



City of Oxford Golf Cart Ordinance & Inspection sheet

Sec. 102-18. Golf carts on certain streets.

(a.) Definitions

1. "Type I Golf Cart" means an electric or gas-powered vehicle that is designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course or for sporting or recreational purposes and that is **not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour** and is equipped with operable headlamps, front and rear turn signal lamps, taillamps, stop lamps, reflex reflectors (one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one red on the rear), an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror, a parking brake, a windshield conforming to the Federal motor safety standard on glazing materials, a VIN conforming to the requirements of 49 CFR Section 565, a Type 1 or 2 seat belt assembly conforming to 49 CFR Section 571.209, a reflective triangle, and an alert sound.

2. "Type II Golf Cart" means an electric or gas-powered vehicle that is designated and manufactured for exclusive operation on a golf course and that **is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour** and is equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rear-facing mirror, and reflectorized warning device on the rear of the vehicle.

3. "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled electric or gasoline-powered **vehicle that has a top speed greater than twenty (20) miles per hour but less than twenty-five (25) miles per hour** and is equipped with operable headlamps, front and rear turn signal lamps, taillamps, stop lamps, reflex reflectors (one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable, and one red on the rear), an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror, a parking brake, a windshield that conforms to the Federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials, a VIN that conforms to the requirements of 49 CFR Section 565, a Type 1 or Type 2 seat belt assembly conforming to 49 CFR Section 571.209, a reflective triangle, and an alert sound.

4. "Reflective Triangle" means a reflective "slow moving vehicle" sign mounted on the rear of the Golf Cart Type I or Low-speed Vehicle that measures at a minimum of 16.1 inches by 14.2 inches.

(b.) Permissible operation

1. Type I Golf Carts and low-speed vehicles may be operated on all city streets and roads where posted speed limits does not exceed (30) miles per hour as allowed in MCA 1972, § 63-32-3.
2. Type II Golf Carts and low-speed vehicles may only operate on certain city streets within residential neighborhoods **30 minutes after sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset as authorized by the Mayor and Board of Alderman**. Type II golf carts must be operated inside any striped bike lane or shoulder present on the roadway. The street list will be maintained by the Chief of Police and will be located on file at the City Clerk's Office.
3. Golf carts and low-speed vehicles may not be operated on state or federal highways that are not interstate highways.
4. Drivers of golf carts or low-speed vehicles are required to operate said vehicles in the outside of multilane streets and roads, where applicable.
5. Any person operating a golf cart or low-speed vehicle on the public roads and streets approved under this chapter must have in his or her possession a valid temporary driver's license or a valid driver's license and proof of financial responsibility as required under MCA 1972, § 63-15-1 et seq.
6. Golf carts and low-speed vehicles must be operated according to the manufacturer's recommendations regarding the maximum seating capacity and seating locations for passengers. Occupants must remain seated at all times while the golf cart or low-speed vehicle is in operation.
7. Golf carts and low-speed vehicles must be operated according to all applicable state and local laws, regulations and ordinances for the use of motor vehicles, including but not limited to those banning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages or other drugs which may impair the driver's ability.

(c.) Registration of golf carts and low-speed vehicles

1. Every Type I Golf Cart and low-speed vehicle, as authorized under this Ordinance, before operating on a public road or street shall first register the vehicle with the City, and submit for an initial inspection. The initial inspection shall ensure that the Type I Golf Cart or low-speed vehicle meets the minimum safety requirements as stated in 102-18 (a.) 1 "Type I Golf Cart" or "Low-speed vehicle" definition. Registration shall be through the City of Oxford Police Department and will require a **Non-refundable \$50.00 payment** to the City of Oxford, which will be applied to the City's General Fund. Upon payment of the fee and proof of a valid driver's license or temporary driver's permit and an approved inspection, the City will also then provide the applicant registration decal that must be displayed on the left rear fender of the vehicle, and a map of the areas where golf carts or low-speed vehicles may be operated at the time of

registration. The registration shall remain valid for as long as the registering owner owns the golf carts and low-speed vehicle.

2. This ordinance is adopted to address the interest of public safety. Golf carts and low-speed vehicles are not designed and manufactured to be used on public roads and streets. The City of Oxford, by regulating the operation of golf carts and low-speed vehicles, is addressing safety issues presented by the increased use of golf carts and low-speed vehicles on public roads and streets. Adoption of this ordinance is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on public roads and streets is safe and/or advisable if done in accordance with this ordinance. Neither the city nor any officer or employee thereof shall be held responsible for any damages caused by the operation of a golf cart or low-speed vehicle on any public street or within public right-of-way. All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts and low-speed vehicles on public roads or streets do so at their own risk and peril and must be observant to and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The city has no liability under any theory of liability for permitting golf carts or low-speed vehicles to be operated on roads or streets.

(d.) Violations and enforcement

Violation of any section of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, and the cost of prosecution, or by both such a fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the municipal judge. Each day any violation of any provision of this section shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. Violation of traffic laws or regulations of this ordinance may result in issuance of traffic citations in the same manner as if the infraction occurred while operating a motor vehicle.

*Vehicle inspected meets all requirements listed in the above ordinance?

*Driver of said vehicle being inspected understands the permissible operation?

*Vehicle Model: _____

*VIN: _____ Modifications: _____

*Owner Name & Driver's license number: _____ DL # _____

*Address: _____

*Owner Signature: _____

*Phone number: _____

*Inspecting Officer: _____

Date: _____

Process to Register Golf Cart / Low speed vehicle

- 1) Fill out online form (Vehicle Model, VIN, Owner information, Phone number)
- 2) Submit form to both dsabin@oxfordpolice.net and bhouse@oxfordpolice.net
- 3) Schedule Inspection date with designated Officer
- 4) Once approved, pay \$50.00 fee (Non-refundable) to Clerks Office at city hall and receive decal to be placed on back left fender of approved vehicle.

If your Golf Cart / Low speed vehicle already meets state requirements to receive a License plate (vehicle tag) then please refer to the Lafayette County Tax Assessors Office to get your tag.