

CHAPTER 77: GOLF CARTS

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77.01 DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

DRIVER'S LICENSE. A valid current license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Indiana or any other state.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.

GOLF CART. Shall have the definition provided in I.C. 9-13-2-69.7. As it now exists, that term means a four-wheeled motor vehicle originally and specifically designed and intended to transport one or more individuals and golf clubs for the purpose of playing the game of golf on a golf course. (Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.02 OPERATION OF GOLF CART.

The operation of a golf cart on town streets within the Town of Bristol is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart is operated and equipped in full compliance with this chapter. (Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.03 OPERATOR.

Only persons over 16 years of age and holding a valid, current driver's license may operate a golf cart.
(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.04 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROOF.

The operator of a golf cart must show financial responsibility when operating a golf cart. Written proof of financial responsibility must be available either on the golf cart or carried by the operator at all times. The owner must obtain and have installed at all times before operating a valid inspection sticker as described in ' 77.13 herein.
(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.05 TIME OF OPERATION.

Golf carts shall not be operated on town streets during one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless the golf cart is equipped with two operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart) and two operating tail lights with brake lights (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart) which are visible from a distance of 500 feet, and an amber flashing lamp visible from the side, front, and rear for 500 feet.
(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.06 PLACE OF OPERATION.

Golf carts may be operated on town streets which have a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less. Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks or State Road 120 or State Road 15 and may only cross State Road 15 and State Road 120 at designated and marked golf cart crossings.
(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.07 OCCUPANTS.

The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on the golf cart. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is being operated. Operator and passengers must wear seat belts at all times the vehicle is in motion.
(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.08 TRAFFIC RULES.

The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Indiana and the Town of Bristol which govern the operation of motor vehicles.
(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.09 SLOW MOVING VEHICLE SIGN.

All golf carts must display on the back of the golf cart a "slow moving vehicle" emblem in accordance with I.C. 9-21-1-3 and, if operated after dark or before dawn, the equipment described herein under ' 77.05.
(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.10 SPEED LIMIT.

No golf cart shall be operated at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour irrespective of posted speed limit. In the event any posted speed limit is less than 20 miles per hour, the posted speed limit shall be the maximum.
(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.11 SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

All golf carts shall be equipped with:

(A) Seat belts installed for each designated seating position;

(B) Brakes as specified in I.C. 9-19-3-1;

(C) Turn signal lamps, front and rear;

(D) Rear view mirror for operation.

(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.12 PARKING.

Parking of golf carts shall be in designated area for parking of golf carts or motor vehicles. No parking on sidewalks or tree lawns.
(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.13 REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION FEE.

A valid, current registration/inspection sticker must be affixed to a golf cart at all times while operating on town streets.

(A) An annual golf cart inspection shall occur for an annual registration, and an inspection fee of \$25 shall be paid to the Town Marshal. At time of payment, the Marshal before issuing annual registration/inspection sticker shall inspect the golf cart's safety equipment and confirm that it is operational and satisfactory to comply with the town ordinance and shall further confirm at time of inspection the existence of financial responsibility. The annual inspection sticker must display on the front of the golf cart in a visible location.

(B) A temporary registration sticker may be obtained for a period of ten days beginning on and including the day of issuance for a fee of \$10, provided the applicant for said temporary permit certifies;

(1) Financial responsibility on the application, and

(2) The golf cart is equipped with all equipment described in ' 77.11 above and that all said equipment is operational and will remain such during the term of the temporary permit. Only one temporary permit per year may be issued for any one golf cart.

(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)

77.99 PENALTY.

A violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a violation of the Bristol Town Code. An owner, lessee or operator may be cited to appear in a court of competent jurisdiction by issuance of an Indiana Uniform Traffic Ticket. Upon a finding by such court that an owner, lessee or operator of a golf cart has violated any provision of this chapter, such person shall be subject and determined to have committed a Class C infraction subject to a fine not to exceed \$200 for each offense along with court costs in the amount same now exists or may hereafter be determined by ordinance or statute. Fine proceeds shall be deposited into the general fund of the Town of Bristol. Specific violations unique to golf carts include failure to have and display current inspection sticker; failure to have or malfunctioning safety equipment or required after sunset before sunrise lighting equipment.

(Ord. 8-20-09(B), passed 8-20-09)