



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 122.02 Golf Carts

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Definitions:

- **Golf Cart** - an electric four-wheeled vehicle originally intended for use off-road on golf courses and other green spaces and whose maximum speed is twenty-five miles per hour.

Requirements and Exceptions:

- The use of golf carts on public roads or streets is prohibited except as follows:
 - A golf cart may be operated only upon a parish road that has been designated by a parish or a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality for use by a golf cart. Upon a designation that a golf cart may be operated on a designated road or street, the responsible governmental entity shall post appropriate signage indicating that the operation is authorized.
 - A golf cart may be used to cross a part of a state highway where a golf course is constructed on both sides of the state highway if the Department of Transportation and Development has issued a permit for the crossing.
 - No person shall operate a golf cart upon a parish road or municipal street without a valid driver's license.
- **Requirements for Titling** - The documentation required to register a golf cart is the same as the basic titling requirements:
 - A completed vehicle application form (DPSMV 1799)
 - Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (new/unregistered vehicle), title, or an affidavit of physical inspection performed by a full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.), certified law enforcement officer, who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.

- Itemized invoice from dealer to purchaser or original notarized bill of sale or invoice (new/unregistered) or current certificate of title assigned before a notary by seller to purchaser, with the properly released lien, if applicable.
- Original or copy of properly completed UCC-1 form, or other security agreement, if a lien is to be recorded
- Proof of liability insurance
- A statement of Golf Carts ([DPSMV1809](#)) form from the owner indicating:
 - Golf cart contains all equipment required for use as indicated above.
 - Owner is aware that the vehicle shall be operated only by a licensed driver.
 - Golf cart may be operated only upon a parish road that has been designated by a parish or a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality for use by a golf cart. A golf cart may be used to cross a part of a state highway where a golf course is constructed on both sides of the state highway if the Department of Transportation and Development has issued a permit for the crossing.
- Applicable fees (title, handling, recordation fee)
- Applicable sales/use tax, or proof of taxes collected by the dealer. All golf cart dealers are required to collect applicable sales/use tax at the time of sale.
- **Required Equipment** - Any golf cart operated upon any roadway or municipal street shall be equipped with the minimum motor vehicle equipment appropriate for motor vehicle safety including:
 - efficient brakes
 - reliable steering apparatus
 - safe tires
 - rear view mirror
 - red reflective warning devices in both the front and rear of the vehicle
 - front and rear turn signal lamps
 - tail lamps
 - brake lamps
 - headlamps
 - vehicle identification number or serial number
- A parish or municipal government may enact an ordinance relating to golf cart operation and may require equipment more extensive than indicated above, however, the list indicated above will be the only equipment required to title the vehicle.
- **Requirements for Reclassifying a Qualifying Vehicle as a Golf Cart:**
 - A completed vehicle application form (DPSMV 1799), including section D on the reverse side of the form
 - Original Title
 - A statement of Golf Carts ([DPSMV1809](#)) Form from the owner indicating:

- Golf cart contains all equipment required for use as indicated above.
 - Owner is aware that the vehicle shall be operated only by a licensed driver.
 - Golf cart may only be used upon a parish road that has been designated by a parish or a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality for use by a golf cart. A golf cart may be used to cross a part of a state highway where a golf course is constructed on both sides of the state highway if the Department of Transportation and Development has issued a permit for the crossing.
- Applicable fees (title and handling)

Notes:

- A golf cart will be issued an Off Road Decal.
- Golf carts are subject to the compulsory insurance requirements. If liability insurance is cancelled, it will result in a revocation of the registration and the driver's license. To prevent insurance cancellations, the title must be surrendered and a title correction processed to re-classify the vehicle as an Off Road Vehicle. A title fee will be assessed.

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 2.00 [Basic Requirements For Obtaining A Certificate Of Title](#)

Section 4, Policy 2.01 [Title Corrections](#)

Section 4, Policy 2.03 [Completion Of Vehicle Application](#)

Section 5, Policy 55.00 [Off Road Vehicle Decals](#)