



Golf Cart Registration Packet

Thoroughly reading the attached information packet will provide the owner with the background needed to both understand and complete the golf cart registration process. Included in this packet is a checklist to assist in the registration of your golf cart along with all needed forms. Also enclosed is a copy of the ordinance that provides for the proper operation of golf carts within Town. Registration will allow operation of the cart on most streets and roadways within the Town.

NOTE: Low Speed Vehicles as defined by and registered with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles are **NOT** subject to this process. These vehicles are allowed to operate on the streets and roadways pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 20-121.1

Checklist:

- Download application packet containing Registration Form, Liability Waiver, Inspection Form and Ordinance.
- Review and Complete Forms
- Pay registration fee at Town Hall and obtain copy of receipt.
- Contact Wendell Police Department to schedule an inspection (appt. may be scheduled by calling between 8:00-12:30 and 1:30-5:00). Inspections will be performed at the Police Department Monday thru Friday, excluding holidays.
- Assemble a packet that contains proof of ownership, liability insurance and a completed waiver of liability. This packet must be in the golf cart at all times while in operation on public roads.
- Bring registration packet, receipt of registration payment, and other required documentation to scheduled inspection along with golf cart. Note: If cart is not yet registered, it cannot be driven to the Police Department.
- Inspector reviews documentation and conducts inspection.
- Obtain permit after inspection. If the cart does not pass registration one re-inspection may occur within 30 days, otherwise the application is voided with no refund of fees.



Golf Cart Registration Form

(Please Print in Blue or Black Ink)

Owner's Full Name: _____

Owner's Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____

Owner's Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Owner's Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: Daytime: (____) _____ Nighttime :(____) _____

Make of Golf Cart: _____ Year Made _____

Color of Golf Cart: _____

Serial Number/VIN of Golf Cart: _____

Insurance Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare this vehicle is insured with the company named below and I will maintain liability insurance throughout the registration period.

Name of Insurance Company and Policy Number
(Attach Proof of Insurance for Golf Cart)

By signing this application below, the applicant acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the provisions of the Town of Wendell Code of Ordinances as it pertains to operation of golf carts and agrees to abide by all rules and regulations governing the operation of his/her golf cart. The applicant furthermore acknowledges and accepts that registration of the golf cart is non-transferable.

Owner's Signature Date

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For Town's Use Only

Approved By Town of Wendell Police Officer (Print Name): _____

Permit Number: _____

Date Issued: _____

Signature



Golf Cart Liability Waiver

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Wendell Code of Ordinances Chapter 24 Article V as it pertains to Golf Cart registration and operation in the Town of Wendell. I agree that I will obey all the rules and regulations set forth by the Town of Wendell concerning the operation of a golf cart within town limits. Furthermore, I have paid the registration fee for the cart and agree to additional assessments as may be required in support of this ordinance.

I acknowledge that I will assume all liability, and am fully responsible for the operation of the golf cart on the streets and roads in the Town of Wendell. I also acknowledge that the Town of Wendell, in providing this privilege, is in no way endorsing the operation of this cart on the streets and roads, and does not and will not assume any liability associated with the operation of the cart. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Wendell for any and all liability arising from the use of this golf car/cart.

I also understand that the Town of Wendell's interpretation of all the rules and regulations associated with the use of Golf Carts on its streets and roadways are final.

Finally, I agree to insure that the permit sticker will remain attached to the driver's side of the cart at all times unless and until the cart is sold or otherwise permanently inoperable. If either of the two issues arises, the sticker will be removed and destroyed. Golf Cart Registration Permits are non-transferable either between golf carts or owners.

Owner's Printed Full Name as it appears on the Registration Form

Permit Number: _____
(To be provided by issuing official)

Owner's Signature

Date



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SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Board of the Town of Wendell, North Carolina that Chapter 24 of the Wendell Code of Ordinances be amended to provide clear definition and guidance to ensure the safe operation of golf carts within the Town and to more specifically read as follows:

Section 132-149. - Reserved

Article V

Sec. 150 – Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

GOLF CART means a motor vehicle having not less than four wheels in contact with the ground and unmanned weight less than 1,300 pounds which is designed to be operated at not more than 20 miles per hour and is designed to carry golf equipment. This does not include vehicles known as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), Utility Task Vehicles (UTVS) or go-carts.

LOW SPEED VEHICLE means a four-wheeled electric vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but less than 25 miles per hour.

OPERATOR means a person having a valid North Carolina non-provisional driver's license (or a recognized similar valid license from another state) who is driving the golf cart and has full control of its operation and passengers.

State Law reference — § 20-4.01. Definitions.

Sec. 151 – Low Speed Vehicle

Low Speed Vehicles, as defined under North Carolina General Statute 20-4.01 and as equipped and regulated under North Carolina General Statute 20-121.1 shall be operated under the applicable state statutes and shall not be subject to this ordinance.

State Law reference — § 20-4.01. Definitions and 20-121.1.



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Sec. 152 - Golf Cart Equipment

Golf Carts approved for operation under this ordinance must be the size and shape that conforms to industry standards for manufactured golf carts. Additionally, the golf cart must be equipped with the following:

- (a) Identification or serial number,
- (b) An unobstructed rear-view mirror and left side mirror, or a wide angle cross bar rear-view mirror,
- (c) Operating headlight(s) on the front of the golf cart and operating tail light(s) on the back of the golf cart. All lights must be visible from a distance of 500 feet, and
- (d) Golf carts may have “lift kits” but no golf cart may be more than 22” high measured from the ground to the floorboard of the cart.

State Law reference — § 160A-300.6

Sec. 153 – Insurance Requirements

Every golf cart operated under this ordinance shall have in full force and effect, valid liability insurance sufficient to cover the risk involved in using a golf cart on the public streets and roadways. Valid liability coverage is that which is defined in North Carolina General Statute 20-279.21(b) as the minimum required.

State Law reference — § 160A-300.6

Sec.154 – Liability

Golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets and the town in no way advocates or endorses their operation on public streets and roadways. The town, by regulating such operation, is trying to address safety issues, and adoption of this section is not to be relied upon as a determination that operating on public streets and roadways is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this section.

All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts on public streets 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.



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The town has no liability under any theory of liability and the town assumes no liability for permitting golf carts to be operated on public streets and roadways.

State Law reference — § 160A-300.6

Sec. 155 – Registration

Operators of golf carts operated under this ordinance must have a valid registration decal issued by the Town of Wendell prior to operating on the roads. This registration decal must be obtained by the owner through submittal of a golf cart registration, a valid North Carolina Driver's License, proof of ownership and liability insurance and a waiver of liability to the Wendell Police department who will then schedule an inspection of the golf cart.

The cost for the registration shall be \$100.00 and will be payable to the Town at the time of registration. The registration shall be valid for no more than one year and is to be renewed annually at which time the owner shall submit the above documents and shall schedule the vehicle for a subsequent inspection. All renewals shall occur in the same month of the calendar year. Registration fees shall not be prorated.

(a)The registration decal must be displayed on the lower left corner of the windshield (driver's side) or, in the absence of the windshield, the left front fender so as to be easily visible by law enforcement personnel.

(b)Lost or Stolen Registration decals are the responsibility of the owner and must be replaced before the golf cart is operated on a public road. The cost of a replacement shall be \$20.00.

State Law reference — § 160A-300.

Sec. 156 - Inspection.

No golf cart may be operated on any street or highway in the town without first passing an inspection which will be conducted prior to the issuance of a town registration decal.

Furthermore, no registration decal will be issued until the operator presents proof that the golf cart is fully insured, and the operator has a valid North Carolina driver's license or recognized valid driver's license from another state.



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To pass the inspection for the town and to obtain a golf cart permit, the golf cart must have the following:

- (a) Operational headlight(s) and tail light(s);
- (b) Rubber or equivalent tires;
- (c) Operational steering gear, brakes, emergency or parking brake, rear-view mirror, adequately affixed driver seat(s);
- (d) Other requirements as set forth in Article V of this Section must be complied with.

State Law reference — § 160A-300.

Sec. 157 - Operation.

The following restrictions limiting the operation of golf carts in the town shall apply:

(1) Golf cart transportation is limited to those streets and highways within the town limits which have a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less except as noted:

(a) Golf carts may not be operated on the following streets or roadways regardless of the speed limit:

- (1) Any portion of Wendell Blvd.
- (2) Any portion of US 231 (S. Selma Rd.)
- (3) Any portion of Wendell Falls Parkway.

(b) Golf carts may cross a road with a posted speed limit greater than 35 mph or one of the streets or roadways listed above. Golf carts must cross in a manner that is the most direct route in order to decrease crossing distance, i.e. no riding along a road or crossing at an angle.

(2) Golf carts must be operated at the right edge of the roadway unless lane usage is necessary to make turns or travel through intersections.

(3) Golf Carts must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.



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(4) Golf carts must be parked in accordance with the laws and ordinances which apply to any parked vehicle in the town.

(5) Golf carts are prohibited from traveling upon or parking on any sidewalk or multi-purpose path within the town.

(6) Any person who operates a golf cart on public streets and roads 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.

(7) The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of North Carolina and the Town which governs the operation of motor vehicles.

(8) 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.

(9) Golf carts are required to follow the rules and regulations of any other vehicle during special events and are not permitted to enter special event areas unless the golf cart is a part of the event and approved by the Chief of Police.

(10) No person shall operate a golf cart on a public street or highway in the town unless said person has a valid non-provisional North Carolina driver's license or a valid similar recognized, out-of-state license in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 20-7. Golf cart operators must carry their driver's license on their person at all times while operating a golf cart on public roads.

(11) Only the number of people the golf cart is designed to seat may ride on a golf cart. Additionally, passengers shall not be carried on the part of a golf cart designed to carry golf bags.

(12) Operators of Golf Carts are required to ensure that all occupants under the age of 18 are secured within the golf cart through the use of an appropriate passenger restraint system.

(13) Each golf cart owner must have proof of ownership, liability insurance and a completed waiver of liability releasing the Town from liability that may arise as a result of operation of a golf cart inside the Town. These documents must be in the golf cart at all times while in operation on public roads.



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(14) If mechanical front and rear turn signal indicators are not installed on the golf cart, then hand signals are required for turns and stops.

(15) The operator of the golf cart is mandated to use the headlight(s) and taillight(s), as defined in Section 152 of this article whenever the vehicle is operated during the period from dusk until dawn so as to maximize its visibility.

(16) Golf carts shall not be operated during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions;

State Law reference — § 160A-300.6

Sec.158 – Violations

Any operator of a golf cart in violation of either this Section or the motor vehicle laws of the State of North Carolina shall be charged the same as any other driver of any registered vehicle in the state.

Sec.159 – Penalties

Violations of this Section or the motor vehicle laws of the State of North Carolina shall result in fines and penalties as described in this section for similar violations made with registered vehicles or in the case of violations of the motor vehicle laws of the State of North Carolina, the penalties shall be the same as those set by applicable state statute.

Additionally, violation of either this Section or the motor vehicle laws of the State of North Carolina through a particular registered golf cart may be grounds for the inability to renew the registration which shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

Disclaimer: This ordinance, upon approval by the Town Board, shall be applicable to all persons who register and operate golf carts within the corporate limits of the Town of Wendell, until such time that the ordinance is altered, modified, or rescinded by the Town Board.



Golf Cart Inspection Form

Owner Name: _____ Owner Phone #: _____

Owner Address: _____

Golf Cart Make: _____ Golf Cart Serial/VIN#: _____

Inspection Item	Pass	Fail	Comments
Registration Paid Receipt			
Valid Driver's License for Registered Owner			
In Force Liability Insurance			
Signed Waiver Form			
Headlight(s) visible from 500 feet, all operational.			
Tail light(s) visible from 500 feet, all operational			
Rear view mirror and left side mirror/ or wide angle cross bar rearview mirror			
No more than 22 inches high to the floor			
Rubber/equivalent tires			
Steering			
Brakes			
Emergency/Parking Brake			
Affixed Seat(s)			
Passenger Restraint System (if applicable)			

I certify that I have conducted an inspection of the above referenced vehicle and that the conditions of the inspection items are accurately reported:

Inspector's Printed Name

Inspection Date

Inspector's Signature

Permit Number