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## EAST LYME POLICE COMMISSION GOLF CART REGULATIONS

- (A) Pursuant to the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-300g, as amended, the Police Commission, acting herein as the duly constituted traffic authority of the town, hereby permits the operation of golf carts within the town in accordance with the terms of this regulation.
- (B) Gas or electric powered golf carts permitted on town roads must be equipped with a minimum of four wheels, capable of a maximum speed of no more than 25 miles per hour, capable of transporting no more than four persons and comply with the following standards:
- (1) Equipped with a locking brake, main power switch, head lamp(s), tail/brake lamps, operable horn as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-80(e), rear view mirror and seatbelts/passenger safety restraints for rear-facing passengers.
- (2) A flag with a minimum height of 72 inches from the ground and at least one foot above any installed roof shall be placed on the left rear of the golf cart to assist pedestrians and motor vehicle operators in observing the location and operation of a golf cart.
- (3) A valid registration sticker from the Police Department placed in a visible location on the rear of the golf cart.
- (C) Prior to operation of a golf cart the owner shall register it with the Police Department. The Police Department shall prepare a registration form and registration sticker for the registration of golf carts. The registration shall expire on May 31 of each calendar year. The owner of a golf cart shall at all times meet the following standards to obtain and maintain a valid golf cart registration.
- (1) The owner must submit proof of ownership, such as a certificate of title or bill of sale, and a certificate of insurance covering the golf cart that meets the State of Connecticut minimum liability insurance requirements for a motor vehicle or insurance requirements that are established by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicle Regulations concerning golf carts upon adoption of same.
  - (2) The golf cart must satisfy the standards of division (B) above.
- (3) The payment of a fee in the amount of \$35 is due for each registration period. From time to time the Police Commission may amend the amount of such fee to an amount sufficient to cover all costs associated with the implementation and enforcement of the requirements of this regulation.
  - (D) The following conditions shall apply to the operation of a golf cart:
- (1) Operators must possess a valid Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, proof of insurance and a valid golf cart registration.

- (2) All applicable Connecticut and local laws and regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle, including but not limited to parking rules and regulations, are applicable to the operation of a golf cart.
- (3) Operation of a golf cart shall be permitted only between one-half hour after sunrise and one-half hour prior to sunset.
- (4) Passengers shall be limited to one passenger per seat, with no more than four passengers in a golf cart.
- (E) Golf carts may be operated only on those roads delineated on the maps/plans attached hereto as **Exhibits A-D** and which are located in the following areas of the town:
- (1) The Oak Grove and Crescent Beach communities, those roads delineated on the map/plan attached as **Exhibit A**.
- (2) The Black Point Beach Club Association. Inc. and The Old Black Point communities, those roads delineated on the map/plan attached as **Exhibit B**.
- (3) The Saunders Point community, those roads delineated on the map/plan attached as **Exhibit C**.
- (4) The Giants Neck Heights Community, those roads delineated on the map/plan attached as **Exhibit D**.
- (F) The maps/plans attached as **Exhibits A-D** of Subsection (E) herein shall be filed with the Town Clerk and posted on the Town's website at www.eltownhall.com., and copies thereof available to members of the public.
- (G) Any person who operates a golf cart in violation of any provision of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-300g(a), any insurance requirement established in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-300g(b) or any conditions or limitations established by the Police Commission for the operation of golf carts, shall have committed an infraction and will be subject to the same fine structure of motor vehicles as defined in Connecticut General Statues.







