



Committee of the Whole Meeting - Final

November 15, 2023

6:30 PM

B. COW2023-058 Golf Cart Discussion
Citywide

Golf Carts

Lieutenant Stephens & Sergeant Cole
Smyrna Police Department



Golf Carts

Motorized vehicle designed for one or more people and equipment to play the game of golf.

Average speed shall be less than 15 MPH.

PTV

(Personal Transportation Vehicle)

PTV- Any Vehicle With a minimum of four wheels;

- Capable of a speed of less than 20 miles per hour;
- maximum gross vehicle weight, 1,375 pounds
- Capable of transporting not more than eight persons.

The term does not include any mobility aids.

The term also does not include any all-terrain vehicle

LOW SPEED VEHICLE

- Any 4 Wheeled vehicle, where the top speed attained in one mile is greater than 20 MPH but less than 25 MPH.
- Manufactured or converted to Federal motor vehicle safety standards i.e. brake lamps, headlights, seatbelts, and reflectors etc.
- Can only be operated where the speed limit doesn't exceed 35 mph.

Required Equipment for PTV

- Braking system sufficient for the weight it is carrying.
- Reverse warning device when in reverse
- Main power switch, when in the off position vehicle will remain inoperative
- Headlamps, reflex reflectors, tail lamps, horn, rearview mirror, warning labels and hip restraints and hand holds or a combination thereof.

O.C.G.A. 40-6-331

- Local authorities may create an ordinance to designate certain streets or portions of streets under its control.
- Can allow PTV's and regular vehicular traffic the combined use of a roadway or the use of PTV's and no other vehicles.
- Establish conditions under which a person may operate PTV's on such designated streets or portions thereof PTV paths.
- All operators of PTV's must possess a valid drivers license.

- By ordinance you may require the local registration at least once every 5 years for a fee not to exceed \$15.
- No local authority may be liable for losses that result from exercising or not exercising inspection powers or functions including failing to inspect or making a negligent inspection.
- Signs must be erected on every highway which comprises a part of the state highway system at the point on the highway which intersects the corporate limits of the municipality that shall warn motorists that PTV's are authorized for the use on public streets.

40-6-363

- The purpose of this part shall be to authorize any local authority to establish a personal transportation plan for roadways and streets within its jurisdiction.
- No local authority shall be liable for losses resulting from exercising or not exercising its authority to adopt a PTV transportation plan, failing to adopt such plan, making an inadequate plan or negligently adopting such plan.

40-6-365

- May include permitting process may include but not limited to
- Requirements for permit posting
- Permit renewal
- Operator education

And liability insurance

40-6-368

- When the joint use of regular traffic and PTV traffic is discussed it must
- Have speed limits of 25 MPH or less
- Have been determined by a qualified traffic engineer to accommodate PTV without adversely impacting traffic safety or the travel needs of commuters and other users.