



CITY OF INDEPENDENCE GOLF CART PERMIT PROCEDURE



Please visit the [Independence Police Department](#) or www.cityofindependence.org to obtain a golf cart permit packet. Review city Ordinance 23-O-1 and KRS 189.286.

Contact the Kenton County Sheriffs' Department to obtain details necessary to have a deputy inspect your golf cart. Take the *Sheriff Inspection Form* and the required \$5.00 fee (\$10.00 additional fee if deputy does offsite inspection, total \$15.00) located in the golf cart packet with you to:

Covington Location

1840 Simon Kenton Way , Suite 1200
Covington, KY 41011
(859)392-1800

Independence Location

5272 Madison Pike
Independence, KY 41051
(859)392-1882

Please bring the *Sheriff Inspection* form and the *Golf Cart Permit Application* to:

Independence Police Department

5409 Madison Pike
Independence, KY 41051
(859)356-2697

to receive your Certified Sticker that is to be displayed on your golf cart. Recommended placement is driver's side, lower left on the windshield.



SHERIFF INSPECTION FORM AND PERMIT APPLICATION GOLF CART USE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

Please Print, Complete General Information Section and Bring this Form to Inspection

GENERAL INFORMATION

Inspection of Golf Carts to be used in the City of Independence are performed at the Kenton County Sheriff's Office Covington Location: 1840 Simon Kenton Way, Covington, Suite 1200, Independence Location: 5272 Madison Pike, Independence. or by contacting (859)392-1800 or (859)392-1882. Inspection fee of \$5.00/\$10.00 additional fee for offsite inspections will be collected. Completed inspection form and permit application must be submitted to the Independence Police Department, 5409 Madison Pike, Independence to obtain the permit. No fee for permit is required.

Name		Date	
Address			
Contact Number		E-Mail Contact	
Golf Cart Serial/VIN Number		Model	Color

For Inspector Use ONLY

The Golf Cart with serial number listed above has been inspected with results as follows:

A. Meets statutory definition of "GOLF CART"	
1. Designed for transportation of players or maintain equipment on a golf course	_____ Meets _____ Does Not
2. Minimum of 4 wheels	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
3. Designed to operate not more than thirty-five (35) mph	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
B. Golf Cart is equipped with the following:	
1. Headlamps	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
2. Tail Lamps	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
3. Stop Lamps	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
4. Front and rear turn signals	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
5. One (1) red reflex reflector on each side of golf cart	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
6. One (1) red reflex reflector on rear of golf cart	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
7. Exterior mounted mirror on driver's side	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
8. Exterior mounted mirror on passenger side OR interior mirror	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
9. Parking brake	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
10. Seatbelt at each designated seating position	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet
11. Horn	_____ Meets _____ Does Not Meet

NOTES: The above identified golf cart meets the requirements set forth by KRS 189.286 and has been inspected by a certified inspector, certified through the Department of Vehicle Regulations.

Inspector Name		Inspector Number	
Signature		Date	



Golf Cart Permit Application For Golf Cart Operation in City of Independence

GENERAL INFORMATION			
<p>Application for Issuance of a Permit for operation of a golf cart should be submitted in person or by mail to the Independence Police Department, 5409 Madison Pike, Independence. Application must be accompanied by a signed copy of the Sheriff's Inspection Form. Please complete information below.</p>			
Name		Date	
Address			
Contact Number		E-Mail Contact	
Golf Cart Model		Golf Cart Serial/VIN Number	
Insurance Company & Policy #			
Signature of Requestor			

Please Attach Sheriff's Inspection Form to Application

Requirements for Use of Golf Cart in the City of Independence	
<p>(A) No person shall operate a golf cart on any city street, except in strict compliance with the requirements of this subchapter.</p> <p>(B) No person shall operate a golf cart on any city street without having obtained a permit and paid the permitting fee as required by this subchapter.</p> <p>(C) Any person operating a golf cart on any city street must display a sticker or permit issued by the city of Independence which identifies that the golf cart is allowed to be operated on specific roadways within the city.</p> <p>(D) All golf carts that are to be operated on city streets must be inspected by the Kenton County Sheriffs' Department to ensure that the golf cart complies with the requirements of KRS 189.286. The inspection results shall be submitted by the applicant for a permit at the time of application for the Permit under this subchapter.</p> <p>(E) Golf carts may only be operated on city streets that have a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour or less. No operator of a golf cart may cross a roadway at an intersection where the roadway being crossed has posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour</p>	<p>(F) All persons operating a golf cart on city streets under this subchapter must have a valid operator's license in his or her possession.</p> <p>(G) Golf carts may only be operated on city streets between 8:00a.m. and 9:00p.m. EST</p> <p>(H) All golf carts to be operated on city streets must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820</p> <p>(I) All golf carts to be operated on city streets shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the golf cart at all times of operation on a public roadway.</p> <p>(J) Any person operating a golf cart on city streets shall be subject to the traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189 and any other applicable provisions of this code of ordinance pertaining to the operation of vehicles upon city streets.</p> <p>(K) All golf carts operating on city streets shall be equipped with rear view mirrors, properly functioning lights (including brake lights, head lights, and turn signals) and properly functioning brakes.</p>

Applications will be reviewed and permits issued when all information is complete.

Please visit www.cityofindependence.org to review, City Ordinance No. 2023-O-1,

the complete requirements related to golf carts.

Sales of Golf Carts – For permit to be valid, Seller must complete a Transfer of Golf Cart Form at the Building Department for permit to remain valid on transfer.

Building Department Use Only	
Date Application Received	Permit Issue Date
Permit Number	
Notes	

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-01

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, KENTON COUNTY
KENTUCKY REGULATING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN ROADS
WITHIN THE CITY**

WHEREAS, The City of Independence has seen a rise in Golf Cart users travelling on the road;
and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence wishes to regulate the use of Golf Carts and provide
limited circumstances for their allowance; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, COUNTY OF
KENTON, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:**

*(Strikethrough portions are to be deleted, underlined portions are to be added
as required by KRS 83A.060(3))*

SECTION I

For the purpose of this Ordinance the following definitions shall apply unless the context
clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

CITY STREET. Shall include all public streets and throughfares located within the city
limits of the City of Independence but shall not include any state routes or state
thoroughfares.

GOLF CART. Any self-propelled vehicle that:

- (1) Is designed for the transportation of players or maintaining equipment on a golf
course, while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf, or
maintaining the condition of the grounds on a golf course;
- (2) Has a minimum of four wheels;
- (3) Is designed to operate at a speed of not more than 35 miles per hour;
- (4) Is designed to carry not more than six persons, including the driver.
- (5) Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 2,500 pounds.
- (6) Has a maximum payload capacity of 1,200 pounds; and
- (7) Meets the federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles.

PERMIT. A permit authorized to be issued under this section, issued by the Permitting
Authority upon receipt of an application developed by the City Administrative Officer and
receipt of payment of the permitting fee, for a period not to exceed one year.

PERMITTING AUTHORITY. Kenton County Sheriff or his Delegate.

PERMITTING FEE/INSPECTION FEE. All Golf Carts shall be inspected by a certified inspector designated by the Kenton County Sheriff and certified through the Department of Vehicle Regulation to ensure that the golf cart complies with KRS 189.286. The inspection fee shall not exceed five dollars (\$5) with an additional fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) per trip charged if it becomes necessary for the certified Inspector to travel to the site of the golf cart rather than having the golf cart brought to the sheriff's inspection area.

SECTION II

The City of Independence hereby establishes the following requirements and regulations concerning the operation of golf carts on city streets.

(A) No person shall operate a golf cart on any city street, except in strict compliance with the requirements of this subchapter.

(B) No person shall operate a golf cart on any city street without having obtained a permit and paid the permitting fee as required by this subchapter.

(C) Any person operating a golf cart on any city street must display a sticker or permit issued by the city of, which identifies that the golf cart is allowed to be operated on specific roadways within the city.

(D) All golf carts that are to be operated on city streets must be inspected by the Kenton County Sheriffs' Department to ensure that the golf cart complies with the requirements of KRS 189.286. The inspection results shall be submitted by the applicant for a permit at the time of application for the Permit under this subchapter.

(E) Golf carts may only be operated on city streets that have a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour or less. No operator of a golf cart may cross a roadway at an intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

(F) All persons operating a golf cart on city streets under this subchapter must have a valid operator's license in his or her possession.

(G) Golf carts may only be operated on city streets between 8:00 AM and 9:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.

(H) All golf carts to be operated on city streets must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820.

(I) All golf carts to be operated on city streets shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the golf cart at all times of operation on a public roadway.

(J) Any person operating a golf cart on city streets shall be subject to the traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189 and any other applicable provisions of this code of ordinances pertaining to the operation of vehicles upon city streets.

(K) All golf carts operating on city streets shall be equipped with rear view mirrors, properly functioning lights (including brake lights, head lights, and turn signals) and properly functioning brakes.

SECTION III

(A) A golf cart operating on a public roadway under this subchapter is not considered a motor vehicle and is exempt from:

- (1) Title requirements of KRS 186.020.
- (2) Vehicle registration requirements of KRS 186.050; and
- (3) Emissions compliance certificates pursuant to KRS 224.20-720.

(B) The provisions of this subchapter shall not apply to a golf cart that is not used on a public roadway except to cross a roadway while following a golf cart path on a golf course.

SECTION IV

PENALTY.

(A) Whoever violates any provision of this traffic code where no other penalty is provided shall be fined not less than \$25, nor more than \$500.

(B) A late payment penalty of \$25 shall be charged for any ticket violation not paid within five days.

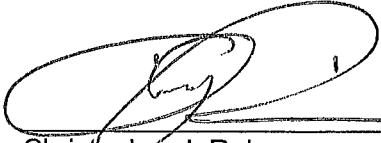
(C) Any person violating the provisions of §§ 70.65 through 70.67, except 70.66(B) shall, upon conviction of a first offense, be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$250. Any person convicted of a subsequent violation of §§ 70.65 through 70.67 within two years of a prior conviction under §§ 70.65 through 70.67 other than a violation of § 70.66(B), or a first violation of § 70.66(B) shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$500. Any person convicted of a subsequent violation of § 70.66(B) within two years of a prior conviction under §§ 70.65 through 70.67 shall be fined not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and/or imprisoned not more than 30 days.

SECTION V

That any section, or part of any section, or any provision of this Ordinance which is declared invalid by a Court of appropriate jurisdiction, for any reason, such declaration shall not invalidate, or adversely affect, the remainder of this Ordinance.


SECTION VI

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force when passed, published, and recorded according to law.



Christopher J. Reinersman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gina Rawe, City Clerk

First Reading: December 5, 2022

Second Reading: January 9, 2023

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Publication Date: _____