



## *Golf Cart Registration Information*

The Town of Long Beach recently passed an ordinance establishing regulations for the use and operation of golf carts on public roads and alleys in the Town. The definition of golf cart is a four (4) wheeled motor vehicle originally and specifically intended to transport one (1) or more individuals and driven at a speed no greater than (25) miles per hour. Any individual seeking to operate a golf cart within the Town shall be 16 years of age or older and must possess a valid driver's license. During the operation of the golf cart the driver shall carry such license on their person at all times.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** All golf carts used and operated in the Town of Long Beach shall be registered annually with the Town. The owner of such golf cart shall complete a registration form and pay the applicable fee at the Police Department located within the Town Hall. Long Beach Country Club members who annually pay trail path fees are able to register with the club office. The initial/annual registration fee for golf carts shall be the amount of \$50.00. The registration, upon issuance, shall be valid for the calendar year with each registration expiring December 31, of each year. Each golf cart owner shall receive one (1) issued sticker which is four-inch x three inches, **which shall be affixed only to the front of the golf cart on the driver side.** Either on the windshield or forward-facing front body panel of the cart. Clearly visible to an approaching vehicle.

**PROOF OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENT:** All golf carts shall be insured, with said proof of insurance to be provided to the Town with the initial and subsequent annual registration. Insurance proof shall be maintained and kept in the golf cart at all times during operation of the golf cart.

**SLOW MOVING VEHICLE EMBLEM DISPLAY:** All golf carts must display at all times a Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem and/or a red or amber flashing light, unless the vehicle is equipped with taillights which must be operational and turned on while driving. Further, all golf carts operating after dusk and before dawn, shall be equipped with headlights, taillights, and turn signals in working order, at all times during such dusk and before dawn operation.

**COMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC LAW:** All operators of a registered golf cart shall comply with and follow State Traffic Laws. All golf carts shall operate and be used at a maximum speed limit of twenty-five (25) mph. Exceeding a speed limit of twenty-five (25) mph shall be violative of this ordinance. There shall be no usage of a golf cart with any more passengers, including operator, than designed for the golf cart. An operator and/or passenger shall remain seated in a designated seat and no extension of any body part outside the interior of the golf cart shall occur while the golf cart is being used and operated.

**PARKING:** Golf carts are subject to the same parking requirements and restrictions outlined in the parking ordinances adopted by the Town of Long Beach, with the exception that Golf carts do not require an additional hang tag at the north lot behind Town Hall or Melrose Park. Golf carts may not be parked at beach stops, except for the allowable 10-minute loading and unloading period.

**PENALTIES:** Any individual violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to one (1) or more of the following penalties. A fine shall be issued of no less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for a first offense, and no less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for a second or subsequent offense. **Operation of a golf cart by an underaged operator shall result in a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) fine for the first offense and Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) fine for any subsequent offense.** The determination of period of time for a fine shall be a calendar year, with computation of time for fines being each calendar year.