

WHITESTOWN METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

GOLF CART / NON-TRADITIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Rules & Regulations

Below are the main highlights for golf cart / non-traditional use in town:

1. A golf cart or non-traditional permit is required and the driver is required to comply with all laws applicable to carts and other motor vehicles as outlined by the Town of Whitestown and the State of Indiana.
2. A golf cart or non-traditional vehicle cannot operate at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour on Whitestown streets.
3. Golf carts and non-traditional vehicles are not allowed to drive on Whitestown Parkway.
4. The permit is valid for one year and the following fees are applicable:
 - a. Initial inspection by Police Department - \$50.00 (includes Permit/Sticker)
 - b. Re-inspection by Police Department (if a Motorized Cart fails the initial inspection)-\$10
 - c. Annual renewal of the Permit - \$50.00
 - d. Replacement Sticker - \$10.00
5. In order for a golf cart or non-traditional vehicle to receive a permit, an inspection must be completed by the Whitestown Police Department.
6. At time of inspection, the applicant must provide proof of liability insurance that meets minimum state requirements.
7. Permit may be revoked if a permit holder or driver is convicted of three violations within 18 months.
8. The following uses of golf carts or non-traditional vehicles are exempt from requiring a permit or other regulations within the ordinance:
 - a. Golf Course – golf carts are allowed for use on the golf course or to cross a roadway from one section of the golf course to another section of the same course.
 - b. Gated or Private Planned Community – The ordinance does not apply to golf cart drivers utilizing the cart in a gated or private neighborhood.
 - c. Official Town Business – golf carts/non-traditional vehicles are allowed for official Town of Whitestown business.
 - d. Parade, Festival or Special Event – golf carts/non-traditional vehicles are allowed for use in a parade, festival or other town sponsored special event.

9. A golf cart or non-traditional vehicle driver must be at least 16-years-old and hold a valid Indiana driver's license.
10. Seatbelts for occupants are not required.
11. The number of occupants in a golf cart or non-traditional vehicle shall be limited to the number of persons for whom seating capacity is provided on the vehicle. The operator and all occupants shall be seated upon the seat of the vehicle and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the vehicle while the vehicle is being operated except while signaling turns or stops. A Driver shall not permit any occupant of a Cart to ride in the lap of any occupant or stand on the rear of the vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.
12. Golf carts or non-traditional vehicles are not allowed on any sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, jogging path, park trail or any location used for pedestrian traffic.
13. Golf carts or non-traditional vehicles must park in the same manner as motor vehicles or in designated cart parking locations.
14. Golf carts and non-traditional vehicle drivers are required to carry their Indiana Driver's License, liability insurance card and have the appropriate permit/inspection sticker affixed to the front windshield of the cart (unless exempt) when the cart is in operation on any Whitestown streets.