

OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS

7-4-1:

The following definitions shall be used in this chapter. Where a word or term is undefined reference shall be to Revised Code Of Washington title 46.

GOLF CART: A gas powered or electric powered four (4) wheeled vehicle originally designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting purposes and has a speed attainable in one mile of not more than twenty (20) miles per hour. A golf cart is not a nonhighway vehicle or off road vehicle as defined in Revised Code Of Washington 46.09.310. A golf cart is not considered a motor vehicle, except for the purposes of chapter 46.61 Revised Code Of Washington.

GOLF CART ZONE: Any public roadway within the city of Liberty Lake having a speed limit of twenty five (25) miles per hour or less.

STREET: The entire right of way width including the sidewalk (if present) and between the curb and boundary lines and shoulder or swale of public property when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of pedestrian, bicycle or vehicular travel including parking. (Ord. 186, 10-5-2010, eff. 10-19-2010)

7-4-2: REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

The following use, operational requirements, and restrictions are adopted by the city for golf carts:

- A. Every person operating a golf cart as authorized under this section is granted all rights and is subject to all duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle under chapter 46.61 Revised Code Of Washington.
- B: A golf cart may be operated on a street by a person as follows:

7-4-2 B1. Underage operation of golf cart:

- 1. Every person operating a golf cart as authorized under this section must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and must have completed a driver education course or have previous experience driving as a licensed driver.

7-4-2 B2. No Valid Operator's License or eligible (NVOL)

- 2. A person who has a revoked license under Revised Code of Washington 46.20.285 may not operate a golf cart as authorized under this section.

7-4-2 B3. Seat belts/Exceeding capacity/Occupants not seated

- 3. Any person operating a golf cart, as authorized under this section, shall not transport more passengers than the manufacturer's designed seating capacity. All occupants shall be seated during operation and the use of seat belts shall be mandatory while the golf cart is being operated.

7-4-2 C. Improper Lighting/Reflectors/Tail lights

- B. Golf carts shall not be operated on a street during one-half ($1/2$) hour after sunset to one-half ($1/2$) hour before sunrise unless in compliance with Revised Code Of Washington 46.37 regarding vehicle lighting and other equipment, including equipping the golf cart with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet (500') to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Washington state patrol which shall be visible from all distances up to six hundred feet (600') to the rear when directly in front of lawful low beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector. A light emitting diode flashing taillight visible from a distance of five hundred feet (500') to the rear may also be used in addition to the red reflector.

7-4-2 D. Negligent Operation of golf cart

- D. Golf carts shall not be operated on a street in a negligent manner. For the purpose of this subsection, "to operate in a negligent manner" is defined as the operation of a golf cart in such a manner as to endanger any person or property, or to obstruct, hinder, or impede the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways, or parks.

7-4-2 E. Not equipped with required equipment(reflectors/seat belts/mirrors)

Golf carts must be equipped with reflectors, seat belts, and rearview mirrors when operated upon streets and highways as authorized under this section. (RCW 46.08.175) (RCW 46.08.175)(46.37.400)

7-4-3: PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE:

Upon a determination that a violation of this chapter has occurred, law enforcement officers may, pursuant to Revised Code Of Washington chapter 7.80, issue a class 1 civil infraction with a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to any included person found in violation of the provisions of this chapter. If an underage operator or person is found to be using or operating a golf cart in violation of this chapter, such matter and infraction will be referred to Spokane County juvenile court. (Ord. 186, 10-5-2010, eff. 10-19-2010)