

## Maintenance Tips

- Check tires for proper inflation or punctures, screws, nails, etc.
- Have brakes and steering serviced if not working properly.
- Make sure headlights and brake lights are operational.
- Look for battery or other fluid leaks.
- Recharge electric carts in a safe, dry place with fire extinguisher nearby.
- Recharge batteries only with a charger that is designed to shut off automatically when the batteries are fully charged.
- Remember to unplug all battery charger cords before use.
- Do not allow towels or accessories to hang down over the light or turn signals.
- Maintain mufflers on gas engines.



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### Edenton Police Department

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## Town of Edenton Police Department

### Golf Cart Safety and Operating Guidelines



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## Operation Requirements

**Registration Required** - all carts must be registered with the Edenton Police Department prior to operation. A one time \$25.00 registration fee is required and the cart must pass an inspection to include:

Rear view mirror  
Rear Reflectors / Triangle  
6 foot orange flag  
Brakes, Horn, Seat Belts  
Maximum speed of 20mph  
Headlights/Tail lights/Signals  
(for night operation)

**Drivers License Required** - all operators must have a valid drivers license.

**Motor Vehicle Laws** - all traffic, ABC laws, and ordinances regarding motor vehicles also apply to golf carts.

**Travel and Right of Way** - golf carts must be operated at the right edge of the road and only on streets with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less.

**Capacity** - the seating capacity of the cart shall not be exceeded and standing is not allowed while the cart is in motion. Passengers cannot ride on parts of the cart not designed to carry passengers.

## Operation Requirements

**Parking** - golf carts shall park in the same manner and at the same places designated for parking cars.

**Signals** - hand or mechanical signals are required for turns.

**Financial Responsibility** - All owners shall maintain continuous liability insurance on the vehicle.

**Restricted Streets** - golf carts may not be operated on the following streets except for the sole purpose of crossing at intersections;

Broad Street North of Queen St (US 17 Business)  
Queen Street (US 17 Business)  
East Church Street (NC 32)  
Virginia Road (NC 32)

## Safety Guidelines

- Never drive recklessly. Drive courteously.
- Obey all vehicle traffic laws and rules of the road
- Never drive while impaired
- Avoid distractions just as you would in a vehicle. Avoid talking, texting, and eating.
- Always use seat belts for driver and passengers.
- Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats.
- Use extra caution when transporting children.

## Safety Guidelines

- Drivers and all passengers should keep all body parts inside vehicle while it is in motion, except when giving turn signals.
- Do not allow anyone to stand, do not put vehicle in motion until all passengers are seated.
- Operate the vehicle from the driver's side only.
- Always use hand signals even if cart is equipped with turn signals.
- Check blind spots before turning.
- Carefully look before backing.
- Avoid sharp turns at maximum speed and drive straight up and down slopes to reduce the risk of rollover.
- Do not leave the keys in cart and make sure the parking brake is set when unattended.
- Always yield to pedestrians and be aware of motor vehicles around you.
- Use extreme caution in bad weather, the cart offers little protection from lightning.

