

Golf Cart Ordinance

Buda Police Department

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New Laws Regarding Golf Carts

This newsletter is to assist in familiarization of our newly added Golf Cart Ordinance. This ordinance was drafted due to a high level of concern for golf cart occupant safety as well as pedestrians in neighborhoods within Buda.

Ordinance at a Glance

The ordinance in its entirety is available on the City of Buda's Website: www.ci.buda.tx.us

- Golf cart means a vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for use on a golf course. This ordinance does not address ATV's (i.e. off-road vehicles, four-wheelers, Mules, Gators) which per the Texas Transportation Code are not permissible on public roadways.
- Golf carts may be operated on residential streets where the posted speed limit is 35mph or less.
- Golf cart operators must abide by all traffic laws and may not operate on sidewalks or trails.
- Operator must possess a physical and valid driver's license.
- Occupants shall remain seated and be three years of age or older (or in appropriate car seat).
- Golf carts operated on a public roadway must display a slow moving vehicle emblem and side reflectors. Golf carts must also have a parking brake and rearview mirror.
- Golf carts operated at night have additional equipment requirements of operational headlamps, tail lamps and turn signals.
- Golf carts are not permitted to pull any object or person.
- It is also a violation for a person to intentionally or knowingly allow an unlicensed person to operate a golf cart on a city street.



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Use standard hand and arm signals for turning if your golf cart isn't equipped with turn signals.

