



Port Aransas Police Department

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GOLF CART LAWS STRICTLY ENFORCED

Welcome to Port Aransas we hope that you enjoy your stay with us. We are one of the few cities in Texas that allows the operation of golf carts on city streets. The ordinance that authorizes golf cart operation includes a number of provisions to ensure the safety of the golf cart operator and the motoring public that share the roadways. It is your duty to know and obey the law before you operate a golf cart on any city street including the beach.

Golf carts are considered motor vehicles, the same traffic laws apply to their operation that apply to your family car, including, seat belt, open container and DWI laws. Remember the beach is a city street and all traffic laws apply on the beach as well as other city streets

- **Golf carts may only be operated by persons with a valid operator's permit and/or driver's license. Unlicensed drivers and/or the person allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a golf cart will be cited, even on the beach!**
- **Golf carts may not be operated on highway 361 (Alister), south of Avenue G. Whataburger and CVS may be accessed from Avenue G, but not the highway.**
- **Golf carts may not be operated upon any public sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, playground, public park, school ground, or other public recreational areas, not designated for motor vehicle traffic.**
- **The driver and every occupant of a golf cart must wear a seatbelt and remain seated in a seat designed to hold passengers, while the golf cart is in motion.**

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions concerning the operation of golf carts you should speak to your rental agent. A complete set of laws governing the rules of the road are available from your golf cart rental agent or from the city of Port Aransas at WWW.Cityofportaransas.org

Sincerely

Scott Burroughs

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Chief of Police

Laws and Ordinances Governing Golf Carts

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A golf cart licensed by the City of Port Aransas shall be operated in accordance with all laws and rules of the road enumerated in the Texas Transportation Code and by the City Code for operation of a passenger vehicle, except those rules and laws specifically excluded or limited by the City Code. In other words, the same laws apply when driving golf carts that apply when driving your family car including seat belts, DWI, and open container laws.

- Golf carts may only be operated by persons with a valid operator's permit and/or driver's license.
- The beach is a public street and all traffic laws apply while operating any motor vehicle, including golf carts, on the beach.
- Golf carts may not be operated on highway 361 (Alister), south of the intersection of Avenue G. The hike and bike trail is NOT a golf cart path
- A golf cart may cross the street or highway with a speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) MPH if said crossing occurs at an intersection and said crossing is perpendicular to the street or highway with a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) MPH.
- Golf carts must move to the right and yield the right-of-way to faster moving vehicles.
- Golf carts may not be operated upon any public sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, playground, public park, school ground, or other public recreational areas, not designed for motor vehicle traffic.
- The driver and every occupant of a golf cart must wear a seat belt and remain seated in a seat designed to hold passengers, while the golf cart is in motion.
- No person may ride in the lap of the driver or any other occupant.

Any violations is subject to penalties and/or fines under section 1-15 of the General Provisions of the Municipal Code and/or applicable traffic laws. For a complete copy of the city ordinance, please visit our website at WWW.Cityofportaransas.org