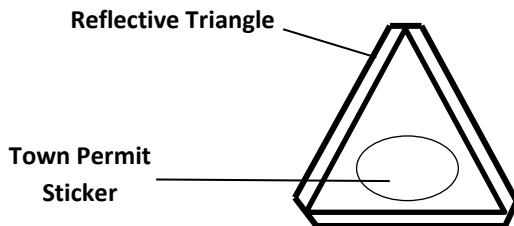


# **Permit to operate a Golf Cart as a Mobility Device in the Town of Oak Island**

## **Procedure:**

1. Complete the “Application for Permit to Operate a Mobility Device” and return it to the Oak Island Police Department. Along with the application, the owner of the golf cart must provide the following: Proof of ownership, a valid Driver’s License and Proof of Insurance at the time of registration.
2. The Applicant must Read and Sign the “Disclaimer of Liability” regarding the use and operation of golf carts as a Mobility Device.
3. The applicant must trailer the golf cart to the Police Department so that an officer can view the cart as necessary for the inspection.
4. Once the application is completed and approved, the applicant will then be required to pay a registration fee of **\$5.00** and will be issued a permit sticker. \*\*\* Note- The Customer Service Department will not accept payment or issue a permit sticker unless the application has been signed by a member of the Police Department Administration. \*\*\*
5. Once the applicant is issued the permit sticker, the applicant should attach the permit sticker as instructed below. The permit sticker is to be affixed to the center of the reflective triangle (that is mounted to the rear of the golf cart.)



## **Important things to Remember:**

- All permits expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued. A new application and permit is required each year.
- Permits to operate a golf cart as a Mobility Device can only be obtained when both the Oak Island Town Hall and the Oak Island Police Department are open.
- This sticker is NOT to be used for parking in designated town resident parking places. A separate application must be completed and a separate fee must be paid in order to obtain a resident parking permit.
- The permit will also allow the operator to use their mobility device on the beach strand as provided by Town of Oak Island Ordinance 28-6. A copy of that ordinance is attached to this document.
- A copy of the proof of ownership, liability insurance, and a completed Disclaimer of Liability must be in the cart at all times when the cart is in use on public property.

If there are any questions, please contact:

**Oak Island Police Department at (910) 278-5595**

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

**Oak Island Police Department**  
Application for Permit to Operate a Mobility Device

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Golf Cart (**Must be Electric Powered**): \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Cart Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address while staying at \_\_\_\_\_  
Oak Island: \_\_\_\_\_

Certifying Doctor/ Placard #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of individual(s) with disabilities that will be \_\_\_\_\_  
utilizing this mobility device (if not applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMIT EXPIRES THE LAST DAY OF THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR**

By signing this permit, I attest to the following: \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

I have read and understand the ordinance and agree to abide by all rules and regulations regarding  
the use of this mobility device. \_\_\_\_\_

I have and will maintain liability insurance as required per the ordinance. \_\_\_\_\_

The items on the safety equipment check list are properly installed on my golf cart. \_\_\_\_\_

All equipment on my cart will be maintained in good working order. \_\_\_\_\_

**Any misrepresentation of this permit will result in the immediate revocation of the permit and will result  
in the disqualification of future permits for a period of one (1) year.**

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Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Issuing Official

**This section is to be completed by the Police Department Staff:**

**Required Safety Equipment:**

Employees of the Oak Island Police Department are to ensure the required equipment has been installed. This is not a safety inspection but an assurance that the golf cart contains the minimal safety equipment as required by ordinance.

                   Windshield

                   Brakes

                   Rear View Mirror

                   Seat Belts for all Seating Positions (Number of Seating Positions:                   )

                   Metal "Low Speed Vehicle" caution triangle with reflective material  
(minimum of twelve (12) inch side lengths and mounted on the rear of the golf cart)

                   One (1) reflector mounted on each side  
(reflectors must be at least 3 inches in width and height)

This golf cart                    Does                    Does not have Brake Lights.

This golf cart                    Does                    Does not have Mechanical Turn Signals.

\*\*\* Note: If the golf cart does not have Brake Lights or Mechanical Turn Signals, the operator must use standard hand signals to indicate stopping or turning. The officer is to ensure the operator knows the proper hand signals. \*\*\*

Signature of the Police Employee  
that verified the above equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Golf Cart Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent/Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Processed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Disclaimer of Liability:**

This Town of Oak Island ordinance authorizing the use of golf carts as a mobility device on public streets and public vehicular areas by individuals with mobility impairments is adopted to address the interest of public safety under the provisions of N.C.G.S 160A-300.6 which provides the Town of Oak Island authority to regulate the use of golf carts in the town that have not been outfitted and registered as required by state law. Generally, golf carts that have not been outfitted and registered are not designated or manufactured to be used on other than golf courses, and the Town of Oak Island is no way advocates or endorses their operation elsewhere in town. The town, by regulating such operation is merely trying to address obvious safety issues, and adoption of this chapter is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this chapter.

All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Town of Oak Island has no liability under any theory of liability, for permitting golf carts to be operated in town.

The owner and operator of a golf cart are responsible for any liability involved in using a golf cart. Without the adoption of standards for operation on private streets, there are currently no rules or regulations that address golf cart operation and by creating standards for limited operation on the private streets within Oak Island, the town is responding to citizen concerns regarding operation deficiencies. These regulations impose more stringent policies on cart operation. The town does not encourage golf cart operation and does not represent that operation of golf carts under these rules will render golf cart operation safe and without risk to the driver and passengers of said golf carts.

By my signature below, I confirm that I have read and understand the DISCLAIMER above, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Oak Island, its officers, managers, agents, employees, successors and/or other affiliated persons free from any liability in connection with any use of a golf cart on a public street or public vehicular area in the Town of Oak Island, North Carolina. Further, I agree to be responsible for any person who operates any golf cart on a public street or public vehicular area in the Town of Oak Island, North Carolina.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date

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Witness

## **Copy of 28-6 Allowing Beach Access**

### **Sec. 28-6 Exception for motorized wheelchairs.**

Notwithstanding the restricted areas listed in Section 28-5, person(s) who have been issued a state handicapped permit and/or a permanent handicapped registration plate and a permit issued by the town police department may operate an approved beach accessible vehicle on the beach in designated areas. Operation is permitted by the permit holder or his/her designated driver who shall at all times operate in a safe and prudent manner, who shall give way to pedestrians at all times and who shall give warning before starting, stopping, turning his/her vehicle and remain clear of the federally-protected turtle nesting area. The number of passengers shall be limited to the design of the approved vehicle.

Operation is limited to:

- (1) Electric powered golf carts
- (2) The last beach access on West Beach Drive and west to a point as designated by signage reflecting no further vehicle traffic;
- (3) From McGlamery St to the Oak Island Pier Complex;
- (4) From SE 55th St to SE 49th St.
- (5) 10th Pl W to 13th Pl W.
- (6) From dawn to dusk

(Ord. Of 10-10-2000(3), §1(e); Amend. Of 1-12-2005; Amend. Of 2-8-2005)

(19) Operation of golf carts as a mobility assistance devices on the public beach shall be limited to: Created: 2023-04-20 10:56:19 [EST] (Supp. No. 60) Page 5 of 6