

## **Definition of a Golf Cart**

A “golf cart” means a gas-powered or electric-powered four-wheeled vehicle originally designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting purposes and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour. A golf cart is not a non-highway or off-road vehicle as defined in RCW 46.04.365.

All golf carts shall comply with RCW 46.37 regarding vehicle lighting and other equipment, including reflectors, seat belts, rearview mirrors, two operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart) and two operating taillights with brake lights and turn signals (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart) which are visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet. Headlights shall be in use at all times, including both day and nighttime use, during operation of the golf cart.

## **Operation of a Golf Cart**

Every person operating a golf cart in the Airport golf cart zone is granted all rights and is subject to all duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle under chapter 46.61 RCW, et seq. and WAC 308-330.

No golf cart shall be operated faster than is reasonable and proper and every golf cart shall be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of the operator, passengers and other persons or property.

A golf cart may be operated on a street by a person within the Airport golf cart zone as follows:

1. Every person operating a golf cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and must have completed a driver education course or have previous experience driving as a licensed driver.
2. A person who has a revoked license under RCW 46.20.285 may not operate a golf cart.

3. Any person operating a golf cart shall not transport more passengers than the manufacturer's designed seating capacity. All occupants shall be seated during operation and use of the seat belts shall be mandatory while the golf cart is being operated.

Accidents that involve golf carts operated upon streets in the Airport golf cart zone must be recorded and tracked in compliance with chapter 46.52 RCW. The accident report must indicate that a golf cart operated within the Airport golf cart zone was involved in the accident.

## **Violations**

No person may operate a golf cart on a street located outside the Airport golf cart zone or in such a way that is in violation of any section of Walla Walla County Code chapter 10.22. Upon a determination that a violation of Walla Walla County Code chapter 10.22 has occurred, law enforcement officers may, pursuant to RCW 7.80, et seq., issue a Class I civil infraction with a fine not to exceed \$250.00 to any person found in violation of Walla Walla County Code chapter 10.22.