

	Alabama	Florida	Georgia	North Carolina	Tennessee	Virginia
State code pertaining to golf cart/LSV operation	<p>Alabama state law does not explicitly address the use of golf carts as transportation, however, an opinion from the Office of the Attorney General states that a golf cart is a motor vehicle that may not be used on a sidewalk, but is not a vehicle within the definition of sections 32-1-1.1(81) or 40-12-240(27) and may not be used on public streets.</p> <p><a href="http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/pdf/memos/County%20Memo%202008-12%20Golf%20Carts.pdf">http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/pdf/memos/County%20Memo%202008-12%20Golf%20Carts.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="http://revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/pdf/memos/County%20Memo%202012-8%20LSV.pdf">http://revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/pdf/memos/County%20Memo%202012-8%20LSV.pdf</a></p>	<p>State Uniform Traffic Control, Title XXIII, Chapter 316</p>	<p>Uniform Rules of the Road, Title 40, Chapter 6</p> <p>O.C.G.A §40-1-1(25.1), 40-6-360-362, 40-1-1(33), 40-1-1(75)</p> <p>O.C.G.A §40-6-331</p>	<p>North Carolina General Statutes §153A-245, § 160A-300.6</p> <p><a href="https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/safety/Tepp/TEPLL%20All%20Documents%20Library/A-5g.pdf">https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/safety/Tepp/TEPLL%20All%20Documents%20Library/A-5g.pdf</a></p>	<p>Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 55-1-103, 55-4-111, 55-8-101, 55-8-191, and 55-50-102</p> <p><a href="https://www.tn.gov/revenue/notices/titlereg/08-20.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/revenue/notices/titlereg/08-20.pdf</a></p>	<p><a href="https://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+46.2-916.3">https://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+46.2-916.3</a></p>
State issued definition of golf cart/LSV	<p>The law in Alabama is unclear. According to an opinion by the Attorney General, Alabama does not allow the use of golf carts as transportation on public roads or sidewalks ever. A memo from the Alabama Department of Revenue to License Plate Issuing Officials defines LSVs as vehicles complying with 49 CFR Part 571.500, but does not list modified or customized golf carts among other examples ("ATVs, UTVs, dune buggies, rail buggies, etc."). National Highway Traffic Safety Administration regulation 49 CFR Part 571.500 explicitly includes modified or customized golf carts with top speeds of 20-25 mph.</p> <p>Other sources are mixed.</p>	<p>"(68) GOLF CART.—A motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes." Title XXIII, Chapter 316</p> <p>"(41) "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but not greater than 25 miles per hour, including, but not limited to, neighborhood electric vehicles. Low-speed vehicles must comply with the safety standards in 49 C.F.R. s. 571.500 and s. 316.2122." Title XXIII, Chapter 320.01</p>	<p>"(17.2) "Golf car" or "golf cart" means any motorized vehicle designed for the purpose and exclusive use of conveying one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf course. For such a vehicle to be considered a golf car or golf cart, its average speed shall be less than 15 miles per hour ...." O.C.G.A. § 40-1-1</p> <p>(43.1) "Personal transportation vehicle" or "PTV" means... Any motor vehicle having no fewer than three wheels and an unladen weight of 1,300 pounds or less and which cannot operate at more than 20 miles per hour if such vehicle was authorized to operate on local roads by a local authority prior to January 1, 2012. Such vehicles may also be referred to as "motorized</p>	<p>"Golf cart means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per hour (20 mph)."Tenn. Code Ann. §55-1-123</p> <p>"Low speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled electric or gasoline vehicle, excluding golf carts, whose top speed is greater than twenty miles per hour (20 mph), but not greater than twenty-five miles per hour (25 mph), including neighborhood electric vehicles." Tenn. Code Ann. §55-1-122</p>	<p>"Golf cart" means a self-propelled vehicle that is designed to transport persons playing golf and their equipment on a golf course. (§ 46.2-100)</p> <p>"Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled electrically-powered vehicle, except a motor vehicle or low-speed vehicle that is used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes or a golf cart, whose maximum speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but not greater than 25 miles per hour and is manufactured to comply with safety standards contained in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, § 571.500. (§ 46.2-100)" § 46.2-908.3</p>	

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Roads on which golf carts/LSVs may be driven		<p>"(1) A golf cart may be operated only upon a county road that has been designated by a county, or a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality, for use by golf carts. Prior to making such a designation, the responsible local governmental entity must first determine that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the public road or street, considering factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street." Title XXIII, Chapter 316</p> <p>"(1) A low-speed vehicle or mini truck may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less." Title XXIII, Chapter 316</p>	<p>"Low-speed vehicles shall be operated only on any highway where the posted speed limit does not exceed 35 miles per hour." O.C.G.A §40-6-362</p> <p>"(a) A local authority may, by ordinance or resolution, adopt a PTV plan..." U.C.G.A. § 40-6-365</p> <p>"...streets or highways on which joint use by regular vehicle traffic and PTVs permitted...shall: (1) Have speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less... and (2) Have been determined by a qualified traffic engineer to accommodate personal transportation vehicles without adversely impacting traffic safety or the travel needs of commuters and other users." O.C.G.A. § 40-6-368</p>	<p>"(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 20-50 and G.S. 20-54, a county may, by ordinance, regulate the operation of golf carts, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01(12a), on any public street, road, or highway where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less within the county that is located in any unincorporated areas of the county or on any property owned or leased by the county." N.C.G.S §153A-245</p>	<p>"(a) (1) A low speed vehicle as defined in § 55-8-101 may be operated only on streets where the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph) or less." Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-191</p> <p>"(2) A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of low speed vehicles on any road under its jurisdiction if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety." Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-191</p> <p>" (3) The department of transportation may prohibit the operation of low speed vehicles on any road under its jurisdiction if it determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety." Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-191</p>	<p>"1. A golf cart or utility vehicle may be operated only on designated public highways where the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less." (§ 46.2-916.3)</p>
Licensure/Permits required to operate golf carts/LSVs		<p>"(1) Every vehicle, at all times while driven, stopped, or parked upon any highways, roads, or streets of this state, shall be licensed in the name of the owner thereof in accordance with the laws of this state unless such vehicle is not required by the laws of this state to be licensed in this state" Title XXIII, Chapter 316</p> <p>"(7) A golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by any person under the age of 14." Title XXIII, Chapter 316</p> <p>"(4) Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or mini truck must have in his or her possession a valid driver license." Title XXIII, Chapter</p>	<p>"All operators of PTVs shall be required to possess a valid driver's license except when operating a PTV within a locality whose local authority has enacted an ordinance permitting the use of PTVs or motorized carts on streets without possession of a driver's license prior to January 1, 2012." O.C.G.A. § 40-6-331 316</p>	<p>"(b) By ordinance, a county may require the registration of golf carts, charge a fee for the registration, specify who is authorized to operate golf carts, and specify the required equipment, load limits, and the hours and methods of operation of golf carts." N.C.G.S §153A-245</p> <p>"No person less than 16 years of age may operate a golf cart on a public street, road, or highway." N.C.G.S §153A-245</p>	<p>"(c) Any person operating a low speed vehicle or medium speed vehicle must have in possession a valid Class D driver license." Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-191</p> <p>"(c) The ordinance shall require that a golf cart operated on a designated public roadway:</p> <p>(1) Be issued a permit for the golf cart by the municipality..." Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-201</p> <p>Golf cart drivers must possess valid driver's license (Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-201)</p>	<p>"3. No person shall operate any golf cart or utility vehicle on any public highway unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license" § 46.2-916.3</p>

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Insurance/Registration required to operate golf carts/LSVs		“(3) A low-speed vehicle or mini truck must be registered and insured in accordance with s. 320.02 and titled pursuant to chapter 319.” Title XXIII, Chapter 316	“(b) Local authority ordinances may establish operating standards but shall not require PTVs to meet any requirements of general law as to registration, inspection, certificate of title, or licensing; provided, however, that a local authority may, by ordinance, require the local registration and licensing of PTVs operated within its boundaries at least once every five years for a fee not to exceed \$15.00.” O.C.G.A. § 40-6-331	“(b) By ordinance, a county may require the registration of golf carts, charge a fee for the registration, specify who is authorized to operate golf carts, and specify the required equipment, load limits, and the hours and methods of operation of golf carts.” N.C.G.S §153A-245	Golf cart drivers must possess valid liability insurance for golf cart (Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-201)	
Nighttime operation of golf carts/LSVs		Illegal unless in permitting locality and operating a vehicle with required safety features		“(b) By ordinance, a county may require the registration of golf carts, charge a fee for the registration, specify who is authorized to operate golf carts, and specify the required equipment, load limits, and the hours and methods of operation of golf carts.” N.C.G.S §153A-245	“d) Following the adoption of such an ordinance, a person may operate a golf cart on a public roadway pursuant to subsection (b) if: (3) The golf cart is being operated between one-half (1/2) hour after sunrise and one-half (1/2) hour before sunset...” Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-201	“5. Golf carts and utility vehicles shall be operated upon the public highways only between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required in Article 3 (§ 46.2-1010 et seq.) of Chapter 10 for different classes of vehicles.” § 46.2-916.3
Safety requirements for general operation		“(6) A golf cart must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear.” Title XXIII, Chapter 316  “(2) A low-speed vehicle must be equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, taillamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers.” Title XXIII, Chapter 316	Brakes, parking brake, reverse warning, main power switch, head lamps, reflex reflectors, tail lamps, horn, rearview mirror, safety warning labels, hip restraints and/or hand holds (O.C.G.A. § 40-6-330.1)	“(b) By ordinance, a county may require the registration of golf carts, charge a fee for the registration, specify who is authorized to operate golf carts, and specify the required equipment, load limits, and the hours and methods of operation of golf carts.” N.C.G.S §153A-245	Headlights, tail lamp, stop lights, reflectors or slow moving vehicle placard, mirror, brakes	“4. Every golf cart or utility vehicle, whenever operated on a public highway, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081;” § 46.2-916.3

<p><b>Safety requirements for nighttime operation</b></p>		<p>“(5) A golf cart may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless the responsible governmental entity has determined that a golf cart may be operated during the hours between sunset and sunrise and the golf cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.” Title XXIII, Chapter 316</p>		<p>“(b) By ordinance, a county may require the registration of golf carts, charge a fee for the registration, specify who is authorized to operate golf carts, and specify the required equipment, load limits, and the hours and methods of operation of golf carts.” N.C.G.S §153A-245</p>		<p>“Every vehicle driven or moved on a highway within the Commonwealth shall at all times be equipped with such lights as are required in this chapter for different classes of vehicles. The lights shall at all times be capable of being lighted, except as otherwise provided. This section shall not apply, however, to any vehicle for transporting well-drilling machinery licensed under § 46.2-700 when operated only between the hours of sunrise and sunset.” § 46.2-1010</p>
<p>Examples of local ordinances</p>		<p>Sumter County, Florida Code of Ordinances, Section 17-3</p> <p>“Golf carts may be operated, unless otherwise set by resolution, between the hours before sunrise and after sunset if equipped with, at a minimum, headlights, brake lights, turn signals, a windshield, and reflective devices on the sides of the golf cart that could include reflective tape. Golf carts that do not meet the minimum equipment standards for operation between the hours before sunrise and after sunset shall only be permitted to operate between sunrise and sunset.”</p>	<p><a href="http://www.peachtree-city.org/index.aspx?nid=216">http://www.peachtree-city.org/index.aspx?nid=216</a></p> <p>Peachtree City, Georgia Code of Ordinances Chapter 78, Article III</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cityofbelmont.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=hMc4U9DVE%3D&amp;tabid=205">http://www.cityofbelmont.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=hMc4U9DVE%3D&amp;tabid=205</a></p> <p>City of Belmont, North Carolina Traffic Code, Title VII, Chapter 74</p> <p>“A golf cart is defined as a vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour” §74.01</p> <p>“(a) Hours of Operation. Golf carts may be driven on approved public roads, streets and highways from sunrise until sunset. Golf carts may not be operated when fog, smog, smoke, or other conditions reduce visibility so that the golf cart is not visible for a minimum distance of 250 feet” §74.05</p>	<p>Tenn. Code Ann. 55-8-201. Pilot program on use of certain golf carts on certain highways. [Effective until July 1, 2015.]</p>	<p><a href="http://www.onancock.com/TownofOnancock/residentse rvices_files/golf%20cart%20 ordinance-revised%20Feb.08.pdf">http://www.onancock.com/TownofOnancock/residentse rvices_files/golf%20cart%20 ordinance-revised%20Feb.08.pdf</a></p> <p>Town Council of Onancock, Virginia, Ordinance No. 2007-1</p> <p>“Golf carts and/or utility vehicles shall pass a safety inspection...such safety inspections shall include the following: 1. Headlights, tail lights and turn signals, if the golf cart and/or utility vehicle is driven between sunset and sunrise” Ordinance No. 2007-1, Section 9</p> <p><a href="http://www.co.middlesex.va.us/PDF/Ordinances/Golf%20Carts%20-%20Town%20of%20Urbanna%205-11.pdf">http://www.co.middlesex.va.us/PDF/Ordinances/Golf%20Carts%20-%20Town%20of%20Urbanna%205-11.pdf</a></p> <p>Board of Supervisors, Middlesex County, Virginia</p> <p>“(2) Golf carts shall be operated only between sunrise and sunset unless equipped with such lights as are required in Article 3 of Chapter 10 of</p>

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