



THE CITY OF  
**NOBLESVILLE**

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# Golf Carts in Noblesville

The City of Noblesville welcomes the use of golf carts in our community as a way for residents to travel short distances within neighborhoods and from neighborhood to neighborhood. But public safety is always our top concern.

Effective January 2018, the Noblesville Common Council adopted an ordinance to allow the operation of golf carts upon city streets within certain subdivisions and neighborhoods – with limitations that are required for the safe, permitted use of golf carts.

## Where can I drive my golf cart?

- Driving golf carts is only permitted within established subdivisions and neighborhoods that have complied with section 76.06 of Ordinance No. 60-12-17.

- Golf carts shall not be operated on any City street having a posted speed limit in excess of 25 mph.

- Golf carts may cross a street that has a posted speed limit in excess of 25 mph, but no greater than 45 mph, when crossed at intersections in a path perpendicular to the streets or highways.

- Golf cart operators shall stay in the far right of the travelled portion of the road and yield the right-of-way to over-taking vehicles as soon as possible to do so safely.

## Who can drive a golf cart?

The driver must possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit.

## Do I have to obey all traffic laws?

Yes, drivers must abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the authorized streets and parking areas of the city.

## Can I drive on multi-use paths or through City parks?

No, Ordinance No. 49-10-17 prohibits motorized vehicles from using trails and sidewalks and limits the use such areas to pedestrians, bicyclists and recreational users. Violations may be fined a minimum of \$100.



# How does my neighborhood allow golf cart use?

## What are the potential penalties for violating the ordinance?

Any violation of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements is a \$50 fine for the first offense; \$150 for a second offense; and \$300 for each additional offense (within a rolling 12-month period). Additionally, penalties listed do not include court costs and fees that may be imposed by Noblesville City Court in addition to the penalty.

A Noblesville Police Officer has the discretion to issue any citations of an unlicensed juvenile to their guardians. Also, golf carts not in drivable condition or having a licensed driver may be towed at the police officer's discretion.

All violations of Ordinance No. 60-12-17 shall be docketed with the Noblesville City Court.

## What equipment is required?

- Operational headlamps: (2 required or one long bar across the front)
- Two operational tail lamps
- Operational turn signals for left and right turning.
- Rearview mirror (mounted either in center of golf cart or on each side)
- Slow moving vehicle emblem  
triangular emblem must be clearly visible and mounted to the rear with the base no lower than 3 feet nor the top higher than 5 feet from the ground. The emblem must not be obstructed by any passengers.
- The City of Noblesville and Police Department strongly recommend golf carts have side reflectors (2 front amber in color and 2 red in color), brake lights and an operational parking brake.

*\*All equipment must meet Indiana and Federal motor vehicle safety standards.*

- Only subdivisions or neighborhoods with a governing body, home-owners association or decision-making board authorized to speak on behalf of the welfare of the neighborhood are allowed to participate. If your neighborhood does not have one of the three listed above, golf carts are not permitted.

- The governing body must submit written certification to the Noblesville Police Department stating the board approves the use of golf carts within its community.

- The governing body also must notify the Noblesville Street Department. The Street Department will create and install signage at each entrance to the subdivision. The governing body will pay \$75 per sign that needs to be installed by the street department. Golf carts are not permitted to be used until the proper signage is placed in the subdivision.

- A neighborhood may rescind its approval by submitting a letter to NPD.