

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII “TRAFFIC CODE” OF THE  
TOWN OF BOILING SPRINGS’ CODE OF ORDINANCES  
ORDINANCE NO. 211005.1**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Boiling Springs, North Carolina assembled in Regular Session this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021,

**Part 1.** That Chapter 74 “Regulation of Golf Carts on Public Streets”, is hereby inserted to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 74: REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC STREETS**

The establishment of a golf cart ordinance is necessary to address the interests of public safety. Golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets, roads and highways, hereinafter “road(s),” and the Town of Boiling Springs in no way advocates or endorses their operation on roads. The Town of Boiling Springs, by regulating such operation is merely trying to address obvious safety issues, and adoption of this Ordinance is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on roads is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this Ordinance. All persons who operate or ride upon carts on roads do so at their own risk and peril and must be observant of and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Town of Boiling Springs has no liability under any theory of liability for permitting carts to be operated on roads under special legislation granted by the State Legislature. Any person who operates a cart must procure liability insurance sufficient to cover the risks involved in using a cart on the roads of the Town of Boiling Springs.

(A) **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this ordinance shall be to establish a Golf Cart Ordinance within the Town of Boiling Springs to promote the health, safety and welfare of persons operating cart(s) within the Town of Boiling Springs to protect the safety of their passengers and other users of roads.

(B) **DEFINITIONS:** For the purpose of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings.

1. **Golf Cart:** A vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 MPH. G.S. 20-4.01(12a).
2. **Driver’s License:** A valid license issued to operate a motor vehicle issued by North Carolina or any other state. G.S. 20-7(a)
3. **Financial Responsibility:** Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by North Carolina law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of North Carolina. G.S. 20-313
4. **Operator:** Only persons holding a valid driver’s license may operate a golf cart on roads.

**Section 1: Rules and Regulations**

This ordinance is to establish guidance in the interest of public safety. Golf carts hereinafter:

1. Shall not be operated on or alongside a public road or street with a posted speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour.
2. May cross a road with a posted speed limit greater than 35 mph. However, once this segment of road has been traversed, the golf cart is still required to travel only on or along a roadway with a speed limit of 35 mph or less. Golf carts must cross in a manner that is the most direct route in order to decrease crossing distance, i.e. no riding along a road or crossing at an angle.
3. Any person who operates a golf cart must be responsible for all liability associated with operation of the golf cart. Liability insurance shall cover the use of a golf cart in an amount not less than required by North Carolina law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of North Carolina.
4. Any person who operates a golf cart must hold a valid driver's license. No person shall operate a golf cart unless that person is licensed to drive upon the public streets, roads, and highways of North Carolina and then, only in accordance with such valid driver's license. Golf cart operators shall carry their valid driver's license at all times while operating a golf cart on public roads.
5. Any person who operates a golf cart on public streets and roads must adhere to all applicable State and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to those banning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, and all other illegal drugs. In addition, no golf cart containing any open container of alcohol shall be operated on public roads.
6. The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of North Carolina and the Town of Boiling Springs which governs the operation of motor vehicles.
7. An operator may not allow the number of people in the golf cart at any one time to exceed the maximum capacity specified by the manufacturer. The operator shall not allow passengers to ride on any part of a golf cart not designed to carry passengers, such as the part of the golf cart designed to carry golf bags.
8. In no instance shall a golf cart be operated at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour. No golf cart may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions.
9. Golf carts must be operated at the right edge of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
10. Golf carts must park in spaces in such a manner that multiple golf carts can utilize the space. All parking rules and limits apply. No parking or riding on sidewalks is allowed.

11. Golf carts shall not be operated during inclement weather or when visibility or drivability is impaired.
12. Golf carts must have basic equipment supplied by the manufacturer, including a vehicle identification or serial number. Such equipment must include all safety devices as installed by said manufacturer. In addition, golf carts must have the following equipment:
  - a. Headlights
  - b. Taillights
  - c. Brake lights
  - d. Turn signals
  - e. Windshield
  - f. Parking brake
  - g. Rear view mirror
  - h. Rear triangle reflector
13. Golf carts headlights and taillights shall remain on at all times.

**Section 2: Registration, Inspection and Fee Prior to Usage**

1. All golf carts must complete a golf cart registration application and submit to the Town of Boiling Springs for approval. Before driving on public roads, the operator of a golf cart must have a valid issued registration.
2. An annual license fee of \$50 shall be assessed for each permit.
3. Each owner must have proof of ownership, and liability insurance, and a completed Waiver of Liability, releasing the Town of Boiling Springs from all liability that may arise as a result of operation of a golf cart inside Boiling Springs corporate limits. These documents shall remain in the golf cart at all times while in operation on public roads.
4. All golf carts must meet the requirements or minimum standards of safety equipment as set forth above in this Ordinance. A visual inspection shall be completed by the Chief of Police or their designee to ensure compliance.
5. All golf cart operators must carry a valid driver/s license while operating a golf cart on a public road.
6. The registration sticker shall be valid for no more than one (1) year, must be visible on a golf cart operated on a public road, and shall be placed in the bottom driver's side corner of the windshield.
7. Permits shall be valid for a calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>.

8. Lost or Stolen Permit/Stickers are the responsibility of the owner and must be replaced before the golf cart is operated on a public road.
9. When issuing this permit, the applicant shall be required to sign a statement certifying he or she has read the provisions of the Town's ordinance on golf cart usage.

**Section 3: Enforcement**

Violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute an infraction, the maximum penalty for which shall be one hundred (\$100) dollars upon the first offense. A second offense will result in revocation of the permit, or inability to obtain a permit, for a one (1) year period.

**Part 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective November 1, 2021.