

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

<http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/buying-or-selling-a-vehicle/off-highway-vehicles>



A vehicle is classified as a golf cart if it:

- has no less than three wheels,
- has a maximum speed of between 15-25 mph, and
- is manufactured primarily for operation on golf courses.

TxDMV does not register or title golf carts.

Registration is not needed to operate your golf cart on a public road. **State law allows for use of golf carts with a slow-moving vehicle emblem in the following situations:**

- in master planned communities with a uniform set of restrictive covenants in place,
- on public or private beaches,
- during the daytime and no more than two miles from where the owner usually parks the golf cart and for transportation to or from a golf course, or
- to cross intersections, including a road or street that has a posted speed limit of no more than 35 miles per hour.

A city can pass a local ordinance allowing for the use of golf carts on certain roads. The road must be within the boundaries of the city and have a speed limit of 35 mph or lower.

In these cases, the golf cart must be insured and have the following minimum equipment:

- headlamps,
- tail lamps,
- reflectors,
- parking brake,
- mirrors, and
- a slow-moving vehicle emblem.

The state, a county, or a city may prohibit golf cart operation on all or part of a public road in the interest of safety.