

Morehead City Police Department
Golf Cart Registration Application

(For Official Use Only) Permit
Number Assigned:

Please Print or Type:

Type of Registration: New (\$25.00) Renewal (\$25.00) Decal #: _____

Handicapped Waiver (\$0.00): Placard #: _____

If you are requesting a waiver of the registration fee based on the handicapped status of the Owner/Applicant, you are required to provide a copy of your placard registration card issued by DMV. The Placard must be issued to the person listed as the Owner/Applicant on this application.

Owner Type: Commercial Rental Private Owner

Name of Rental Company: _____

Business Phone: _____ Tax ID#: _____

Emergency Contact Person (after hours): _____ Phone: _____

Owner/Applicant Name: _____

First Middle Init. Last Suffix

Driver's License #: _____ Issuing State: _____

Co-Owner/Applicant Name: _____

First Middle Init. Last Suffix

Driver's License #: _____ Issuing State: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Business Home Cell

Secondary Contact Phone Number: _____ Business Home Cell

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Physical Address where golf cart is located: _____

In what County is the Golf Cart listed for tax purposes: _____

Email Address: _____

Please provide the following information pertaining to your golf cart. Applications with incomplete or missing information will not be processed. Town of Morehead City Ordinance Article IX requires that your golf cart be covered under an auto liability policy with the same minimum coverage as is required to for an automobile in North Carolina. You will be required to furnish a copy of your insurance policy as proof of compliance prior to receiving your registration.

Golf Cart Serial #: _____ Make: _____

Year: _____ Color (list all colors): _____

Insurance Company: _____ Phone #: _____

Policy Number: _____ Agent: _____

Initials

I certify under penalty of perjury that this vehicle is insured with the company listed above and that I will maintain the required liability insurance throughout the registration period. I further understand that I am required to notify the town of any changes in insurance carriers.

Initials

I acknowledge that registration of my golf cart with the Town of Morehead City is a privilege that may be revoked at any time for violations of the rules and regulations in accordance with MHC Ordinance Article IX.

Initials

I acknowledge that I am responsible for all operators/passengers of my golf cart, whether I am present or not and that it is my responsibility to ensure that any operators/passengers of my golf cart understand the rules and regulations governing its operation.

Initials

I acknowledge that any violation committed by an operator/passenger of my golf cart will be considered a violation against my golf cart privileges for the purposes of determining my ability to register/renew this registration and for consideration in the revocation of my privileges by the Police Department.

Rules and Regulations

- 1) No person may operate a golf cart unless that person is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is licensed to drive a motor vehicle upon the streets, roads, and highways of their home state. The operator must have the valid driver license in his/her possession while operating the golf cart. The operator must be a resident, property owner, authorized guest, or tenant of property with a physical address in the town.
- 2) The operator of the golf cart will comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of North Carolina and the Town of Morehead City governing the operation of motor vehicles and any additional rules and regulations specific to the operation of golf carts within the Town.
- 3) Operators of golf carts registered for limited use, i.e. for clear visibility day time use only, and lacking stop and turn signal indicators must follow G.S. 20-154 and use proper hand signals to indicate the intention to start, stop, or turn by extending the hand and arm from and beyond the left side of the vehicle as hereinafter set forth:
 - a. Left turn - hand and arm horizontal, forefinger pointing.
 - b. Right turn - hand and arm pointed upward.
 - c. Stop - hand and arm pointed downward.
 - d. All hand and arm signals shall be given from the left side of the vehicle and all signals shall be maintained or given continuously for the last 100 feet traveled prior to stopping or making a turn.
- 4) In no instance shall a golf cart be operated at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour. No golf cart may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions.
- 5) The operation of golf carts on public streets with a posted speed limit of twenty-five (25) mph or less within the town and on property owned or leased by the town in compliance with the provisions of this article will be permitted.

- 6) Golf carts will cross a road with a posted speed limit greater than 25 mph only at traffic light controlled intersections.
- 7) Golf carts must cross all roads while staying in their lane of travel, i.e. no riding along a road or crossing at an angle.
- 8) Golf carts will not be operated on any sidewalk or bicycle path.
- 9) Golf carts must be operated at the right edge of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- 10) Golf carts may not be used for the purpose of towing another cart, trailer or vehicle of any kind, including a person on roller skates, skateboard, or bicycle.
- 11) Golf carts must abide by all parking rules and limits as they are set for all motor vehicles by the state or Town. No parking on sidewalks or bicycle path is allowed.
- 12) Golf carts may only park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver has a valid handicapped placard or sticker and the same is clearly posted or displayed in the golf cart.
- 13) Any golf cart operator must adhere to all applicable State and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to those banning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, and all other illegal drugs. In addition, no golf cart containing any open container of alcohol shall be operated on public roads.
- 14) An operator may not allow the number of people in the golf cart at any one time to exceed the maximum capacity specified by the manufacturer. The operator shall not allow passengers to ride on any part of a golf cart not designed to carry passengers, such as the part of the golf cart designed to carry golf bags.
- 15) Both the golf cart operator and all passengers will wear seat belts in accordance with state law. Child safety seats will be used as necessary in accordance with state law as well.

Registration and Permit Requirements

- 1) No golf cart will be operated on any public street within the town or on any property owned or leased by the town unless the golf cart has first been registered and permitted with the town as required herein.
- 2) In order to register a golf cart and secure an annual permit for the Town, the owner and golf cart must meet the following basic requirements:
- 3) The owner must be at least eighteen (18) years old and possess a valid driver's license,
- 4) The owner must possess and maintain liability insurance in an amount not less than required by state law for traditional motor vehicles operated on public streets in the state,
- 5) The golf cart must not have been modified to exceed a speed of twenty (20) mph, and
- 6) The golf cart must have an identifiable identification number.

- 7) In order to register a golf cart and secure an annual permit, a golf cart must have the following safety features installed:
 - a. Two (2) operating front headlights and turn signals, visible from a distance of at least two hundred fifty (250) feet,
 - b. Two (2) operating tail lights, with brake lights and turn signals, visible from a distance of at least two hundred fifty (250) feet,
 - c. A rear vision mirror,
 - d. At least one (1) reflector per side,
 - e. A parking brake,
 - f. Seat belts for all seating positions on the golf cart,
 - g. A windshield, and
 - h. Must be limited to a maximum of three (3) rows of seats.
 - i. An annual registration and permit fee for golf carts will be established and amended as necessary.
- 8) In order to register a golf cart and secure an annual permit to operate a golf cart during daylight hours and fair weather only, a golf cart must have the following safety features installed:
 - a. A rear vision mirror,
 - b. At least one (1) reflector per side,
 - c. A parking brake,
 - d. Seat belts for all seating positions on the golf cart,
 - e. A windshield, and
 - f. Must be limited to a maximum of three (3) rows of seats.
- 9) All fees will be submitted to the Police Department prior to the issuance or renewal of the permit, along with the permit application itself. The golf cart shall be inspected by the Police Department for compliance with the provisions of this article. The registration and permit shall be renewed annually thereafter in accordance with the provisions of this article.
- 10) Prior to the issuance of an initial permit, the owner will attend a course providing an overview of this article. Prior to the issuance of an initial permit or annual renewal the owner and will also sign an acknowledgment that he/she has read, understands, and will abide by the provisions of this article.
- 11) A golf cart must display a valid and current annual town registration decal mounted in a visible location on the rear of the golf cart.
- 12) All-terrain vehicles, 4-wheel utility vehicles, go-karts, and other similar utility vehicles which are not manufactured for operation on a golf course, and/or a golf cart which has been modified so that it no longer meets the definition of a golf cart may not be registered as a golf cart under this article nor shall such vehicles be operated on public streets within the town, unless such vehicles are registered and permitted under the motor vehicle laws of the state.
- 13) Golf carts do not qualify as electric personal mobility devices designed to assist handicapped or elderly individuals.
- 14) Golf carts registered to commercial establishments offering golf cart rentals will be offered for transportation purposes only, and not offered for short-term entertainment purposes. Thus, all golf cart rentals shall have a minimum rental period of one (1) day.

15) The Chief of Police will have the authority to establish the maximum number of rental golf carts to be permitted annually.

Penalties

- 1) Any person violating the motor vehicle laws of the state, which shall also apply to golf carts registered under this article, shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in state law for any such violation.
- 2) Any person who knowingly allows a driver less than 18 years of age to operate a golf cart shall be charged and subject to the penalties prescribed in state law for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- 3) Any person violating the provisions of this article or failing to comply with any of its requirements shall be required to pay a civil violation in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- 4) Any person violating the town's parking ordinances shall be subject to the penalties outlined for parking violations in this chapter.
- 5) (Operating a golf cart under the influence of an impairing substance (i.e., alcohol or drugs) on a public street is a violation of state law, and is punishable as provided therein.
- 6) The Police Department may refuse to register and issue a permit for the operation of a golf cart, or may immediately revoke a previously issued permit, if the registered golf cart and/or the owner of the golf cart is involved in three (3) or more violations of this article and/or violations of state law within a three-year time period. Said revocation and/or denial of a permit shall be effective for one (1) year.
- 7) The Police Department may refuse to register and issue a permit for the operation of a golf cart, or may immediately revoke a previously issued permit, if the registered golf cart and/or the owner of the golf cart is charged with operating a golf cart under the influence of an impairing substance, aiding and abetting the operation of the golf cart under the influence of an impairing substance, or operating a golf cart in a careless and reckless manner. Said revocation and/or denial of a permit shall be effective for one (1) year, unless the charge is dismissed or the owner and/or operator is acquitted, in which event the permit shall either be immediately reinstated or the application for the permit shall be approved if the conditions of the ordinance have been met.
- 8) All revocation periods shall be effective from the date of the notification of revocation letter, provided that the revoked registration decal has been removed within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification. If the revoked registration decal is not removed within fourteen (14) days, then the revocation shall be effective, however the one (1) year period shall not begin until the date the plate is surrendered to, or seized by, the police department.

I certify, under risk of forfeiture of privilege, that I have received a copy of the rules and regulations outlined above and that I have read, understand and agree to strictly adhere to all rules and regulations set forth and pertaining to the operation of golf carts within the Town of Morehead City.

Printed Name/Signature of Owner _____
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Date _____

Printed Name/Signature of Authorizing Official _____

Date _____
