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PRESS RELEASE

On March 13, 2018, the Board of Commissioners for the City of Oxford passed a Golf Cart Ordinance to allow Golf Carts to be operated in the City. Today, the City of Oxford would like to remind everyone of the regulations in place to ride your golf cart on the streets in Oxford safely and legally.

You can get a copy of the application at the City Clerk's office at City Hall 300 Williamsboro Street, email the Clerk at cbowen@oxfordnc.org go to www.oxfordnc.org > [Golf Cart Ordinance Citizen Copy](#).

Rules and Regulations for Golf Cart Use on Roads within the City

1. Golf carts are not to be operated on or alongside any public road or street with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or greater.
2. Any person who operates a golf cart is responsible for all liability associated with the operation of the golf cart and must have liability insurance coverage.
3. Any person who operates a golf cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and must carry their driver's license on their person at all times while operating a golf cart on roads.
4. Any person who operates a golf cart on roads must adhere to all applicable State and local laws, regulations, and ordinances, including but not limited to those prohibiting the possession and use of alcoholic beverages and all other illegal drugs. In addition, possession of an open container of alcohol on golf carts operated on roads is prohibited.
5. The golf cart operator shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of North Carolina and the City of Oxford, which govern the operation of motor vehicles.
6. 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.
7. Golf carts must be operated at the right edge of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
8. The maximum speed limit for the operation of golf carts on roads shall be 20 miles per hour.
9. Golf carts must park in designated spaces so that multiple golf carts can utilize the space. All parking rules and limits apply. No parking on sidewalks is allowed.

10. Golf carts must have basic equipment supplied by the manufacturer, including a vehicle identification or serial number. In addition, such equipment must include all safety devices as installed by the manufacturer, including a rear-view mirror and a rear triangle reflector of the same type required by North Carolina law.
11. Golf carts without lights may be operated only during daylight hours. Golf carts meeting the requirements set forth below may operate at any time:
 - a. Golf carts having two (2) operating headlights, one on each side of the front of the golf cart and two (2) operating taillights, one on each side of the rear of the cart, all four (4) lights must be visible from a distance of 500 feet; and
 - b. A mechanical turn signal indicator.

Before operating your Golf Cart in Downtown Oxford, you must:

Section 2: Registration, Inspection, and Fee Prior to Usage

1. All golf carts must be registered with the City of Oxford by submitting an application approved by the City. In addition, the applicant must provide a copy of a current, valid driver's license issued by the State of North Carolina or other states. Before driving on public roads, the operator of a golf cart must have a valid issued registration.
2. Each owner must have proof of ownership, liability insurance, and a completed Waiver of Liability, releasing the City from liability that may arise due to the operation of a golf cart inside the City limits. These documents must be in the golf cart at all times while in operation on public roads.
3. All golf carts must meet the requirements or minimum safety equipment standards as set forth above in this Ordinance.
4. All golf cart operators must present a valid driver/s license while operating a golf cart on a public road.
5. The registration sticker shall be valid for no more than one year and must be visible on the golf cart.
6. Lost or stolen permits/stickers are the sole responsibility of the owner and must be replaced before the golf cart is operated on a public road.
7. Each Golf Cart permitted and registered under the provisions of this Ordinance shall pay a \$50.00 per year registration fee.

Section 3: Enforcement

Violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed an infraction in accordance with Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the maximum penalty for which shall be \$75.00 plus applicable court cost.

