

DIVISION 6. OPERATING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

Sec. 56-280. Definitions.

Driver. The person driving and having physical control over the golf cart.

Golf cart. A vehicle as defined in V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 502.001, as amended, and commonly referred to as a golf cart, or a vehicle that is determined to be a golf cart by the Texas Department of Public Safety, which has a minimum of three wheels and has a top speed not greater than 25 miles per hour on a paved level surface and which is manufactured primarily for transporting persons on a golf course.

Golf cart permit. A privilege granted, upon compliance with the terms of this division, to legally operate a golf cart upon certain public streets or roadways within the city limits during the year when the permit is granted.

Golf cart permit decal. A decal to be attached to a golf cart carrying a serial number corresponding to the number of the golf cart license and showing the month and calendar year that the license shall expire.

Golf cart permit fee. A city administrative fee for granting a golf cart permit and issuing a golf cart permit decal.

Owner. The person holding title to the golf cart and the person required to register the golf cart with the city.

Street. A public roadway of the City of Lockhart, Texas by whatever name (e.g., road, alley, avenue, highway, route, boulevard, etc.) that has a posted or designated speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less.

(Ord. No. 2011-03, § I, 4-5-11; Ord. No. 2013-03, § I, 1-15-13)

Sec. 56-281. Operation of golf carts on streets.

- (a) The speed limit on roads and streets within the City of Lockhart is 30 miles per hour unless otherwise posted, and golf carts may be operated only on city streets with speed limits of 30 miles per hour or lower, subject to further prohibitions in subsections (c), (d) and (e) herein.
- (b) A golf cart may cross a road or street within the city at an intersection where the road or street has a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour.
- (c) The Texas Department of Transportation may prohibit the operation of a golf cart on a highway within the Lockhart city limits if that department determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.
- (d) A golf cart is prohibited from operating on a city street within a posted school zone, where the street has a posted speed limit that is greater than 30 miles per hour during nonschool hours.
- (e) A golf cart is specifically prohibited from operating on the following city streets:
 - (1) Colorado Street (Hwy. 183 North and South) in its entirety.
 - (2) West San Antonio Street (Hwy. 142) from the city limits to Main Street.
 - (3) Blackjack Street (F.M. 20 East) in its entirety.
 - (4) State Park Road (F.M. 20 West) in its entirety.
 - (5) Silent Valley Road (F.M. 2001) in its entirety.

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- (6) F.M. 672 (Flores Street east of Colorado Street) in its entirety.
 - (7) F.M. 1322 (S. Commerce Street south of F.M. 20 East (Blackjack Street)), in its entirety.
 - (8) F.M. 2720 north of Hwy. 142 West, in its entirety.

(Ord. No. 2011-03, § I, 4-5-11)

Sec. 56-282. Permitting process and decal.

- (a) Before any golf cart may be operated on a city street pursuant to this division, it must be permitted and receive a decal from the Lockhart Police Department. The annual fee for permitting and the decal is \$75.00, which pays for the city's administrative costs for the permitting process and decal.
- (b) The permitting process is as follows:
 - (1) The applicant shall complete the city's permit application form, which shall include:
 - a. The name and address of the applicant and owner;
 - b. The location where the vehicle is regularly stored overnight;
 - c. The model, make, and golf cart identification number;
 - d. The current driver's license number of the owner;
 - e. A statement that all operators are required to be licensed pursuant to V.T.C.A., Transportation Code §§ 521.001(3) and 521.021, as amended, and that all equipment required by this division is installed and will be kept current during the permit period;
 - f. A statement that the permit holder shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Lockhart, Texas for any and all civil liability associated with said permitting and waives any and all rights to sue or allow subrogation by any insurance company except as specifically mandated by law; and
 - g. Other information which the city reasonably may require.
- (c) The permit application shall be dated and signed by the applicant/owner and attached to it shall be a check or money order in the amount of \$75.00, current proof of financial responsibility as required by V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 601.051 for operating the golf cart on city streets, and a clear copy of the applicant/owner's current driver's license. The permit application shall be presented to the appropriate representative of the Lockhart Police Department for review of the paperwork and the required equipment.
- (d) Upon issuance, the permit decal shall be attached to and displayed on the driver's side front panel of the golf cart so as to be clearly visible from the front of the golf cart.
- (e) The permit shall be effective for one year from the date of its issuance or until the permit is revoked or the golf cart is transferred to a new owner.
- (f) The permit is not transferable to another golf cart or to another owner.

(Ord. No. 2011-03, § I, 4-5-11)

Sec. 56-283. Revocation of permit.

The golf cart permit may be revoked if:

- (1) The owner or driver of a golf cart fails to abide by the rules and regulations of this division;
- (2) The owner or driver of a golf cart fails to abide by state and/or city traffic laws; and/or

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- (3) The owner fails to maintain proof of financial responsibility for the operation of the golf cart on city streets during the entire permit period.

(Ord. No. 2011-03, § I, 4-5-11)

Sec. 56-284. Required equipment for golf carts.

- (a) A golf cart must be equipped with the following minimum equipment as mandated by the V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 551.404(a), as amended, and as required by the City of Lockhart, Texas to be eligible for a permit pursuant to this division:
 - (1) Operational headlamps and tail lamps;
 - (2) Side reflectors;
 - (3) An operational parking brake;
 - (4) Rearview mirrors;
 - (5) Operational turn signals;
 - (6) An operational electric automobile horn;
 - (7) Properly operational brakes;
 - (8) Operational brake lights;
 - (9) Seat belts for the operator and all passengers; and
 - (10) A slow moving vehicle sign as required by state law.
- (b) The equipment required by this division and its installation shall meet standards, and shall be maintained, as provided by the Texas Transportation Code, as amended.

(Ord. No. 2011-03, § I, 4-5-11)

Sec. 56-285. Operation regulations.

- (a) Drivers must be licensed to operate a motor vehicle as provided by V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 521.021, carry a valid driver's license as provided by V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 521.025, and maintain financial responsibility as required for passenger vehicles in V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 601.051.
- (b) Drivers shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when operating a golf cart on and around city streets.
- (c) Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks at any time.
- (d) Drivers may cross a prohibited street described in section 56-281, but otherwise may not operate a golf cart on any prohibited street.
- (e) Golf carts are prohibited from pulling or towing trailers, boats, jet skis, other objects, or people on public streets or in a city right-of-way.
- (f) Drivers and golf cart passengers shall be limited to the seating capacity of the golf cart as designed by the manufacturer and shall wear seat belts at all times while the golf cart is in motion.
- (g) Nothing in this division shall prevent the operation of a golf cart pursuant to V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 551.403, which includes the operation of golf carts with slow moving vehicle signs on city streets with speed

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limits not over 35 miles per hour, in daylight, to or from a golf course that is not more than two miles from where the golf cart is usually parked.

(Ord. No. 2011-03, § I, 4-5-11)

Sec. 56-286. Penalties.

Violations of any section of this division shall be penalized as follows:

- (1) Traffic violations are unlawful and misdemeanors punishable by a fine not to exceed the maximum allowable under state law, in accordance with the provisions of the Lockhart Code of Ordinances.
- (2) Violations of section 56-282 are unlawful and a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not exceeding \$50.00. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (3) Violations of subsections 56-285(e) and/or (f) are unlawful and a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine not exceeding \$200.00 per offense.

(Ord. No. 2011-03, § I, 4-5-11)

Secs. 56-287—56-295. Reserved.