



## GOLF CART PERMIT APPLICATION

525 High Street - Paris, KY 40361  
Phone (859) 987-2110; Fax (859) 987-3653  
**License Fee: \$ 10**

In compliance with City Ordinances, golf carts may be operated on any city owned roadway in the City of Paris. Golf Cards are not permitted in the roadway maintained by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Any person operating a golf cart under city ordinance provisions shall be subject to the traffic regulations of City Ordinance Chapter 40, KRS Chapter 189 and any other state law. Golf carts must be operated by a person with a valid operator's license and in their possession.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Individual(s) Name:	
Phone Number:	
Home Address:	
Social Security Number:	

### DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED, *(attach to application)*

Failure to submit the required documentation may result in the denial of your application.

- ☐ City of Paris Golf Cart Permit Application and Payment of \$10. *(non-refundable)*
- ☐ Proof of Sheriff's Office Inspection
- ☐ Copy of Valid Driver's License

### APPLICATION AGREEMENT - *Applicant agrees to comply with all material respects, applicable laws, rules, regulations, and provisions as stated.*

1. **Permit Application Fee:** A \$10.00 fee is due at the time of application submission. Please note that after the initial application, the \$10.00 fee will recur annually.
2. **City Ordinance Acknowledgment:** I have read and will comply with City Ordinance [Chapter 40.900](#) through 40.999.
3. **KRS Compliance:** I will comply with the Kentucky Revised Statutes [\(KRS\) Chapter 189](#) as stated in City Ordinance.
4. **Failure to Comply:** Failure to comply with City Ordinances, and KRS compliance may result in revocation of Golf Cart permit.

## COMPLAINEE

1. The golf cart displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with [KRS 189.820](#)
2. Insured in compliance with [KRS 304.39-080](#) by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the golf cart at all times of operation on a public roadway.
3. Be operated only between sunrise and sunset.
4. Be operated by a person with a valid operator's license in his or her possession.

## INSPECTOR REQUIREMENTS

Take this application to the Bourbon County Sheriff's Office for inspection and then return to the City of Paris for the golf cart permit that is required to be displayed to identify that the golf cart is allowed to be operated on the City of Paris streets designated by City Ordinance.

*Note:* The Sheriff is authorized by [KRS 189.286\(3\)\(c\)](#) to charge an inspection fee not exceed five dollars (\$5) with an additional fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) per trip charged if it becomes necessary for the certified inspector to travel to the site of the golf cart rather than having the golf cart brought to the sheriff's inspection area.

Permit is not valid until requirements have been satisfied, and until the signatures are affixed below. Bourbon County Sheriff Inspection Number Inspector's.

Bourbon County Sheriff Inspector Signature:		Inspection Number:	
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***I certify that all the information on this application is true and correct.***

Name of Applicant:		Signature:		Date:	
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Payment options are cash, check, or money order payable to the City of Paris.

Return application, supporting documentation, and payment to:

The City of Paris  
525 High Street  
Paris, KY 40361  
Attn: City Clerk

*The City Manager hereby conditionally approves a Golf Cart Permit for the above applicant. The permit may be revoked at any time if applicant fails to maintain requirements set forth.*

Account Number:		City Manager Signature:		Date:	
Notes:					

## ARTICLE X. GOLF CARTS

### § 40.900 DEFINITIONS

As used in this article, the term "GOLF CART" means any self-propelled vehicle that:

- (A) Is designed for the transportation of players or maintaining equipment on a golf course, while engaged in the playing of golf, supervising the play of golf, or maintaining the condition of the grounds on a golf course;
- (B) Has a minimum of four (4) wheels;
- (C) Is designed to operate at a speed of not more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour;
- (D) Is designed to carry not more than six (6) persons, including the driver;
- (E) Has a maximum gross vehicle weight of two thousand five hundred (2,500) pounds;
- (F) Has a maximum rated payload capacity of one thousand two hundred (1,200) pounds; and
- (G) Is equipped with the following:
  - (1) Headlamps;
  - (2) Tail lamps;
  - (3) Stop lamps;
  - (4) Front and rear turn signals;
  - (5) One (1) red reflex reflector on each side as far to the rear as practicable and one (1) red reflex reflector on the rear;
  - (6) An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror;
  - (7) A parking brake;
  - (8) For each designated seating position, a seatbelt assembly that conforms to the federal motor vehicle safety standard provided in 49 C.F.R. sec. 571.209; and
  - (9) A horn that meets the requirements of KRS 189.080.

(Ord. 2011-4, passed 7-26-11; Am. Ord. 2019-12, passed 9-10-19)

### § 40.901 STREETS DESIGNATED FOR GOLF CART USE.

In compliance with § 40.902, golf carts may be operated on any roadway in the City of Paris whose speed limits are twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less, excepting any roadway maintained by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and those portions of any other roadways that cross a state-maintained highway on which the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has determined that the prohibition of the use of golf carts is necessary in the interest of public safety.

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### § 40.902 REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION.

In order to be operated on such designated city streets, a golf cart shall:

- (A) Meet all the requirements for a golf cart defined in KRS 189.286(1)(a), as may be amended;
- (B) Be issued a permit for the golf cart by the city at a cost of ten dollars (\$10.00) per golf cart permit application;
- (C) Display a sticker or permit that identifies that the golf cart is allowed to be operated on specific roadways within the city;
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- (E) The golf cart displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820;
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**Cross reference:**

*Penalty for violation, see § 40.999*

**§ 40.903 OPERATING SUBJECT TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.**

Any person operating a golf cart under the provisions of this article shall be subject to the traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189 and any other state law.

(Ord. 2011-4, passed 7-26-11; Am. Ord. 2019-12, passed 9-10-19)

**§ 40.904 EXEMPTIONS.**

A golf cart operating under the provisions of this article is not considered to be a motor vehicle and is exempt from:

- (A) Title requirements of KRS 186.020;
- (B) Vehicle registration requirements of KRS 186.050; and
- (C) Emissions compliance certificates pursuant to KRS 224.20-720.

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**§ 40.905 APPLICABILITY OF GOLF CARTS ON A GOLF COURSE.**

The provisions of this article shall not apply to a golf cart that is not used on a public roadway except to cross a roadway while following a golf cart path on a golf course.

(Ord. 2011-4, passed 7-26-11; Am. Ord. 2019-12, passed 9-10-19)

**§ 40.999 PENALTY**

(A) Anyone who violates the provisions of §40.500 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

(KRS 189.378)

(B) (1) (a) *Nonpayment within thirty (30) days.* If the applicable fine as set out in § 40.700, is not paid within thirty (30) days from the date shown on the violation ticket, the minimum fine shall be increased by doubling the cost shown and shall subject the violator to citation, summons, and prosecution.

(b) Upon conviction, the offender shall be subject to a fine of not less than twice the applicable fine listed in §40.700.

(1976 Code, §§ 15-50, 15-52; Am. Ord. 89-9, passed 4-11-89; Am. Ord. 2024-3, passed 3-26-24)

(C) Anyone who violates the provisions of this chapter for which no other penalty is specifically provided shall be punished by a fine not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve (12) months or by such fine and imprisonment.

(Ord. 97-27, passed 10-28-97)

(D) (1) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of §§40.800 through 40.802 shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense.

(2) If any person commits a third or subsequent violation of §§40.800 through 40.802, the skateboard used by such person in the violation shall be forfeited to the city and disposed of in the manner prescribed by law for forfeited property as ordered by the Bourbon District Court.

(Ord. 2009-5, passed 5-26-09)

(E) Any person violating the provisions of §§40.900 through 40.904 shall, upon conviction of a first offense, be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Any person convicted of a subsequent violation of §§ 40.900 through 40.904 within two (2) years of a prior conviction under §§ 40.900 through 40.904, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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(Ord. 2011-4, passed 7-26-11)

**189.286 Local government may permit operation of golf cart on public roadway -- Ordinance -- Qualifications for operation -- Exemption from title, registration, and emissions compliance requirements -- Preemption by Transportation Cabinet.**

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  - i. A horn that meets the requirements of KRS 189.080; and

(b) "Local government" means a city, county, charter county government, urban-county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, or special district.

(2) The governing body of a local government may authorize and regulate the operation of a golf cart on any public roadway under its jurisdiction if the local government adopts an ordinance specifying each roadway that is open for golf cart use.

(3) An ordinance created under subsection (2) of this section shall require that a golf cart operated on a designated public roadway:

- (a) Be issued a permit for the golf cart by the local government;
  - (b) Display a sticker or permit that identifies that the golf cart is allowed to be operated on specific roadways within the local government; and
  - (c) Be inspected by a certified inspector designated by the county sheriff and certified through the Department of Vehicle Regulation to ensure that the golf cart complies with the requirements of this section. The inspection fee under this paragraph shall not exceed five dollars (\$5) with an additional fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10) per trip charged if it becomes necessary for the certified inspector to travel to the site of the golf cart rather than having the golf cart brought to the sheriff's inspection area.
- (4) A person may operate a golf cart on a public roadway pursuant to subsection (2) of this section if:
  - (a) The posted speed limit of the designated public roadway is thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less;
  - (b) The operator of the golf cart does not cross a roadway at an intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour;
  - (c) The operator has a valid operator's license in his or her possession; and
  - (d) The golf cart displays a slow-moving vehicle emblem in compliance with KRS 189.820.
- (5) A golf cart operating on a public roadway under subsection (2) of this section shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the golf cart at all times of operation on a public roadway.
- (6) Any person operating a golf cart on a public roadway under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189.
- (7) A golf cart operating on a public roadway designated by a local government under subsection (2) of this section is not considered to be motor a vehicle and is exempt from:
  - (a) Title requirements of KRS 186.020;
  - (b) Vehicle registration requirements of KRS 186.050; and
  - (c) Emissions compliance certificates pursuant to KRS 224.20-720.
- (8) A local government may adopt more stringent local ordinances governing golf cart safety equipment and operation than specified in this section.
- (9) The Transportation Cabinet may prohibit the operation of a golf cart on a public roadway designated under subsection (2) of this section that crosses a state-maintained highway under its jurisdiction if it determines that such prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety.
- (10) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a golf cart that is not used on a public roadway except to cross a roadway while following a golf cart path on a golf course.

**Effective:** July 15, 2020

**History:** Amended 2020 Ky. Acts ch. 34, sec. 1, effective July 15, 2020. -- Amended 2019 Ky. Acts ch. 13, sec. 1, effective June 27, 2019. -- Amended 2010 Ky. Acts ch. 53, sec. 1, effective July 15, 2010. -- Created 2008 Ky. Acts ch. 106, sec. 1, effective July 15, 2008.