

Golf Cart Operation in Triple Crown – Approval Process

The Boone County Fiscal Court has enacted an ordinance to allow citizens to request the approval for the operation of golf carts on certain county roads as permitted by state statute (KRS 189.286). The Triple Crown subdivision is the first in Boone County to complete the process and have its roadways approved for the operation of golf carts. All roadways within Triple Crown have been approved **with the exception of the section of Triple Crown Boulevard from Sir Barton Drive to Richwood Road AND from the intersection of Secretariat Run/Masters Drive to Frogtown Road**. A resource guide for this new ordinance, including all requirements and list of approved roadways is available on the County Website (Boonecountyky.org) by clicking on the “Residents Icon” on the homepage and the “Golf Carts on County Roads” tab on the left side of the Resident’s page.

To be operated on an approved roadway, the golf cart must include all safety equipment required by state law, be inspected by the Boone County Sheriff’s Department and be permitted by the County. This is a simple process!

1. Ensure that the cart has all required safety equipment (Listed in the state statute, County ordinance and the county website) including a. Headlamps; b. Tail lamps; c. Stop Lamps; d. Front and rear turn signals; e. One (1) red reflex reflector on each side as far to rear as practicable, and one (1) red reflex reflector on the rear; f. 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; g. A parking brake; h. 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 i. A horn that meets the requirements of KRS 189.080;
2. Complete an inspection of the cart by the Boone County Sheriff’s Department. Carts must be inspected by the vehicle inspector located in the County Clerk’s Office at the Boone County Administration Building or by requesting an inspector to come to your home. Inspections have a fee of \$5 (cash) paid to the inspector if completed at the Administration Building or \$15 (cash) if done at the home. Inspections can be requested at the home by contacting the Boone County Sheriff’s Office at 859-334-2175 during business hours or the non-emergency dispatch contact at 859-371-1234 after hours. **Please note that the citizen should print the inspection form and have it ready for the inspection. Inspectors do not carry forms. (Form is available on the county website);**
3. Submit a golf cart permit application (available on-line) and the completed/approved inspection form to the Boone County Building Department located on the 3rd floor of the Boone County administration Building in Burlington. There is no charge for the permit and it is valid for the life of the cart. If a golf cart that has a permit is sold, the seller should submit a transfer form to the Building Department. Permit applications may be submitted beginning March 1, 2020.

In order to help make this process as easy as possible, the Boone County Sheriff, Boone County Fiscal Court and Triple Crown Country Club have teamed up to offer on-site inspections and permit submission right at the Triple Crown Country Club. County inspectors and staff will be available in the Club’s parking lot on March 21 from 9am -1pm and on April 4 from 8am-10am to perform inspections and assign permits. Please bring the cart, the inspection form, \$5 inspection fee (cash) and permit application.

To ensure that carts are operated safely and legally, please note that golf carts must meet all safety requirements contained within the state statute and county ordinance. All requirements are available on the County website. Some important elements to note include:

1. Cart must be equipped with all safety equipment as required by state law;
2. County Permit must be displayed on the bottom, driver's side of the cart's windshield;
3. Only be operated by a person with a valid driver's license in the operator's possession.
4. Be insured with proof of insurance in cart in compliance with state law;
5. Display slow moving emblem on golf cart as required by state law;
6. Only be operated between sunrise and sunset on county roads approved by Fiscal Court;
7. Not be operated on sidewalks or multi-use paths;
8. Must abide by all traffic regulations of KRS Chapter 189.

For additional information or questions, please visit the County Website or contact the Boone County Sheriff's Department Traffic Unit.