



Golf carts and other motorized vehicles are prohibited on the Waccamaw Neck bike path and on public beaches. Violators may be fined up to \$100 or sentenced to up to 30 days in jail.

New penalties for golf cart violations

Penalties for violation of state laws governing the operation of low speed vehicles — including golf carts — on roadways have recently changed. Georgetown County Sheriff Lane Cribb issued this reminder to residents and visitors.

Such violations are considered a misdemeanor under state law, and conviction is punishable by a fine of up to \$100 or imprisonment for up to 30 days.

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office receives complaints throughout the year in reference to illegal operations of golf carts on roadways, beaches and bike paths. The following requirements are included in the laws for operation of golf carts in the state and in Georgetown County.

- A person operating a permitted golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's license
- A golf cart operating on roadways must have liability insurance.
- A golf cart must be permitted by the State of South Carolina. An individual or business owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart may obtain a permit decal and registration from the Department of Motor

Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and liability insurance for the golf cart and upon payment of a \$5 fee.

- A golf cart can only be operated during day light hours, including carts with headlights and turn signals. We confirmed with the Georgetown Sherriff's Office that crossing Hwy. 17 after daylight hours is NOT permitted. He went on to say that even if you are on the Willbrook Blvd. path after daylight hours, coming from the beach, they will ticket you as you still had to break the law crossing Hwy 17 to get on the path. In addition, he said they are starting to crack down pretty hard on this issue.
- The operator of a permitted golf cart being operated on a highway or street must have in their possession:
 - 1) the registration certificate;
 - 2) proof of liability insurance for the golf cart; and
 - 3) their valid driver's license.
- A permitted golf cart may be operated within four miles of the address on the registration certificate and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is 35 miles an hour or less.
- A golf cart cannot be operated on a public bike path or public beaches in Georgetown County.

The bike path that runs along Kings River Road *is part* of the county bike path network and motorized vehicles are not permitted.



The cart/bicycle/walking path that runs along Willbrook Boulevard from the Reserve to Route 17 *is not part* of the Georgetown County public bike path. Golf carts are permitted to ride on this path.