

Golf Cart Resource Sheet

(RCW 46.04.1945) "Golf cart" means a gas-powered or electric-powered four- wheeled vehicle originally designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting purposes and has a speed attainable in one mile of not more than twenty miles per hour. A golf cart is not a nonhighway vehicle or off-road vehicle as defined in RCW 46.09.020.

Example:



Use

- May be operated incidentally on a street or highway with a speed limit of 25 mph or less WITHIN a golf cart zone that has been created through a city or county ordinance. Each golf cart zone will be clearly identified by signage (in accordance with DOTs manual on uniform traffic control devices for streets and highways) at the beginning and end of the golf cart zone on a street or road that is part of the golf cart zone ([RCW 46.08.175](#))
- In some areas the following requirements/restrictions for operation of a golf cart may also apply – check with your local city or county to determine if this rule applies in your designated golf cart zone ([RCW 46.08.175](#))
 - A person is prohibited from operating a golf cart any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise
 - A person is prohibited from operating a golf cart in a designated bicycle lane within a golf cart zone.
 - Decals or other identifying device should be displayed at all times on the golf cart in accordance with the city or county ordinance.

Licensing

- Not licensable for street use ([RCW 46.04.320](#))
- No Drivers License needed ([RCW 46.16A.030](#) and [RCW 46.04.320](#))
- Operator must be at least 16 years of age and must have completed a driver education course or have previous experience driving as a licensed driver. Persons with revoked license under RCW 46.20.285 may not operate a golf cart on the public roadway. ([RCW 46.08.175](#))

Equipment Requirements

Reflectors ([Chapter 46.08 RCW](#) and [RCW 46.20.500](#))

Seat belts ([49 CFR 571.500](#) – [Chapter 46.08.175 RCW](#))

Rearview Mirrors - Must have a review mirror and may also have mirrors on the drivers side and passengers side of the vehicle (a rearview mirror) that must reflect a distance of at least 200 feet ([Chapter 46.08.175 RCW](#); [RCW 46.37.400](#); and [49 CFR 571.500](#))

Note: While we have tried to compile a complete listing of laws regarding golf carts, additional requirements may apply. To read additional law requirements please visit the Washington State legislative Web site at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/>