

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES  
Chapter 16 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC



**ORDINANCE NO. 22-1188**

**Text Amendment: To amend the Chapter 16. ARTICLE II Sec. 16-75 – Rules and regulations for golf carts.**

**Sec. 16-75. Rules and regulations for golf carts.**

Carts may only be operated within the town in accordance with the following rules and regulations. An individual who operates a cart in violation of these rules and regulations shall be subject to the penalty provisions of section 16-78 or other criminal charges as allowed by law. The following rules and regulations apply to the operation of carts:

- (1) Carts shall only be driven on roads posted 35 miles per hour or less. This does not prohibit a cart from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.
- (2) Carts must have liability insurance coverage.
- (3) Drivers of carts shall stay to the far right of the traveled portion of the road and yield the right-of-way to overtaking motor vehicles.
- (4) Carts must be equipped with headlights, a rearview mirror, side mirrors on each side of the cart, reflex reflectors, windshields, windshield wipers, tail lights and turn signal lamps.
- (5) Carts shall be equipped with at least one fixed operational mirror allowing the operator to see behind the cart.
- (6) No one is allowed to stand on a golf cart while it is in operation and may only have the appropriate amount of people that the golf cart is designed to carry.
- (7) The operator of the golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's license.
- (8) 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.
- (9) Seat belts are required for every person seated on the golf cart. Seat belts must be worn by all passengers ~~including children~~ exceeding 8 years of age and exceeding 80lbs of weight. A child passenger less than 8 years of age and less than 80lbs in weight shall be properly secured in a weight appropriate passenger restraint system.
- (10) Weight appropriate passenger restraint systems may only be used in the front seat or another forward facing seat within a cart.
- ~~(10)~~ (11) All required safety equipment must be installed to NCDOT Specifications and in place before the golf cart is registered with the town.
- ~~(11)~~ (12) The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of North Carolina and the Town of Carolina Beach which governs the operation of motor vehicles.

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Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

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Mayor Albert L. Barbee

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Attest: Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk