



Golf Cart Registration / Renewal Information

Registration begins March 1st, 2023

The Town of Long Beach in 2021 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 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. As of 2023, golf carts will be registered every 2 years, for a fee of \$100.00. Registration will occur during the odd years and expire at the end of the even years. For example, this year the registration upon issuance, shall be valid for the 2023 & 2024 calendar years with each registration expiring December 31, 2024. 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 vehicle 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.

- Please send any questions or concerns to Renee Richardson at policeadmin@lbpdin.org



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HIDDEN DANGERS WHEN CHARGING GOLF CARTS

With golf cart season right around the corner, the Long Beach Fire Department would like to raise awareness of the hidden dangers associated with the charging of golf cart batteries.

Last year, our Department responded to multiple calls involving carbon monoxide alarms sounding due to charging golf carts.

These alarms are being caused by a buildup of hydrogen gas, which can be a generated byproduct of the charging process.

Although hydrogen gas does not produce an immediate health risk, its primary danger is the potential of fire due to hydrogen gas exceeding its flammable level (>4%).

So to fully enjoy a safe summer of golf cart usage, the LBFD urges residents to keep in mind the following points:

1. **ALWAYS** follow the manufacturers' recommendations when charging an electric golf cart.
2. **ALWAYS** charge the golf cart in a well-ventilated area.
3. **ALWAYS** disconnect the charger when the golf cart has finished the charging process.
4. **DO NOT** charge the battery overnight or if there is no one home with the golf cart.
5. Regularly **INSPECT** the batteries and charging system to identify any potential hazards.
6. **INSTALL** a carbon monoxide detector inside your home in the area closest to the garage or charging area.

If you suspect any problems or your carbon monoxide alarm is sounding, immediately leave your home and call 911. Do not re-enter until Firefighters have cleared the home and have confirmed that it is safe to return.

Let's all have an enjoyable golf cart season!