

# Safety Tips

## ***Mind your driving speed***

Like regular vehicles, golf carts have a maximum speed, but it is not expected that you always drive at the maximum speed. Learn the speed limits in the areas where you are driving and use your best judgment. Like regular cars, adverse conditions will affect your speed limit. If it is raining or the ground is icy, reducing your speed will give you better control and handling of your golf cart. Reducing your speed when making sharp turns or when carrying a heavy load is also a good golf cart safety habit.

## ***Keep to designated paths and roadways***

In most areas where golf carts are allowed there are designated paths and roadways for them to travel. They are typically separate from sidewalks and other paths, but just like regular city roads there are jaywalkers and free spirits ready to walk in front of you. Keep your eyes peeled even when traversing down your own designated pathways.

## ***Do not carry more passengers than there are seats***

If there are only x number of seats, then only x number of passengers can safely board. Exceeding your passenger capacity will put unnecessary weight on your cart and can damage your shocks and prematurely wear down your tires. Not to mention, it is unsafe and many golf cart accidents have been caused by excess passengers on board.

## ***Keep hands, feet, and other body parts inside the vehicle***

This may sound like a precursor to a wicked roller coaster ride, but keep your limbs inside the cart while it's moving is common sense, and should be practiced -- especially if driving with young kids.

## ***Look, Listen, and Drive***

Look around and be aware of driving signs and warnings -- even if they are meant for regular vehicles. These signs are designed to make your drive easier, regardless of what type of vehicle you are operating. Being aware of pedestrians, speed limits, dips, speed bumps, and other driving warnings will keep you safe, and it will help you avoid undue wear on your golf cart.

Listen for warnings and other things that might affect your driving -- emergency vehicle sirens, kids playing, other vehicles, etc... Overall, being aware of your surroundings while driving allows you to anticipate and respond appropriately to obstructions or other interferences.

## ***Observe traffic laws***

If you are operating a street legal golf cart, then you are required to adhere to all traffic laws in your jurisdiction. Learn your traffic laws before taking your ride to the streets. This will keep you, your golf cart, and others safe.

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## **CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN** ***Motorized (Golf) Cart*** ***Registration, Inspection, & Safety***



# Cart Registration

## **Registration**

Before a golf car can be driven on the streets and recreational paths of the City of Stone Mountain, your cart must be registered and inspected by the Stone Mountain Police Department. The inspection cost is \$15. Registration forms are available at City Hall or the Police Department.

## **Renewals**

Cart permits expire on January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following calendar year. You may renew your permit starting in December of the current year for the following year.

## **Required Equipment**

In order for your golf cart to pass inspection for registration in Stone Mountain, your cart must be equipped with the following:

- Headlights/headlamps
- Tail lamps
- Brake lights
- Turn signals
- Rear-view mirror
- Horn
- Windshield

## **Liability Insurance**

To drive on the streets and paths in the City, you are required to carry liability insurance coverage. The minimum coverage required is equal to what is required for motor vehicles in Georgia. Most insurance carriers can add your golf cart to your existing policy.



## **Decals**

When you receive your two inspection decals, they should be placed on the front and rear of your cart.

# Carting Rules

Golf carts are subject to the same traffic rules as motor vehicles in the City of Stone Mountain. This includes:

- Speeding
- Running stop signs or traffic lights
- Driving under the influence
- Reckless driving

You must have a valid drivers license to drive a golf cart on city streets.

Golf carts are NOT permitted on sidewalks.



Golf carts ARE permitted to utilize parking for the disabled, but MUST display a placard or other device as required by a motor vehicle in this State. Disabled parking violations are strictly enforced in the City of Stone Mountain.

No one is permitted to stand on any area of the golf cart or ride in the lap of another passenger while the golf cart is in motion. The driver and all passengers must be seated in an actual seat on the cart.

Golf carts that are operated any time from a half-hour before sunset to a half-hour after sunrise MUST have their headlights and tail lights illuminated. These lights must also be used during rain or any other condition that affects visibility.

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