



Governors Towne Club HOA, Inc.

Personal Transportation Vehicle "Golf Cart" Operation Policy & Rules

GTC HOA Board Approved July 2025

1. Definition

- a. A "Personal Transportation Vehicle," "Golf Cart," or "any other low speed vehicle" here after noted as Golf Cart, shall be defined as a motorized 4-wheel vehicle, used for transporting persons and their personal belongings.
- b. "Property" is defined as any part of the Governors Towne Club community, including but not limited to the development, roads, sidewalks, private property, common property, limited common property or commercial property.
- c. "GTC HOA" refers to the Governors Towne Club Homeowners Association.
- d. This Operation Policy and Rules is valid only for the Governors Towne Club Property and does no convey approval for the operation of these vehicles off property. Any such vehicle operating off GTC property should meet City, State and Federal laws.

2. Registration

- a. All golf carts must be registered with the Governors Towne Club HOA. The HOA will issue decals which must be placed on the front driver's side of the golf cart and must be clearly visible. If this decal becomes damaged or unreadable, the owner must obtain a new decal before continuing to use the golf cart on the Property. This excludes golf carts and service vehicles owned by the Governors Towne Club, Inc. that are used on the golf course.
- b. The HOA Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve or disapprove any designs inconsistent with standard design guidelines. The HOA Board of Directors shall have the authority to grant any variance with the Golf Cart Operation Policy and Rules.
- c. Registration renewal is required annually.
- d. An owner is not eligible to register or operate a golf cart if the owner is not in

good standing with the HOA.

- e. Each homeowner will be limited to 2 registered golf carts.
- f. The owner shall produce evidence of liability insurance coverage at the time of registration.
- g. Any operation without registration decal constitutes a violation of this rule and may be subject to the fines set forth in paragraph 4.
- h. If ownership of the golf cart is transferred between homeowners, the new owner shall contact the HOA to provide insurance information and obtain a new decal so ownership information may be updated in the database. All Golf carts must be in compliance with this policy in order to re-register.
- i. The registered owner of the golf cart will assume responsibility for any fines or damage incurred as a result of any operator violating any rule as set forth in this policy or any other Governors Towne Club Traffic and Safety Policies.
- j. At time of registration the HOA will provide the homeowner with a copy of documents pertaining to the rules for golf cart operation on GTC property. The HOA will require the owner to sign an acknowledgement stating that he/she received a copy of the rules and will comply with the same.
- k. Long Term Renters with a minimum lease of 6 months may register a golf cart. A copy of the lease must be provided in addition to proof of golf cart ownership and meeting all other requirements of this policy.

3. Limits of Operation

- a. As of the effective date of this policy, newly acquired or purchased golf carts must be in good working condition, meeting the minimum specifications set forth in paragraph 7, and in current registration.
- b. As of the effective date of this policy, all currently owned golf carts must be in good working condition and in current registration.
- c. Golf carts must not be manufactured, altered or decorated in a manner inconsistent with standard model and design guidelines.
- d. All golf carts acquired or purchased after the effective date of this rule must meet approved model and design guidelines.
- e. Golf carts may be driven only on the HOA common roadways and not operated on any sidewalk or path that is not specifically designated for such.
- f. All golf cart operators shall abide by all traffic control signs.
- g. While operating on the Property, **drivers must be a licensed driver** and have in their possession a valid automobile operating license. (also see Traffic and Safety Policy #8)
- h. Golf carts must meet the minimum specifications set forth in paragraph 7. Headlights and tail lights must be ON for golf carts to operate from dusk until dawn. Golf carts acquired or purchased from the effective date of this policy and thereafter must meet these requirements in order to be registered and permissible on the Property.
- i. Number of passengers per cart must not exceed the passenger limit and load capacity designated by the vehicle's manufacturer. All persons are required to

be seated in an installed seat specifically designed for such during the operation of the golf cart and are not permitted to stand up or be seated upon the body or frame work.

- j. Operation of the golf cart while under the influence of intoxicants is prohibited and may be subject to prosecution pursuant to Georgia Statutes.
 - k. Infants and small children must be held securely AT ALL TIMES by another golf cart passenger age 16 or older. The golf cart driver may not hold a child or infant while operating the golf cart.
 - l. Golf carts should always be parked in designated parking spaces and golf cart approved spaces when available.
4. Penalties and Fine Schedule
- a. Any accident resulting from the violation of the above rules will result in the review and possible revocation of the owner's golf cart privileges.
 - b. In the event that Property Security or HOA Board member or employee encounters a violation of the Rules set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 7, the violation may be addressed at that time and traffic citation issued or it may be reported to the HOA Board for action deemed appropriate by the Board. Subsequent offenses will be subject to the revocation of golf cart privileges.
 - c. Fines may be imposed for each separate rule violation and follow the GTC Schedule of Fines and Fees Policy to include but not limited to:
 - Operating a golf cart on property without a decal and transponder, - \$50.00
 - Any equipment violation covered under section 3h or paragraph 7 - \$50.00
 - Driving on unapproved paths, sidewalks, landscape or restricted areas - \$50.00
 - Transporting baggage, coolers, or other objects on roof or other portion of the golf cart without a designated rack designed for that purpose; towing a utility cart or wagon without approved hitch - \$50.00
 - Exceeding the maximum capacity of the golf cart, standing or riding on the golf cart framework, or overloading golf cart while in operation – \$100.00
 - Underage children operating a golf cart - \$100.00
 - Transporting infants or small children improperly (i.e. the driver is holding the child or a minor is holding the child, or child is unsecured in a seat). – \$100.00
 - Violating traffic rules on Governors Towne Club roads – Fines based on Traffic Rule fine schedules (GTC Fines and Fees Policy).
 - Towing or dragging a bicycle, skateboard, or other unapproved wheeled implement or vehicle is prohibited - \$100.00
 - Side by side operation, Racing or other activities that could pose a hazard to the driver, occupants, others, or property - \$100.00
5. Right to appeal
- a. All owners have the right to appeal any provision of this policy to the HOA Board of Directors. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the HOA office and include but not limited to the following:
 - Owner's name and address
 - Registration ID number of the golf cart

- Basis of the appeal
 - Citation number or date of citation, if applicable
- 6. Golf Cart Regulations – Updates and Amendments
 - a. The HOA will review this OPERATION POLICY & RULES annually to ensure that they meet the changing needs of the community.
- 7. Golf Cart Specifications
 - a. Noise level may be NO greater than 65dB.
 - b. Tire size range is less than 24 inches (ground to top of tire).
 - c. Floor surface height shall not exceed 20 inches from the ground.
 - d. Windshield present and may have top fold down section.
 - e. Rear view mirrors must be mounted.
 - f. Maximum speed 25mph
 - g. Parking brake must be present and operational
 - h. Lights must be installed, operational and include
 - i. Head lights
 - ii. Tail lights
 - iii. Brake lights
 - iv. Turn signals
 - v. Lights or reflective devices must be visible from all four sides
 - i. No rear flat or dumping bed may be permanently mounted.
 - j. No utility vehicles are authorized.
 - k. No off road, all terrain vehicle, hunting vehicle, or multipurpose off highway vehicles are authorized.