

# City of Belleville

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## GOLF CART OPERATION—FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who can operate a golf cart?

A person can operate a properly registered golf cart as long as he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.

### What types of vehicles fall under the Golf Cart Ordinance?

Only golf carts are covered by this ordinance and can be registered at the Belleville Police Department. To be legal in the City of Belleville, all golf carts must be registered with the Belleville Police Department. Golf carts must have a red reflector visible from 500' affixed to the rear of the cart. All other non-golf cart types of vehicles such as ATVs and UTVs are covered under the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and must be plated and licensed through the Secretary of State.

### When can I operate my golf Cart?

You can operate your golf cart one-half hour after sunrise until one-half hour prior to sunset. Essentially, you cannot operate your golf cart in the dark. Also, golf carts shall not be operated during weather events with snow and/or ice on the ground.

### Where can I operate my golf cart?

A person may operate a golf cart on City-owned streets **(except Main Street, which may only be crossed)** with the following restrictions:

The operator of a golf cart shall obey by all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.

A person operating a golf cart upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway or on streets with a speed limit more than 30 miles per hour.

State Highways, County Roads, Privately owned/maintained Streets and School Drives are not owned by the City of Belleville. Golf Cart operators need to check with the appropriate owner/governing body of these other types of streets before operating a golf cart on them.

### How fast can I operate my golf cart?

The City Ordinance and State Law allows a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour. Operating your golf cart faster than 15 miles per hour will result in an enforcement action.

**Is there an application fee?**

Yes. There is a \$50 application fee. However, once you are issued a registration sticker, it is valid for a period of three years. Also, the applicant must show proof of insurance as a rider to a homeowner's or renter's policy, or in any other form of policy, for coverage of personal injury or property damage resulting from operation of the subject golf cart. The minimum amount of coverage shall be no less than \$300,000.00.

**Where do I register my golf Cart?**

Bring your completed Golf Cart application form, fee, and proof of insurance to Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Once your application form and proof of insurance has been processed and verified, the Belleville Police Department will contact you to schedule an inspection of the golf cart. The inspection of the golf cart will take place at your residence.

**What are the penalties for violating the Golf Cart Ordinance?**

Violations of the Golf Cart Ordinance are civil infractions. The penalty for the first offense is \$150, \$200 for the second offense, and \$500 for any offense beyond that. However, a court may order a person who damages the environment, a road, or public property as a result of the operation of a golf cart to pay full restitution for that damage above and beyond the penalties paid for civil infractions. (Operating an ATV or UTV on City Streets is a violation of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.)

**Additional Information**

Should you have any questions or comments feel free to contact the City of Belleville 734-697-9323