

Rules and Regulations

1. Golf carts **ARE NOT PERMITTED** to be operated **on any portion** of the bicycle paths, sidewalks, AB Causeway or Hwy 58/Fort Macon Road. Golf carts are permitted to cross directly over NC 58/Fort Macon Road **ONLY at the following crossings**: Charlotte Avenue & NC 58 Traffic Light, Island Quay Drive & Island Quay Court, Triple S Marina & Henderson Blvd., Ocean Ridge Drive & Ocean Ridge Court, and Atlantic Station & Town Park Traffic Light. Golf Carts ARE NOT PERMITTED to cross at the intersection of NC 58 & the AB Causeway or at the intersections of East or West Dr. & NC 58.
2. **OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOL ARE NOT PERMITTED** on a golf cart, to include passengers! Anyone operating a golf cart under the influence of alcohol or other drugs can be arrested for Driving While Impaired!
3. No one **UNDER THE AGE OF 18** is allowed to operate a golf cart.
4. Anyone operating a golf cart must have a valid state-issued **DRIVER'S LICENSE IN THEIR POSSESSION** while operating a golf cart and must comply with all conditions and restrictions on their license.
5. A golf cart must display the valid town-issued license plate issued to that vehicle and a current year registration decal on the rear of the vehicle during operation. NOTE: **ALL REGISTRATIONS EXPIRE YEARLY ON DECEMBER 31.**
6. A golf cart may only transport as many people as there are seat belts. The seating capacity of seat belts may not be exceeded.
7. Each operator/passenger is required to be properly seated and have their own individual **SEAT BELT SECURELY FASTENED** while the golf cart is in motion. Children who are required by law to be in a car seat in a motor vehicle are also required to be in a car seat on a golf cart.
8. Golf carts may not be operated at a speed that is greater than reasonable and prudent under existing conditions and in no circumstances at a speed greater than 20mph.
9. Golf carts may not be operated in a careless or reckless manner.
10. Golf carts are required to be operated in accordance with all state motor vehicle laws, local traffic laws and local ordinances.
11. Golf carts are subject to the same parking restrictions, rules and regulations governing traditional motor vehicles, and may only be parked in the same manner and same places designated for the parking of traditional motor vehicles. Golf carts are

permitted to park in specially designated “golf cart only” parking spaces as may be provided by the Town in various locations.

12. Golf carts may only park in designated handicapped parking spaces if the operator/driver or passenger has a handicapped placard or plate and it is clearly posted or displayed in the golf cart.

13. Golf carts may not be used to tow another cart, trailer or vehicle of any kind including a person on roller skates, bicycles, skateboards or other device.

14. Golf carts are required **TO YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY** to traditional motor vehicles.

Penalties

1. Each operator/passenger found to be in violation of a rule or regulation shall be subject to a civil citation and a fine of \$50 per violation.

2. Any operator/passenger in violation of the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Code shall be subject to the penalties and fines prescribed in North Carolina law for said violation.

3. Operation of a golf cart while under the influence of an impairing substance on a public street, road or PVA is a violation of North Carolina law and is punishable as provided therein.

4. 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 (3) or more violations of this article and/or violations of North Carolina law within a three (3) year period. Said revocation shall be effective for one (1) year.

5. The Town may refuse to register and/or 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.