

City Ordinance Sec. 98-130 through 98-137

1. A city ordinance may be more restrictive and/ or specific than state law.
2. A golf cart operated under City ordinance is only authorized upon a public street or public right of way with a speed limit of 35 mph or less during daylight hours only with the required headlights and taillights on.
3. A golf cart must have all the following equipment in order to be registered to operate within the City:
 - A. Headlamps
 - B. Tail lamps
 - C. Reflectors
 - D. At least two red reflectors on the rear of the golf cart
 - E. At least one amber reflector on each side closest to the front of the golf cart as possible.
 - F. Parking brake
 - G. A golf cart must have at least two side mirrors or one rear view mirror mounted to the center of the inside of the cab
 - H. Turn signals
 - I. A “slow moving vehicle” reflective triangle affixed to the rear
 - J. Seat belts
 - K. A flag on a six-foot pole affixed to the rear

State Law

1. A golf cart is defined as a motor vehicle per Sec. 502.001(18) of the Texas Transportation code.
2. Sec. 551.405 of the Texas Transportation Code allows golf carts to cross over a road or street with a posted speed limit more than 35 mph.

Don't Forget ...

- ⇒ A golf cart's required equipment must be verified and inspected annually by the Rockport Police Department.
- ⇒ An annual fee of \$10.00 shall be charged for the inspection and registration of the golf cart. The registration decal shall be affixed in the center of the “slow moving vehicle” reflective triangle. The registration will be valid for a period of one year and will expire the following year, in the same month as it was received.
- ⇒ An operator must possess a valid driver's license.
- ⇒ The golf cart must be covered by insurance equal to the current Texas requirement for a licensed motor vehicle. Coverage may be by separate policy or covered by the owner's insurance policy.
- ⇒ Golf cart operators must follow all traffic signs, driving while intoxicated, and other traffic laws just like operators of regular cars or trucks.
- ⇒ Parents of unlicensed minors operating a golf cart are subject to a traffic citation.

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What You Need to Know About Driving Golf Carts In the City Limits



City of Rockport Golf Cart and Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Regulations

What You'll Need, IF ...	Follow All Traffic Laws	Driver License & Insurance	City Permit	Head & Tail Lights	Side Reflectors	Parking Brake	Rearview Mirrors	Turn Signals	"Slow Moving Vehicle" Sign	Seatbelts	Rear Flag	Horn
.. you are traveling to or from a golf course (2 miles one way or less)												
... you are driving within a master-planned community that has covenants*												
... you are traveling on a City road with a speed limit of 35 mph or less												

*Master planned neighborhoods in Rockport include Harbor Oaks, Key Allegro, Rockport Country Club, and Spanish Woods

Regardless of where they are driven, golf carts and neighborhood electric vehicles MAY NOT:

1. Travel on a City road with a speed limit in excess of 35 mph
2. Drive on a sidewalk or hike & bike trail
3. Travel on ANY State roads (e.g. State Highway 35, FM 2165/Pearl Street, FM 1781, etc.), regardless of posted speed limit
4. Travel at night (i.e. between dusk and dawn)

Notes:

1. All-terrain, recreational off-highway vehicles, and utility vehicles are not allowed on any public road, street, thoroughfare, or bridge.
2. A "golf cart" is a motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for transporting persons on a golf course.
3. A "neighborhood electric vehicle" as a vehicle that can attain a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour on a paved level surface and otherwise complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 500 (49 C.F.R. Section 571.500).

Sources: Rockport Code of Ordinances Sec. 98-130 through 98-137; Texas Transportation Code Sec. 521.001(3), 521.021, 521.025, 551.403, 551.404(a), 601.051
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