



**TOWN OF EMERALD ISLE**  
**GOLF CART REGISTRATION APPLICATION**

(Please print or type)

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

D. L. # \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address in Emerald Isle where golf cart is located:

\_\_\_\_\_

ID # of Cart \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

County in which golf cart will be listed for tax purposes \_\_\_\_\_

***Insurance Certification***

Under penalties of perjury, I declare this vehicle is insured with the company named below and I will maintain liability insurance throughout the registration period.

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Name of Insurance Company and policy number

(Please provide copy of policy)

The applicant has been provided a copy of the Golf Cart Regulations.

By signing the application below, the applicant acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the provisions of the ordinance and agrees to abide by all rules and regulations governing the operation of his/her golf cart.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees Paid**

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**It is unlawful to operate a golf cart on a public street, road, or highway within the Town unless the following requirements are met:**

- a. A golf cart must display a valid Town-issued golf cart license plate and annual registration decal.
- b. A golf cart may be operated on all public streets and roads in Emerald Isle, with the exception of the entire length of NC 58 (Emerald Drive) and the entire length of Coast Guard Road. Golf carts are strictly prohibited from traveling on NC 58 (Emerald Drive) and Coast Guard Road, however, golf carts are permitted to cross directly in a straight line from one side of NC 58 and Coast Guard Road to the other side.
- c. No person may operate a golf cart unless that person is at least 18 years of age and is licensed to drive upon the streets, roads, and highways of North Carolina and then, only in accordance with such driver's license. An operator of a golf cart must be a licensed driver as required by the laws of their home state. The operator must have the valid driver license in his / her possession while operating the golf cart. The operator must be a resident, property owner, authorized guest, or tenant of property with a physical address in Emerald Isle.
- d. The driver and passengers must be properly seated while the golf cart is in motion, with seat belts properly fastened, and may not be transported in a negligent manner. The seating capacity with seat belts shall not be exceeded.
- e. No golf cart may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions, and in no instance at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour.
- f. No golf cart may be operated in a careless or reckless manner.
- g. Golf carts must be operated in accordance with all applicable State and local traffic laws and ordinances, including all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- h. Golf carts are subject to the same parking regulations as traditional motor vehicles, and may only be parked in the same manner and in the same places designated for the parking of traditional motor vehicles.
- i. Golf carts are permitted to park in specially designated "golf-cart-only" parking spaces as may be provided by the Town in various locations.
- j. Golf carts may only park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver has a valid handicapped placard or sticker and the same is clearly posted or displayed in the golf cart.
- k. Golf carts may not be operated on any sidewalk, multi-use path, or designated bicycle path, except for golf carts operated by governmental or public service agencies for official purposes.
- l. Golf carts may not be used for the purpose of towing another cart, trailer or vehicle of any kind, including a person on roller skates, skateboard, or bicycle.
- m. The possession of open containers of alcohol and/or consumption of alcohol by the driver and/or passengers of a golf cart is prohibited.
- n. The operator of a golf cart shall yield the right-of-way to traditional motor vehicles.

**Penalties and Remedies.**

- a. Any person violating the motor vehicle laws of North Carolina, which shall also apply to golf carts registered under this article, shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in North Carolina law for said violation.
- b. Any person who knowingly allows an underage driver to operate a golf cart shall be charged and subject to the penalties prescribed in North Carolina law for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- c. Any person violating the provisions of this article or failing to comply with any of its requirements shall be required to pay a civil violation in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- d. Any person violating the Town's parking ordinances shall be subject to the penalties outlined for parking violations in Article IV of Chapter 11 of the Town's Code of Ordinances.
- e. Operating a golf cart under the influence of an impairing substance (i.e., alcohol or drugs) on a public street or road is a violation of North Carolina law, and is punishable as provided therein.
- f. The Town may refuse to register and issue a permit for the operation of a golf cart, or may immediately revoke a previously issued permit, if the registered golf cart and/or the owner of the golf cart is involved in three or more violations of this article and/or violations of North Carolina law within a three-year time period. Said revocation and/or denial of a permit shall be effective for one year.
- g. The town may refuse to register and issue a permit for the operation of a golf cart, or may immediately revoke a previously issued permit, if the registered golf cart and/or the owner of the golf cart is charged with operating a golf cart under the influence of an impairing substance, aiding and abetting the operation of the golf cart under the influence of an impairing substance, or operating a golf cart in a careless and reckless manner. Said revocation and/or denial of a permit shall be effective for one (1) year, unless the charge is dismissed or the owner and/or operator is acquitted, in which event the permit shall either be immediately reinstated or the application for the permit shall be approved if the conditions of the ordinance have been met.

**I have read and understand the above requirements and penalties and will strictly adhere to the rules, regulations and restrictions set forth in the Town Ordinance regulating the operation of golf carts.**

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Signature of Owner

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Date