



**TOWN OF PINE LEVEL
LINDA W. MANGUM
GOLF CART
ORDINANCE**

Rules and Regulations

Golf carts may be operated on streets within the Town of Pine Level in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

- I. Golf Carts, and otherwise defined as Low Speed Vehicles, as defined by North Carolina General Statute 20-4.01(27)(g), that are currently in compliance with all state laws related to their operation, registration, and insurance requirements, and are operated by licensed drivers will be exempt from this ordinance. *(amended 8-10-2020)*
- II. Other Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles not in compliance with NC General Statutes that operate on a street or public vehicular area within the Town of Pine Level will be subject to an annual inspection by the Chief of Police, or his designee. After successfully completing the inspection process, the operator may receive a Town of Pine Level Golf Cart Permit / Sticker, which must be applied to the front driver side of the Golf Cart or Low Speed Vehicle.
- III. The inspection by the Chief of Police, or his designee, will cover the following safety requirements, and every Golf Cart operating on Town of Pine Level streets must have the following safety equipment:
 - a.) Permits/stickers will be issued to operators of electric and gas powered golf carts.
 - b.) Each owner must have proof of ownership, and a completed waiver of liability, releasing the Town of Pine Level, its employees, and affiliates from all liability that may arise as a result of operating a golf cart inside the Town of Pine Level. A current waiver of liability must be on file with the Town of Pine Level, and must be renewed annually.
 - c.) All golf carts must still meet the requirements or minimum standard of safety equipment, to wit: working headlights and taillights, rear view mirror, lap belts and child restraints for use while the vehicle is in

motion, and a choice of a reflective "slow moving vehicle" triangle or a flashing yellow light on the rear of the cart.

- d.) All golf cart operators must possess a valid driver's license and must be 16 years of age or older. (*amended 8-10-2020*)
- e.) Golf carts, by design, are equipped to seat a certain number of passengers. Each golf cart differs in that it may accommodate 2 to 6 passengers, generally. This section is designed to regulate overcrowding or reckless operation of a golf cart; therefore no passengers are permitted to stand on a golf cart while it is in operation.
- f.) All operators must provide a minimum of liability insurance on any golf cart prior to inspection.
- g.) Permits/Stickers will be issued annually, and are valid from July 1st of each year. The cost of initial inspection shall be equal to the cost of the registration sticker/permit. The following fees shall apply:

- (1.) Inspection by Police Department \$10.00
(annually)
- (2.) Re-inspection by Police Department \$ 5.00
(If golf cart fails initial inspection)

- h.) Lost or stolen permit/stickers are the responsibility of the owner. A police report must be filed in the event of a lost or stolen permit/sticker. The Chief of Police will have the discretion in determining whether a permit/sticker, the chief of police may direct the applicant to reapply, and also resubmit any and all fees necessary, before a replacement permit/sticker is issued.

IV. Any person who operates a golf cart in the Town of Pine Level, and fails to receive or properly display a Town of Pine Level permit/sticker will be subject to the state law requiring registration, insurance, and any other applicable laws, in addition to being in violation of this ordinance.

V. Golf carts will be subject to the traffic laws of North Carolina:

- a) All operators must adhere to all laws that apply to normal vehicle operation.
- b) Golf carts will adhere to all traffic flow patterns, and will operate on the right side of the roadway.
- c) Golf cart operators must yield the right of way to any overtaking vehicles.

- d) Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks.
 - e) Golf carts shall not be operated on private property, without the permission and consent of the property owner.
- VI.** Golf carts that are equipped with a warning triangle may only be used from sunrise to 30 minutes prior to sunset. From 30 minutes prior to sunset, golf carts with a flashing yellow light on the rear of the cart may be operated until sunset, with a valid North Carolina Drivers license only.
- VII.** Golf carts that issued permits/stickers under this ordinance are prohibited from traveling on the following streets:
- a) US 70 A
 - b) Peedin Avenue
 - c) East Pine Street
 - d) West Main Street
 - e) Davis Mill Road
 - f) Country Store Road

Should an owner/operator reside on one of the listed streets above, the operator shall proceed to the nearest side street and exit the prohibited street.

- VIII.** Preferred crossing points shall be located at the following locations:
- a) Intersection of Kornegay Avenue and US 70A
 - b) Intersection of Brown Street and Peedin Avenue
 - c) Intersection of Herring Street and US 70A
 - d) James Drive to Crocker
 - e) James Drive to Knollwood
 - f) Crocker to Crescent
- IX.** Liability Disclaimer- This ordinance is adopted to address the interests of public safety. Golf carts are not designed, or manufactured to be used on public streets, and the Town of Pine Level in no way advocates or endorses their operation on public streets or roads. The town, by regulating such operation, is merely trying to address obvious safety issues, and adoption of this ordinance is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on a public street or public vehicular area is safe or advisable, if done in accordance with this ordinance. All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts on public streets or public vehicular areas do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Town of Pine Level has

no liability under any theory of liability, and the town assumes no liability, for permitting golf carts to be operated on the public streets and public vehicular areas under special legislation granted by the state's legislature. Any person who operates a golf cart is responsible for procuring liability insurance sufficient to cover the risk involved in using a golf cart on the public streets and public vehicular areas of the town.

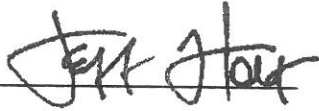
Penalty

Whosoever shall violate any provision of this ordinance for which no other penalty is provided, shall be upon conviction, guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine not to exceed \$50.00. Each day that any of the provisions of this ordinance is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(adopted 11-10-2008, amended 8-10-2020)

AMENDED THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

MAYOR



ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

