

City of Belleville
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GOLF CART APPLICATION FORM (\$50 Application Fee)

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Driver's License # _____

Make & Color of Golf Cart _____

Insurance Policy _____

(Please bring copy to the Police Department)

I hereby certify receipt of the Golf Cart Ordinance Packet and have read and understand the Ordinance and Information provided in the packet.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

To register your golf cart, please have the following paperwork completed:

Completed Application Form
Driver's License
Proof of Insurance

Non-City Residents and their host property owner must fill out and sign Page 2 of this application.

STEPS

1. Complete Paperwork
2. Call Belleville Police Department to schedule an inspection appointment at your residence.
3. Bring completed paperwork and completed inspection form to City Hall to register your golf cart.

Non-Residents—Please complete the information below:

City Resident/Host Property Owner _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

I acknowledge and understand that the applicant for this Golf Cart Application will be utilizing my property located at _____ in the City of Belleville from which to operate their golf cart and/or store their golf cart trailer. Trailers utilized to transport the golf cart shall be stored on my property and will not be parked on the public street.

City Resident/Host Property Owner _____ Date _____

Golf Cart Owner Signature _____ Date _____

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GOLF CART INSPECTION FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Stop Lamp (x2)
- Safety Belts
- Mirrors (Driver and Passenger side-or-Driver Side and Interior)
- Brakes and Parking Brake
- Horn
- Windshield
- Red Reflector visible from 500' affixed to rear of the cart

Registration Fee Paid _____ Golf Cart Inspected by _____

Date of Approval _____ Date of Expiration _____

Application Approved/Denied _____

Application Approved by _____

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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.

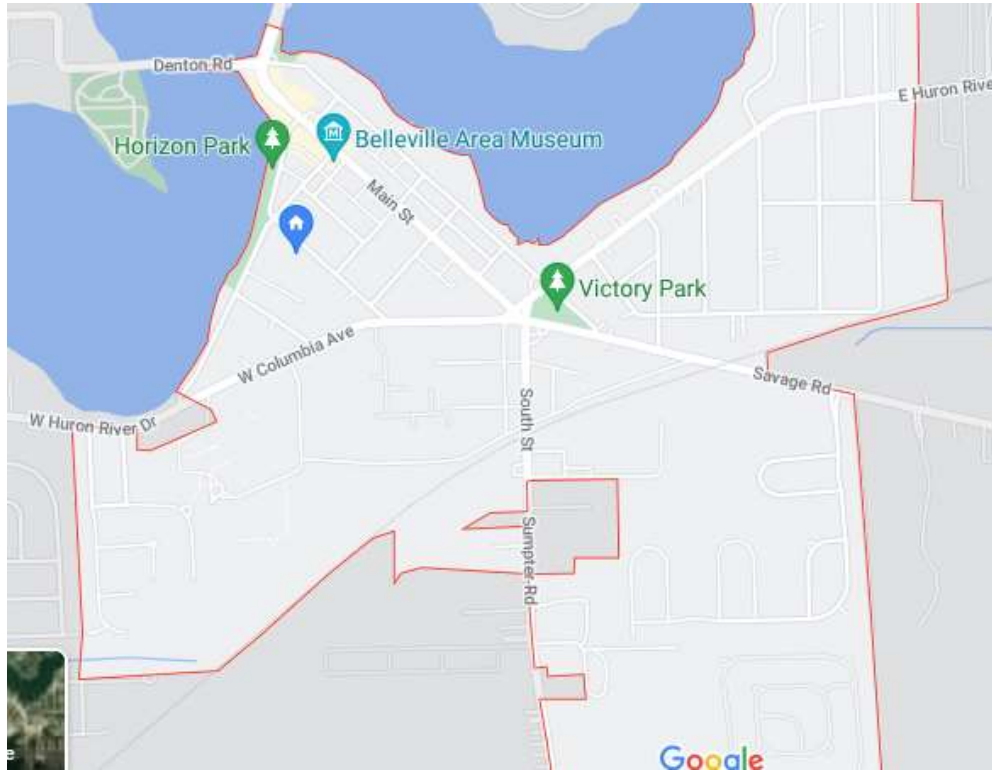
What are the penalties for violating the Golf Cart Ordinance?

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

Map of the City and Proposed Impacted Streets



GOLF CARTS ARE ONLY PERMITTED ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS IN BELLEVILLE:

- Aberdeen Ct.
- Angola St.
- Bay Pointe Dr.
- Bedell St.
- Bell Cove Ct.
- Biggs St.
- Brain Ave.
- Breakwater Ct.
- Breakwater Dr.
- Charles Ct.
- Charles St.
- Church St.
- Clarence St.
- Columbia Ave. **(only to cross)**
- Edison Ave.
- Edgemont St.
- Fifth St.
- First St.
- Fourth St.
- Greylock St.
- Harbour Pointe Dr.
- Harbour Pointe Ct.
- Henry St.
- High St.
- Huron River Dr. **(only to cross)**
- Liberty St.
- Light Tower Ct.
- Light Tower Dr.
- Madelon St.
- Main St. **(only to cross)**
- Oxford Ct.
- Potter Dr.
- Robbe Ave.
- Roland St.
- Roys St.
- Savage Rd. **(only to cross)**
- Second St.
- South St. **(only to cross)**
- Sumpter Rd. **(only to cross)**
- Third St.
- Thornhill Ct.
- Victorian Ln.
- Victorian St.
- Wabash Ave.
- Waterbury Ct.
- Wexford Ave.

THE FOLLOWING ROADS ARE PRIVATELY OWNED. GOLF CART USAGE ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS ARE DEPENDENT ON BY-LAWS AND PERMISSION FROM THE CONTROLLING ENTITIES:

- Anaheim St.
- Astor Blvd.
- Belle Villa Blvd.
- Capistrano Dr.
- Carmell St.
- Dos Rios St.
- Estrada Dr.
- Loza Ln.
- Menlo Park Dr.
- San Carlos Dr.
- Davis St.
- Industrial Park Dr.

ARTICLE (INSERT ARTICLE #): GOLF CARTS—PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. XX-XXX. Purpose.

The City of Belleville is establishing a pilot program to permit residents to drive golf carts on City owned roads within the City limits. The pilot program is established for a period of one year, beginning on (INSERT EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE). However, the registration sticker will be valid for three years. These regulations are intended to secure the public peace, health and safety of the residents and property owners of the City of Belleville for the regulation of the use of golf carts on public roads within the corporate limits of the City, to provide for the issuance of decals in connection with the registration of golf carts, and to provide penalties for the violation of these provisions.

Sec. XX-XXX. Definitions.

“City” means the City of Belleville, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

“Decal” means the sticker displayed on the front of every registered golf cart within the City, which are obtained by completing and submitting the proper registration form to the City of Belleville.

“Driver license” means an operator's or chauffeur's license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under Chapter III of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.301 to MCL 257.329, as amended, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.

“Golf cart” means a vehicle designed for transportation while playing the game of golf.

“Maintained portion” means that portion of a road improved, designated or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic.

“Operate” means to ride in or on, or be in actual physical control of the operation of the golf cart.

“Operator” means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of a golf cart.

“Registration” means the process through which every person intending to operate a motorized golf cart on roads or streets within the City must follow.

“Street” means a road, roadway, street or right-of-way, owned and maintained by the City of Belleville within the City of Belleville street system, but does not include a private road. The terms “road,” “roadway,” “street” and “right-of-way” are interchangeable.

“Sunset” and “sunrise” mean that time determined by the National Weather Service on any given day.

Sec. XX-XXX. Operation of golf carts on City streets.

A person may operate a golf cart on streets owned and maintained by the City of Belleville, subject to the following restrictions:

Golf Carts-Pilot Program

- 1) A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is at least 16 years old and is licensed to operate a motor vehicle.
- 2) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements of MCL 257.648, as amended, that apply to the operation of a vehicle.
- 3) All golf carts are required to have a red reflector on the rear of the golf cart that shall be visible from all distances up to 500 feet when in front of lawful low beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.
- 4) The operator of a golf cart shall obey by all sections pertaining to traffic in the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code.
- 5) 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 one proceeding in the same direction.
- 6) A person shall not operate a golf cart on a state trunk line highway. This subsection does not prohibit a person from crossing a state trunk line highway when operating a golf cart on a street of the City, using the most direct line of crossing.
- 7) Where a usable and designated path for golf carts is provided adjacent to a road or street, a person operating a golf cart shall be required to use that path. A golf cart shall not be operated on a sidewalk constructed for the use of pedestrians.
- 8) A person operating a golf cart shall not pass between lines of traffic, but may pass on the left of traffic moving in his or her direction in the case of a two-way street, or on the left or right of traffic, in an unoccupied lane, in the case of a one-way street.
- 9) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour and shall not be operated on a roadway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour except to cross that roadway or street. The City may designate roads or classifications of roads for use by golf carts.
- 10) A golf cart shall not be operated on the streets of the City during the time period from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise.
- 11) A person operating a golf cart or who is a passenger in a golf cart is not required to wear a crash helmet.
- 12) A golf cart shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.
- 13) A golf cart operated on a street of the City is not required to be registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code for purposes of Section 3101 of the Insurance Code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.3101, as amended.
- 14) A golf cart shall not be operated during weather events with snow and/or ice on the ground.
- 15) Golf carts shall not be operated on a road or street in a negligent manner, endangering any person or property, or obstructing, hindering, or impeding the lawful course of travel of any motor vehicle or the lawful use by any pedestrian of public streets, sidewalks, paths, trails, walkways or parks.
- 16) Off-road vehicles, such as Gators, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), a multitrack or multi-wheel drive vehicle, dune buggy, or like-vehicles are not considered golf carts.
- 17) This section does not apply to a police officer, City officials, employees, contractors or volunteers in the performance of City duties.

Sec. XX-XXX. Parking regulations.

The parking, stopping, and standing regulations provided in the City Code, which may be adopted by reference therein, shall also apply to golf carts operated in the City, as if they are motor vehicles under those provisions.

Sec. XX-XXX. Registration and decals.

- a) Golf cart owners shall register each golf cart on an annual basis by making application to the City of Belleville. Such application shall include proof of insurance as a rider to a homeowner's or renter's policy, providing coverage for the golf cart when it is in use outside of the insured property, or in any other form of policy selected by the applicant, 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, and the City of Belleville shall be named as an additional insured under the policy providing coverage for the golf cart. The Belleville Police Department shall review and approve or deny each application, and provide a list of registered golf carts to the City Manager.
- b) Each approved golf cart shall be issued a registration decal. An administrative fee shall be set by City Council resolution. The golf cart owner shall affix each decal provided by the City of Belleville on a clearly visible place on the driver side of the golf cart. The decal shall be valid for three (3) years.
- c) Non-residents may register their golf cart with the City as long as they have written approval from a City of Belleville resident that the resident will act as the host property for the non-resident's golf cart, and valid proof of insurance described in section "a." The host resident will allow the golf cart trailer to be parked on their property so as not to take up parking public parking spaces.
- d) Failure to register a golf cart or renew an existing registration shall constitute a violation of this article.
- e) The City of Belleville or Belleville Police Department retains the right to refuse to issue and/or revoke any registration decal from any golf cart for any reason that is felt appropriate to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of the City, without refund or partial refund.
- f) Any police officer may temporarily suspend any registration decal, and ban further access on any public street or public property by any golf cart, when in the opinion of that officer the golf cart is being used in a manner to cause damage to public property, injure members of the public, or danger to occupants.
- g) The City Council reserves the right to waive the registration requirements of this ordinance for special events that utilize golf carts.

Sec. XX-XXX. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any provisions of this article shall be responsible for a civil infraction. The penalty for the first offense shall be \$150.00, and \$200.00 for the first repeat offense. For any second or subsequent repeat offense, the fine shall be no more than \$500.00.

A court may order a person who causes damage to the environment, a road, or other 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.