

TOWN of CLINTON CONNECTICT

LOCAL TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Regulation 22-01

Use of Golf Carts on Certain Named Public Highways

1. **Purpose:** Pursuant to Section 14-300(g) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended and the Charter of the Town of Clinton, the Clinton Local Traffic Authority, herby permits the operation of golf carts on certain named public highways of the Town of Clinton in strict accordance with the provisions of this regulation.
2. **Minimum Requirements for Operating Golf Carts on Public Roads:** Gas or electric golf carts, allowed to operate on the designated public highways set forth in Section 10 of this regulation, shall be at minimum:
 - a. Equipped with four wheels.
 - b. Equipped with a locking brake.
 - c. Equipped with a main power switch.
 - d. Equipped with an operable horn as defined in Connecticut General Statute 14-80.
 - e. Equipped with headlamps and tail lamps.
 - f. Equipped with a rearview mirror.
 - g. Equipped with seatbelts for all rear-facing passengers.
 - h. A valid registration sticker, issued by the Clinton Police Department, clearly displayed as prescribed, on the rear of the cart.
 - i. Equipped with a flag with a minimum height of seventy-two (72) inches from the ground and at least one (1) foot above the roof line of any installed roof on the cart; to assist pedestrians and motorists in observing the location and operation of the golf cart.
3. **Certain Golf Carts Prohibited:** Notwithstanding Section 2 above, no gas or electric golf carts shall be allowed to operate on designated public highways if:
 - a. capable of speeds greater than twenty-five (25) miles-per-hour.
 - b. capable of transporting more than four passengers.
4. **Registration Required:** Prior to operation of a golf cart on the designated public highways, the owner of the golf cart must:
 - a. Register the golf cart with the Clinton Police Department.
 - b. Provide proof of ownership (i.e. bill of sale, title, etc.).
 - c. Provide a valid certificate of insurance, which meets the State of Connecticut's minimum liability insurance requirements for motor vehicles that are established by the

Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department Regulations concerning Golf Carts, upon the adoption of same.

- d. Establish that the golf cart meets the requirements of Sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.
- e. Complete and sign the "*Clinton Police Department Golf Cart Registration*" form for the appropriate annual period and pay all applicable fees as defined in Section 7 of this regulation.

5. **Conditions of Operation:** A properly registered golf cart according to the requirements of Section 4 of this regulation, may be operated on the designated public highways set forth in Section 10, under the following conditions:

- a. That the operator of the golf cart possesses a valid Connecticut Driver's License, valid golf cart registration and valid certificate of insurance.
- b. That passengers shall be limited to one (1) per seat and shall not exceed four (4) passengers in total.
- c. That operation shall not occur outside the highways designated in Section 10 of this regulation for any reason.
- d. That operation shall only occur one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour prior to sunset.
- e. That golf cart operation occurs only between April 1st and October 31st.
- f. That the operator abides by all applicable laws and regulations of the State of Connecticut and the Town of Clinton governing the operation of a motor vehicle, including, but not limited to parking rules and regulations.
- g. That children requiring a child safety seat as defined under Connecticut General Statute Section 14-100 (a)(d) are not be transported in the golf cart.

6. **Penalties:** Any person who operates a golf cart in violation of Connecticut General Statute Section 14-300g (a), any insurance requirement established in accordance with General Statute Section 14-300g or any Section of this regulation shall be deemed to have committed an infraction and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Connecticut General Statute Section 14-314.

7. **Registration Fee Required:** Payment of an annual registration fee(s) of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for each golf cart must be received prior to operation on any of the designated public highways defined in this regulation. The annual registration period shall commence on April 1 of the given year and end on October 31 of the same year. The Local Traffic Authority reserves the right to amend the registration fee(s) or any part of this regulation, prior to the commencement of each annual registration period.

8. **Designated Highway Map:** A map depicting the designated public highways where the use of golf carts is allowed under authority of this regulation shall be kept on file with the Town Clerk. The map shall be updated each time the regulation is amended.

9. Amendments to Designated Highway Map: Public highways to be designated for golf cart use must:

- a. Meet all the requirements as defined in Connecticut General Statute Section 14-300g.
- b. Be located wholly within an area with an established Home Owner's Association (HOA).
- c. Be presented to and approved by the Local Traffic Authority by an Officer of an established HOA, and such request shall include proof of an official vote in favor of the use of golf carts on a qualifying public highway encompassed within the boundaries of said HOA.

10. Current Designated Highways: The designated public highways on which golf carts may be operated in accordance with this regulation are:

- a. Indian Drive (Country Club Estates).
- b. Mohawk Drive (Country Club Estates).
- c. Iroquois Drive (Country Club Estates).

11. Amendment; Repeal: This regulation is subject to modification or repeal when deemed by a majority of the Traffic Authority to be in the interest of public safety.

12. Effective Date: This regulation is adopted and effective as of _____, 2022.