

Kirkland Golf Cart Community Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can I ride my golf cart anywhere inside Kirkland?

A. Golf cart operations are limited to Village streets ONLY. Hickory Ridge subdivision residents may travel within their subdivision however will not be allowed to travel on IL State Rt. 72 into downtown.

Q. Can I drive my golf cart to The Dollar General?

A. No. Golf cart travel is prohibited while traveling along Main St. (IL State Rt. 72).

Q. Can I drive my golf cart along the railroad tracks to get to Brennan Dr. to get to The Dollar General?

A. No. Any vehicle operating along the RR tracks would be trespassing RR property and will be cited.

Q. How would I get to the Marathon Gas Station if I live South of Main St?

A. Golf carts crossing Main St. will only be allowed to do so at Main and 4th St. You may then travel to the alleyway and then to the gas station.

Q. Who can operate a golf cart?

A. Anyone who is 16 years old or older and has a valid driver's license and has signed a Release.

Q. Can I park my golf cart in a handicap space?

A. If you have a valid handicap decal / hangar you may use it on your golf cart when parking at a handicap space.

Q. Can I operate my golf cart at night?

A. You may, if your golf cart is equipped with the proper equipment per the ordinance.

Q. Do I have to have insurance on my golf cart?

A. Yes. Illinois requires all vehicles operating on any public street to at least carry liability insurance.

Q. I live just outside of Kirkland Village limits; may I drive my golf cart into town from my house?

A. No. The Village of Kirkland has an Ordinance authorizing golf carts to operate on Village Streets ONLY.

Q. Can I park my golf cart on Main St?

A. No. Again, Golf carts are not allowed to be on Main St unless crossing at 4th St.

Q. Can I drive from 5th St onto Main St to get to DeBenedetto's restaurant parking lot?

A. No. You cannot.

Q. Can I drive my golf cart from Country Meadows Subdivision to the downtown area?

A. Yes. S. 1st St (Pearl), from Kennedy Dr to Hortense Dr is considered a Village street.

Q. Is there an age limit for passengers?

A. No. However, the same rules apply to car seats for children in the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Rear Facing- From infant to 1 year old AND at least 20 lbs.

Forward Facing- from 2 to 4 years old weighing 20 to 40 lbs.

Booster Seat from 4 to 8 years old weighing 40 to 80 lbs.

Q. Can I allow my 2 year old to ride on my lap as we drive around town?

A. No. You can't do that in a car so you can't do that on a golf cart.

Q. Can I make a "beer run" with my golf cart?

A. Yes. Provided the driver is not impaired by alcohol or drugs and is not transporting any unsealed alcoholic beverage while doing so.

Q. Can I use my golf cart at Pioneer Park to play Frisbee golf?

A. No. The Ordinance states you can only operate golf carts where vehicular traffic is allowed. Vehicles are not allowed to travel in the grass at Pioneer Park so neither are golf carts.

Q. Can I have a trailer attached to my golf cart?

A. Yes. Provided the trailer has proper lighting and passes inspection.

Q. Does a golf cart trailer need its own registration sticker?

A. No. So as long as the golf cart pulling it is registered.

Q. Can I operate my golf cart in the winter?

A. Yes. However, golf carts are not allowed to be driven during inclement weather.

Q. Can I have accent lighting on my golf cart?

A. No colored lighting other than approved equipment may flash, oscillate or rotate while traveling on village streets.

Q. Does my golf cart need a windshield?

A. No. Provided you have a rear view mirror and it is recommended that the forward facing occupants wear eye protection.

Q. Does the Village offer temporary visitor passes for friends visiting out of town who wish to bring their own golf carts?

A. No. All golf carts must register with the Village before operating them on Village streets.

Q. My 16 year old son has a Graduated Driver's License; can he drive our golf cart on the street?

A. Yes. Provided he has a passenger with a valid DL for more than a year and no other passengers.

Q. Do the backseat passengers need to wear seatbelts?

A. Yes. All occupants of a golf cart traveling on Village streets need to wear seatbelts.

Q. Can I modify my golf carts engine?

A. Yes. But it will need to pass inspection to be determined safe for the road. If the golf cart exceeds a speed limit of 25 mph, has loud exhaust, unsafe swaying, braking or accelerating, etc., it will be denied.

Q. Can I lift my golf cart from the manufacturer's original height?

A. Yes, but only 4" is allowed.

Q. Can I put over-sized tires on my golf cart?

A. Yes, but only sizes approved by the manufacturer.

Q. Where do I go to register my golf cart?

A. To the Village Hall and complete an application.

Q. How does the inspection process work?

A. Once the Kirkland Police Department learns an application was submitted, an Officer will meet you at your residence to inspect your golf cart there.

Q. Do I pay the fee first before the inspection?

A. Yes. However, if your golf cart does not pass inspection, an allotted time will be given to meet Ordinance requirements and if those requirements are not met, a refund will be provided.

Q. If my cousin from out-of-town visits for the weekend, can he drive my golf cart around?

A. Yes. Provided your cousin has a valid DL and signs a Release Waiver.

Q. How could I have my cousin sign a Release Waiver if its past business hours and the Village Hall is closed for the weekend?

A. Contact the Kirkland Police Department @ 815-522-3315 and an Officer will meet him with a Release Waiver at the earliest convenience.

Q. Is there an extra fee for another driver to sign a Release Waiver?

A. No. The fee is for the registration of a single golf cart only.

Q. Can I drive my golf cart on Main St and park to watch the 4th of July parade?

A. Yes. But only once Main St is closed ½ hour before the parade begins. (10:30am)

Q. I have a John Deere Gator utility vehicle; does it qualify as a golf cart?

A. No.