

Bastrop Code of Ordinances

Chapter: TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Article 12.12: Golf Carts

Sec. 12.12.001 General.

(a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this article is to provide a convenient and safe means of travel within the city by golf carts. Golf carts, if used properly, can be an effective way to travel for short distances within the city, especially during times of increased congestion. However, to ensure the public safety and welfare, the operation of golf carts must comply not only with normal regulations regarding vehicles, but should comply with special safety regulations detailed in this article that are intended to protect the operator, passengers, pedestrians and other individuals operating motor vehicles on the roadways.

Specifically excluded from this definition are those motorized conveyances commonly referred to as ATVs, NEVs, four-wheelers, mules, and gators.



driver's side of the vehicle where it is clearly visible.

This permit shall be effective for two years from the date of issue or until revoked for non-compliance or upon transfer of the vehicle to a new owner.

The registration permit is not transferable.

The registration permit *may be revoked* if the operator:

- does not abide by the rules and regulations of this ordinance.
- does not abide by traffic laws and/or operates the cart in an unauthorized area.

The City of Bastrop assumes no liability for any injuries (including death) to persons, pets, or property resulting from the operation of a golf cart by an authorized operator. Owners are wholly liable and accountable for the actions of any individuals that say allowed to operate and drive their golf cart.

Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine in an amount not to exceed \$500.

Continuing daily violations shall each constitute a separate offense and fine.



CITY OF BASTROP

Golf Cart Ordinance

Ordinance No. 2020-30

adopted November 10, 2020



Operator

- must have a valid Texas Driver's License.
- must obey all usual traffic laws, including passing laws.
- must not drive the vehicle over 20 mph.
- must not drive the vehicle on public roadways with a posted speed limit greater than 35 mph.
- must not drive between lanes of traffic or rows of vehicles.
- must move to the right and yield right of way to faster vehicles.
- must not drive on public roadways before sunrise or after sunset.

Passengers

- are limited to the vehicle occupancy and seats as designed by the manufacturer.
- must remain seated while the vehicle is in motion.
- are not allowed to ride in the lap of another passenger.
- under six (6) years of age shall not ride in a golf cart at any time.
- six (6) years of age or older but under the age of twelve (12) must be seated and secured with a seatbelt dedicated and designed to hold passengers.

Equipment Requirements

Golf carts altered to travel faster than 25 mph are prohibited.

Every golf cart operated in the City limits must have the following equipment installed and operational at all times:

- Two headlights
- Two tail lamps
- Two amber reflectors (front)
- Two red reflectors (rear)
- Parking brake
- Rearview mirror
- Slow-moving vehicle emblem (*clearly visible during the day/visible from 500 feet at night from the light of standard headlights*)



- State license plate for golf carts

Gasoline-powered vehicles must have an exhaust system in working order that complies with all state, federal, and city regulations.

Registration Permit Process

For all permits, licensing, inspections, and meeting requests - please email BPDCCommunity@cityofbastrop.org.

First Time Registration Permit: \$20
Bi-Annual Registration Permit Renewal: \$10
Cash/Check Only for In-Person Payments

The applicant must also provide proof of insurance and a copy of the applicant's Texas Driver's license.

The completed application and applicable fee(s) must be submitted at the time of the inspection. Upon a successful inspection, a permit decal is issued to the operator. This decal is placed on the front panel of the