



Navigating North Liberty's Golf Cart Rules and Regulations

On October 25, 2011, the North Liberty City Council passed an ordinance to allow golf carts on City streets. Here are some of the important facts of that ordinance:

- The ordinance is in effect from the date of publication of the ordinance which is expected to be November 2, 2011. The ordinance expires on December 31, 2012 if Council does not take any additional action.
- The definition of golf cart is a recreational vehicle generally used for transportation of person(s) in the sport of golf. It can be either electric powered or gas powered. Any gas powered engine must be smaller than 351 cc's and the maximum speed cannot exceed 20 miles per hour.
- Golf carts are only allowed to be driven on city streets, not on sidewalks, trails, private property, etc.
- Golf carts are allowed on all streets except I-380, Highway 965, Dubuque Street and Penn Street – west of Front Street. Golf carts may cross all of these streets except I-380.
- Golf carts can only be operated between sunrise and sunset, not after dark.
- Operators cannot be under the influence of any intoxicating substance.
- Drivers of golf carts must be over eighteen and have a valid driver's license.
- No passengers under the age of six are permitted at any time.
- All golf carts operated on City streets must be permitted by the city. Following is the list of requirements to obtain the permit:
 - a. Golf cart inspection to ensure proper equipment. Required equipment includes a slow moving vehicle sign, a bicycle safety flag that the bottom is above the top of the golf cart, adequate brakes, headlights, taillights, and a rear view mirror on the driver's side.
 - b. Evidence that the operator is at least 18 years of age and possesses a valid Iowa driver's license.
 - c. Proof of liability insurance covering operation of golf carts on City streets in the amount as required by Iowa State Code.
- With the completion of the application, payment of the \$25 fee, and inspection of the golf cart, the owner will be issued a golf cart specific permit sticker to be attached to the lower left fender. Permits expire annually on December 31 regardless of the date issued.
- The Police Chief can revoke a permit at any time if it is determined that the permit holder has violated the conditions listed above or has abused the privilege of driving a golf cart.

For a complete copy of North Liberty Code of Ordinances section 74, pertaining to golf carts, please visit the City's website at www.northlibertyiowa.org. For questions, please contact City Hall at 626-5700 or the Police Department at 626-5724.