

What are the rules for driving a golf cart in the City of Nederland?

A golf cart has the meaning assigned by the V.T.C.A. Transportation Code, § 502.001. Further, golf cart means a motor vehicle with not less than three wheels designed by the manufacturer primarily for transporting persons on a golf course without regard to the mode of propulsion or any modifications made to the body, chassis, or any portion of the golf cart by any person. Golf carts specifically exclude go-carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, off road vehicles, utility vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles, as defined by the Texas Transportation Code.

Golf carts may be operated within the corporate city limits on streets with a posted speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour.

Golf carts are prohibited on any state highway located within the corporate boundaries of the city.

A golf cart must have the following equipment to operate within the corporate city limits:

1. Headlamps;
2. Tail lamps;
3. Reflectors;
4. Parking brake; and
5. Mirrors.

The following exclusions and limitations apply to the operation of any golf cart in the City of Nederland.

1. Golf carts may only be operated by persons with a valid driver's license.
2. Golf carts may only be operated upon a public street or highway with a speed limit of not more than 35 mph unless otherwise restricted.
3. A golf cart may cross a street or highway with a speed limit of more than 35 mph if said crossing occurs at an intersection and said crossing is perpendicular to the street or highway with a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph.
4. Golf carts must move to the right and yield the right-of-way to faster moving vehicles.
5. All golf carts must be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle emblem.
6. The driver and every occupant of a golf cart must remain seated in a seat designed to hold passengers, while the golf cart is in motion.
7. No person may ride in the lap of the driver or any other occupant.
8. Golf Carts may be driven at night.

NOTE: Under Texas Law Golf Carts are considered motor vehicles and require minimum liability insurance and open container laws do apply. To read a complete copy of the Ordinance please visit the City Clerk's web page.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____