

## **GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

- (A) All persons who operate or ride in motorized carts, on public roads do so with their own judgement and at their own risk, and must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the City of Bloomingdale has no liability in negligence, nuisance or under any other cause of action for losses resulting from the use of motorized carts on roads, sidewalks, recreation paths, right-of-way or other public property under this article. Any person, who operates motorized carts, is responsible for procuring appropriate insurance as may be required by any State of Georgia law or this chapter as a condition of operating motorized carts, on the roads of the City of Bloomingdale.
- (B) All motorized carts operated in the city limits under this section shall be operated by a licensed driver. Ages 12 or older are allowed to operate the motorized cart but must be accompanied and supervised by a licensed driver.
- (C) Hazardous activities and special rules.
  - 1. Blocking of public access to any public roads, sidewalks, recreation paths, right-of-way or other public property of the city shall be prohibited, except for permitted events.
  - 2. Persons using recreation paths should always give due consideration and reasonable right of way to other users of the recreation path to ensure safe passage for all parties.
  - 3. A warning or announcement shall be given by person using recreation paths when approaching slower moving parties from the rear. The warning or announcement may be verbal, but it is recommended that the users operating vehicles utilize an audible warning device, such as a horn or bell.
  - 4. All operators and passengers of motorized carts shall remain seated at all times during the operation of motorized cart.
- (D) Anyone in violation of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- (E) Motorized carts may only be operated on public roads, recreational paths, right-of-way or other public property which are part of the City of Bloomingdale street system during daylight hours unless the motorized cart complies with equipment regulations which may be promulgated by the commissioner of public safety of the State of Georgia.
- (F) Motorized cart owners shall maintain their motorized carts in a manner which ensures that an unobstructed view from the driver's seat to the rear is maintained at all times the motorized cart is in operation on public roads.
- (G) The maximum occupancy of motorized cart traveling on public roads, sidewalks, paths, right-of-way or other public property shall be one person per designated seat.
- (H) All operators of motorized carts shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the designated public roads, recreation paths, right-of-way or other public property of the City. Where recreation paths exist for motorized carts they must be used in preference to parallel roads with the exclusion of privately held paths.
- (I) Failure to adhere to any of these provisions shall be a violation of this article and subject the owner of such motorized cart to the penalties set forth in a fine.

- (J) Required equipment for personal transportation vehicles;
- a. All personal transportation vehicles shall be equipped with:
    1. A braking system sufficient for the weight and passenger capacity of the vehicle including a parking break;
    2. A reverse warning device functional at all times when the directional control is in the reverse position;
    3. A main power switch. When the switch is in the "off" position, or the key or other device that activates the switch is removed, the motive power circuit shall be inoperative. If the switch uses a key, it shall be removable only in the "off" position;
    4. Head lamps;
    5. Reflex reflectors;
    6. Tail lamps;
    7. A horn;
    8. A rearview mirror;
    9. Safety warning labels; and
    10. Hip restraints and hand holds or a combination thereof.
- (K) Registration/Fee required - \$10.00 Registration Fee is required. This is a one-time fee unless a new motorized cart is obtained by the owner. A copy of this Ordinance will be provided along with an acknowledgement receipt of the Ordinance and agreement to comply with same.