

Regulation for the Operation of Golf Carts on Sachem's Head Association Roads

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-300g of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Guilford Police Commission, acting herein as the duly constituted Traffic Authority of the Town of Guilford, recognizing the status of Sachem's Head Association (SHA) as a municipality within the Town of Guilford, hereby permits the operation of Golf Carts within the confines of the roads of the SHA (defined for purposes of this Regulation as roads and properties south of a line defined by the intersection of Trolley/Old Sachem's Head Road, 405 Colonial Road and the intersection of Vineyard Point Road and West Lane) within the Town of Guilford, in accordance with the terms of this regulation. Further, on the mutual agreement and discretion of the Guilford Police Department and Sachem's Head Association, residents living within the boundaries as described above who are not SHA members may be granted the right to operate a registered golf cart within these boundaries. In that the Sachem's Head Association is a body politic and corporate established by the Connecticut Legislature in 1921, and as amended by Special Act 12-4 in 2021, this Regulation shall not be effective unless and until first accepted and endorsed in writing by the Board of Directors of the Association. This Regulation can be revoked at any time by majority vote of the Town of Guilford Board of Police Commissioners, within the scope of its responsibility as the Local Traffic Authority.
2. Gas or electric golf carts must be equipped with a minimum of four (4) wheels, a locking brake, an operable horn, a main power switch, head and tail lights, tail brake lights, rearview mirror, seatbelts for any rear-facing seats, a flag standing a minimum of 72" measured from the ground that is positioned on the left rear of the cart, and must have a maximum attainable speed of 20 mph. As part of the registration process, the owner shall attest in writing that the cart has not been modified to enable a speed greater than 20 mph. Golf carts must also have a valid registration sticker from the Guilford Police Department affixed to a visible location on the left rear of the golf cart (Please refer to SHA Golf Cart Registration Form for details).
3. All carts driven in the areas mentioned in section 1 above shall be inspected by and registered with the Guilford Police Department upon passage of this Regulation and shall not be driven therein until inspected and registered. Inspections shall be conducted annually, at a time and place mutually agreed between the Association and the Guilford Police Department, with a duly appointed member of the Association in attendance» The Association shall hold the Town of Guilford harmless and shall indemnify same against any claims arising from the inspection services provided. The Guilford Police Department shall establish a registration form and registration sticker for the registration of golf carts and will maintain a record of registrations. The registration shall expire on May 31 of each calendar year. The owner of the golf cart shall at all times meet the following standards to obtain and maintain a valid registration (please refer to SHA Golf Cart Registration Form for details):
 - a. The owner must submit a certificate of insurance covering the golf cart that meets the State of CT 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.
 - b. The golf cart must satisfy the standards of section 2 above. Any golf cart registered hereunder shall be subject to inspection by the Association and the Department upon registration and while registered pursuant to this Regulation.
 - c. The payment of a fee in the amount of \$50 is due for each registration period, payable to the Guilford Police Department. The Department 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. As a condition of issuance of a registration sticker, the owner shall sign an acknowledgement form provided by the Department confirming that the owner has received, read and understands the requirements of this Regulation, is aware of the limitations of the geographical area in which golf carts are permitted and is responsible for making sure that each operator of the golf cart is likewise aware.
4. The following conditions shall apply to the operation of a golf cart:
 - a. Operators must possess a valid Connecticut Motor Vehicle operator's license, proof of insurance, and a valid golf cart registration while driving the carts

b. Operators shall obey all applicable Connecticut and local laws and regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle, including age-dependent laws (i.e. graduated driver's license) and operating under the influence (DUI), and shall be subject to all penalties applicable to violations of said laws and regulations. Golf carts shall not be operated on any street or highway the posted speed limit of which is more than twenty-five miles per hour» Golf carts may be operated during daylight hours only (dawn to dusk).

c. Any person who operates a golf cart in violation of any condition or limitation established for the operation of golf carts by this regulation shall have committed an infraction subject to the fines as set forth in 14-300g Judicial Department Schedule of Fines and shall also be subject to all other fines and penalties set forth in applicable motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut, including operating under the influence (DUI).

d. Unregistered golf carts and golf carts which fail to satisfy the standards of section 2 above, if operated in violation of this Regulation, may be towed and impounded by the Guilford Police Department and fines may be levied by the Town in the same manner applicable to unregistered motor vehicles. The owner of the golf cart shall be responsible for the payment of towing and impound charges.

e. A golf cart registration may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Town of Guilford Chief of Police or their designee.

5. Upon adoption of the Regulation by the Sachem's Head Association and the Town of Guilford Board of Police Commissioners, appropriate signage to delineate the area within which golf carts are authorized to operate will be installed by the Town of Guilford with the cost of signage and installation offset by registration fees as noted above.