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1. **Every low-speed vehicle and golf cart to be operated on a public road or street must be registered with the City of Ocean Springs.** Cost for the registration is twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year, to cover the costs of administration. Upon registration, a decal will be provided; it must be displayed on the left rear fender of the vehicle. The registration shall remain valid for one year and will need to be renewed annually.
2. Golf carts must have parking brakes, head-lights, tail-lights, seat belts, and turn signals.
3. *Low speed vehicles* are defined as carts able to reach or exceed 20 mph; pursuant to federal regulations, such vehicles must have a windshield, brake lights, side reflectors, and rearview mirrors, in addition to the items listed above in #2.
4. Golf carts may be operated ONLY on streets with a speed limit of 30 mph or lower, except when crossing a road with a higher speed limit.
5. On 4-lane roads, the golf cart must use the right lane.
6. Driver's License and Permit laws apply. Unlicensed drivers are NOT permitted to operate a golf cart on public streets.
7. Proof of insurance is required.
8. You must obey all traffic and parking laws. This includes seat belt use by all occupants. Citations, towing, arrest, and other legal enforcement may apply.
9. YES, golf cart operators can be arrested for DUI.
10. Road closures do apply to golf carts. Do not enter areas that are closed to traffic for events, weather, emergency, or any other reason. This includes, but is not limited to, Cruising the Coast and the Peter Anderson Festival.



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