shall not be materially obstructed, obscured or impaired by any sign poster or sticker
- All dogs must be secured in an animal carrier or by harness or other device so that the dog cannot fall from, jump from or be thrown from the golf cart.

### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- To operate a golf cart in the corporate limits of the Town of Oakboro, golf carts must be regisrtered annually with the town.
- Registrations will be valid from January 01 through December 31 of each year. Registrations will be subject to renewal January 01 of each calendar year
- A registration fee must be paid before a registration sticker is issued.
- Low speed vehicles subject to State regulation and licenses are exempt from a permit and inspection. The town does request that these vehicle owners obtain a sticker free of charge.
- All golf cart operators must be 18 years of age or older with a fully valid driver's license, excpet any driver or operator 18 years of age or older with a doctor certified medical or physical condition. Exempted drivers must still have a NC ID card on record.
- The owner must possess and maintain liability insurance in an amount not less than required by North Carolina law for traditional motor vehicles operated on a public street or highway.
- Golf carts must have an identifiable vehicle ID number. Registration stickers must be displayed on the left rear fender of the golf cart.

### OPERATION

- Golf carts can only operate on streets and roads that have a posted speed limit of 35mph or less.
- Golf carts must display a valid town golf cart annual registration sticker
- No golf cart shall be operated more than 20mph.
- Golf carts shall not be operated in a careless or reckless manner
- Drivers and passengers must be properly seated while the golf cart is in motion
- Golf cart must be operated to the extreme right of the roadway and must yield to vehicular traffic
- Golf carts must be operated in accordance with all applicable state, local laws and ordinances including all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the possession and use of alcoholic beverages and other impairing substances
- Golf carts may only park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver has a valid handicapped placard or sticker and the same is clearly posted or displayed in the golf cart
- Golf carts may not be used for towing another cart, trailer or vehicle of any kind, including a person on roller skates, skateboard or bicycle
- The possession of open containers of alcohol and/or consumption of alcohol by the driver and/or passengers of a golf cart is prohibited
- Golf carts shall not be operated on or across any public or private properties without the permission of the property owner
- During an emergency or at a special event, any police officer supervising or controlling traffic may direct that golf carts be operated only on or upon certain streets or locations as directed by the officer.
- Golf carts may not be operated or parked on any sidewalk or in any town park, except for golf carts operated by governmental or public service agencies for official purposes.

