

SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES

ARTICLE V. - GOLF CARTS

Sec. 9-60. - Golf cart permit and the operation of a golf cart.

- (a) For the purposes of this section, this code applies to any and all golf carts being operated within the town's corporate limits.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, "gated community," if any, means any homeowners community with at least one (1) access-controlled ingress and egress which includes the presence of a guard house, a mechanical barrier or another method of controlled conveyance.
- (c) An individual or business owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart may obtain a permit decal and registration from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and liability insurance for the golf cart and upon payment of a five dollar (\$5.00) fee.
 - (1) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four (4) miles of the address on the registration certificate and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five (35) miles an hour or less.
 - (2) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four (4) miles of a point of ingress and egress to a gated community and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five (35) miles an hour or less.
 - (3) During daylight hours only, within four (4) miles of the registration holder's address, and while traveling along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five (35) miles an hour or less, a permitted golf cart may cross a highway or street at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles an hour.
- (d) A person operating a permitted golf cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and hold a valid driver's license. The operator of a permitted golf cart being operated on a highway or street must have in his possession:
 - (1) The registration certificate issued by the department of motor vehicles;
 - (2) Proof of liability insurance for the golf cart; and
 - (3) His driver's license.
- (e) A golf cart permit must be replaced with a new permit every five (5) years or at the time the permit holder changes his address.
- (f) The provisions of this section that restrict the use of a golf cart to certain streets, certain hours, and certain distances shall not apply to a golf cart used by a police/public safety agency in connection with the performance of its duties.
- (g) Golf carts are prohibited from travelling along the town's sidewalks and shall be operated on town streets as a vehicle.
- (h) Any owner or operator violating any provision of this section shall pay a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus court assessment for each violation cited. Failure of any person to pay the fines imposed shall be subject to the same penalties and provisions allowed for traffic violations pursuant to state law.
- (i) Any company within the town's corporate limits that rents golf carts is hereby required to provide a copy of the ordinance from which this section derives to its customers that rent golf carts.

Please call the Surfside Beach Police Department at 843.913.6368 with any questions about proper golf cart operation.

Ord. No. 15-0808, Approved 9-8-15. Please contact Town Clerk Debra Herrmann at 843.913.6333 or dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org, if you wish to obtain a copy of the ordinance.