

Golf Cart Regulations

72.01 POLICY STATEMENT.

This chapter is adopted to address the interest of public safety under the provisions of House Bill 2027, Session Law 2006-149 which provides the Town of Caswell Beach authority to regulate the use of golf carts in the town that have not been outfitted and registered as required by state law. Generally, golf carts, hereinafter called “carts”, that have not been outfitted and registered are not designed or manufactured to be used on other than golf courses, and the Town of Caswell Beach in no way advocates or endorses their operation elsewhere in town. The town, by regulating such operation is merely trying to address obvious safety issues, and adoption of this chapter is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this chapter. All persons who operate or ride upon carts do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Town of Caswell Beach has no liability under any theory of liability, for permitting carts to be operated in town. The owner and operator of a cart are responsible for any liability involved in using a cart. Without the adoption of standards for operation on private streets, there are currently no rules or regulations that address golf cart operation and by creating standards for limited operation on the private streets within Caswell Beach, the town is responding to citizen concerns regarding operation deficiencies. These regulations impose more stringent policies on cart operation. The town does not encourage cart operation and does not represent that operation of carts under these rules will render cart operation totally safe and without risk to the driver and passenger of said vehicles.

(Res. passed 10-14-06)

§ 72.02 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Carts that are not equipped and registered as required by the State Motor Vehicle Law may only be operated within the Town of Caswell Beach, in areas other than the golf course, in accordance with the following rules and regulations. Operation of carts in violation of these rules and regulations shall be subject to the penalty provisions of § [72.99](#) or in egregious cases, may constitute reckless driving as defined in North Carolina General Statutes.

- (A) Carts shall not be driven on or across Caswell Beach Road (State Road 1100).
- (B) Drivers of carts shall stay to the far right of the traveled portion of the road and yield the right-of-way to overtaking motor vehicles.

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- (C) Carts operating between the time of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with and have in use headlights and reflectors located on the rear of the cart.
- (D) Carts shall be equipped with at least one operational mirror allowing the operator to see behind the cart.
- (E) No one is allowed to stand on a golf cart while it is in operation.

(F) An unaccompanied driver must be at least 15 years old, and possess a state-issued permit allowing them to operate a vehicle.

(G) North Carolina laws as found G.S. § 20-138, regarding use of alcoholic beverages, apply to golf cart regulation in the Town of Caswell Beach.

(Res. passed 10-14-06) Penalty, see § [72.99](#)

 **§ 72.03 PERMIT REQUIRED.**

(A) No golf cart may be driven within the Town of Caswell Beach, other than on the golf course, without a permit being acquired from Town Hall and attached to said golf cart in a conspicuous place.

(B) Town Hall staff is hereby authorized to issue a permit to all appropriate applicants, one per golf cart to be operated. When issuing this permit, Town Hall staff shall require the applicant to sign a statement certifying he or she has read the provisions of town's ordinance on golf cart usage as set forth in § [72.02](#) above. The permit shall be in such form as the Town Hall may deem practicable for ease of visibility.

(Res. passed 10-14-06) Penalty, see § [72.99](#)

 **§ 72.99 PENALTY.**

Violation of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor and punished with a fine of \$50 for each violation.

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