

Title 11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Chapter 13 Golf Cart

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.01 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide minimum requirements for the operation of a golf cart on designated county and municipal highways.

.02 Definitions.

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

(1) "Golf Cart" means a small, four-wheeled vehicle powered by a gasoline or electric motor with:

- (i) Seating designed to carry more than one occupant;*
- (ii) A maximum capable speed of not more than 20 miles per hour;*
- (iii) A windshield; and*
- (iv) A steering wheel.*

(2) A golf cart is not:

- (i) A motor vehicle as defined in Transportation Article, §11-135, Annotated Code of Maryland;*
- (ii) A low-speed vehicle as defined in Transportation Article, §11-130.1, Annotated Code of Maryland;*
- (iii) An off-highway recreational vehicle as defined in Transportation Article, §11-140.1, Annotated Code of Maryland; or*
- (iv) Capable of being registered as any other vehicle classification in the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.*

.03 Equipment requirements.

A. To operate a golf cart on a designated county or municipal highway, the golf cart shall be equipped with:

- (1) Red reflectors at the rear of the vehicle, and yellow or amber reflectors to the front and sides of the vehicle;*
- (2) At least one red tail lamp to illuminate the rear of the vehicle, and to indicate the direction of travel;*
- (3) At least one amber or yellow park lamp to illuminate the front of the vehicle, and to indicate the direction of travel; and*
- (4) At least one white projecting beam lamp (head lamp) mounted so that the lamp does not adversely affect the vision of the operators of other vehicles.*

B. Other Department of Transportation (DOT) automotive lighting equipment may be installed on the golf cart, but is not required to be in place.

C. Off-road type lighting equipment including spotlights, floodlights, and other lights that are not intended for vehicle on road use, may not be operated while the golf cart is being operated on designated highways, including road shoulders.

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