

## Golf Cart Applicant

Dear Applicant:

In accordance with the provision of the City of Covington Ordinance, each qualified person desiring to operate a golf cart on the designated streets of the City of Covington shall first make an application to the Covington Police Department to obtain its own individual permit decal to be placed on the golf cart.

The owner of every motorized cart operated on the streets of the city shall cause such cart to be registered with the Covington Police Department within ten days of the date of its purchase. Upon such registration the Covington Police Department shall issue two numerical identification decals to the owner and shall maintain a record of each identification number, along with the name and address of the registered owner. The identification decals shall be affixed to the front windshield and rear fender area of the car so as to be fully visible when the car is in operation.

A registration fee of \$15.00 for each cart shall be payable at the time of registration, and the registration shall be effective for a period of five years. If the cart is transferred to another owner for operation in the city, the registration shall also be transferred to the new owner within ten business days of the date of transfer of the cart, and a transfer fee in the amount of \$15.00 paid to the city.

Golf carts are treated as vehicles and motor vehicles pursuant to *Simmons v. State* 281 Ga. App. 252, 635 SE. 2d 849 (2006) and *Coker v. State* 261 Ga. App. 646 (2003). Golf carts shall have the following equipment: windshield, exhaust (if gas operated), horn, head lights, taillights, brake lights, brakes, turn signals, and rear-view mirror. Drivers are required to possess a driver's license or instructional permit. Seatbelts are required.

### **Minimum Liability Insurance requirements of O.G.C.A 33-7-11**

**Not less than \$25,000.00 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, and, subject to such limit for one person, \$50,000.00 because of bodily injury or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and \$25,000.00 because of injury to or destruction of property. (25-50-25).**

Complete the application for the golf cart permit and return it to this office with the fee. Please be familiar with the attached ordinance. Any questions you may have should be directed to Cheryl Vaughn at (770)786-7605.

Sincerely,

Stacey L. Cotton  
Chief of Police

## **Things to Remember for Golf Carts**

- Golf carts are prohibited on state routes.
- Golf carts are prohibited on any street that is posted in excess of 35 miles per hour.
- Golf carts are permitted only on city streets with the proper signage; know which streets are approved.
- A golf cart is considered a motor vehicle and traffic laws apply, including offenses such as DUI and reckless driving.
- Be considerate of vehicles around you and allow them to pass, keeping as far to the right as possible.
- No riding on sidewalks.
- Seatbelts required (all passengers).
- Minimum liability insurance requirements (25-50-25).

## Prohibited Streets

Aaron Drive	Industrial Blvd NE
Access Road	Industrial Drive NE
Alcovy Road NE	Industrial Park Blvd NE
American Way NE	Industrial Way NE
Avenue of Champions NE	Keegan Court
Bob Williams Pkwy NE	Lake Forest Court NE
Brown Bridge Road SW	Liberty Drive NE
City Pond Road NE	Lochridge Blvd NE
Covington Bypass Road SE	North Park Drive NE
Crown Ridge Court NE	Old Atlanta Highway
Dr. M.L. King Jr. Ave. SE	Old City Pond Road NE
Elm Street NE	Pace Street NE
Exit 90 off Ramp	Piper Street NW
Exit 92 Off Ramp	Prater Drive NE
Exit 92 On Ramp	Roberts Way NE
Exit 990 On Ramp	Robinson Street NW
Flat Shoals Road	Technology Drive NE
GA Highway 142 NE	Turner Lake Road
GA Highway 36	U.S. Highway 278
Georgia Highway 81	Washington Street
Georgia Peach Ave NE	Wheat Street NE
Harland Drive NE	Williams Road
Herring Street	
I-20	
Independence Circle	
Independence Drive	

10.18.030 - Operation regulations.

- A. Operation of motorized carts in the city shall comply in every respect with the requirements of Georgia law, including, without limitation, the provisions of O.C.G.A. Sections 40-6-330 and 40-6-331, minimum liability insurance requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 33-7-11 and all other statutory regulations applicable to vehicular traffic and safety equipment.
- B. Only persons possessing a valid driver's license or instruction permit issued by the state of Georgia, another state of the United States of America or an appropriate international agency shall be permitted to operate a motorized cart on the streets of the city and may only operate a motorized cart subject to all conditions and limitations of such driver's license or instructions permit generally applicable to operation of other motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, the limitations of O.C.G.A. Section 40-5-24.
- C. Motorized carts shall not be operated on sidewalks in the city.
- D. Motorized carts shall not be operated on any street within the city for which the posted speed limit is over thirty-five (35) miles per hour, nor on or across any street on which such operation is determined by the mayor and council to be otherwise unsafe.
- E. Motorized carts may cross any street within the corporate limits of the city at intersections of such street with streets designated in subsection D. of this section.
- F. Crossing of Georgia state highways by motorized carts shall only be permitted at crossings approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation.
- G. Golf carts shall only be operated on city streets that are posted with signage authorizing such operation as required by O.C.G.A. 40-6-331. Signage will be erected on a case-by-case basis when requested of and approved by the city of Covington mayor and city council.

(Ord. dated 11/3/08 (part))

(Ord. dated 9/6/11, §§ 1—3; Ord. dated 6/1/09, §§ 1—3)

# Application for Golf Cart Permit

*Stacey L. Cotton*  
Chief of Police

*Philip Bradford*  
Assistant Chief of Police



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make of Golf Cart: \_\_\_\_\_ Model Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_  Gas  Electric

Upon the inspection of the golf cart, approval of this application and issuance of a permit decal, it is understood that the permit decal must be affixed to the front windshield and rear fender, and that said permit is good for five years from date of application.

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Applicant's signature (full name)

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### Office Use Only

Date Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved  Denied Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

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Covington Police Representative

## Golf Cart Inspection List

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_

- Minimum Liability Insurance requirements of O.G.C.A 33-7-11

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- Seatbelts

- Windshield

- Exhaust (if gas operated)

- Horn

- Headlights

- Taillights

- Brake Lights

- Brakes

- Turn Signals

- Rear View Mirror