

Hancock County Sheriff's Office

Golf Cart Inspections

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office will **begin** inspection of street-worthy golf carts on **June 1st, 2015**. Ohio Law allows the Sheriff to authorize such licensing in each county, as long as equipment standards are met on each vehicle. **To be street legal, golf carts must have headlights, brake lights, tail lights, turn signals, windshield, horn, rearview mirror, license plate light, and not capable of traveling over 20 mph. An Ohio operator's license is required to operate the golf cart. There has to be a seat belt for every occupant on the golf cart, children must utilize child restraint seats as required by the Ohio Revised Code, and proof of insurance must be presented at time of inspection.**

Carts must be **inspected by qualified personnel at the Hancock County Sheriff's Office**. This service will be provided **for a \$10 charge** to all Hancock County residents who seek to operate their golf cart in unincorporated, residential areas of the county. Individuals must bring the cart to the Justice Center at 200 West Crawford Street, **Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, or on **Saturday by appointment**. Each golf cart that passes inspection will be authorized to purchase a title and registration from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, along with Ohio license plates to make their golf cart street legal. These plates must be affixed to the front and rear of the golf cart. Golf carts that become licensed will be restricted to roadways that are not divided highways. Personnel from Hancock County Sheriff's Office will be at 200 West Crawford Street, Monday through Friday, from 0800 hours to 1600 hours and by appointment on Saturdays. **The Saturday appointments can be made by calling the dispatch center at 419-422-2426.**

For a detailed list of legal mandates that are necessary for licensing, safety equipment and more information, refer to Ohio Revised Code Section 4503.10 and 4501:2-1. All carts presented for inspection must meet those standards set forth before being considered for inspection. For questions not answered there, please contact Lt. Cris Bell at 419-424-7224.

This inspection process does not apply to ATV's (All - Terrain vehicles) or UTV's (Utility Terrain Vehicle), only golf carts USV (under speed vehicle less than 20 M.P.H) types.

Golf Cart drivers also are **required** to follow the same rules as other drivers. For example, DUI laws and insurance laws apply to anyone driving a golf cart on public roads.

PAYMENT: \$10.00 EXACT CHANGE or LOCAL CHECK

GOLF CART -UNDERSPEED VEHICLE INSPECTION SHEET REPORT #

NAME		PHONE #		DATE
ADDRESS		PO BOX	STATE	ZIP CODE
GOLF CART MAKE	YEAR	MODEL	VIN	

INITIALS	Requires a valid drivers license for ANY operation of MOTOR VEHICLE on public or private property	OHIO REVISED CODE 4510.12
INITIALS	One seat belt per occupant of the cart	OHIO REVISED CODE 4511.263
INITIALS	A child safety seat installed to manufacturer specifications for any occupant under the age of four or under 40 pounds in weight	OHIO REVISED CODE 4511.81
INITIALS	A child booster seat installed to manufacturer specifications for any occupant between the ages of four and eight or under 4'9" in height	OHIO REVISED CODE 4511.81
Y / N	Must show proof of insurance on said Golf Cart	OHIO REVISED CODE 4509.101
Y / N	Must be equipped with rear tail light (Only one is required)	OHIO REVISED CODE 4513.05
Y / N	Must have light to illuminate license plate and make license plate legible from a distance of 50 feet	OHIO REVISED CODE 4513.05
Y / N	Must have at least one working brake light	OHIO REVISED CODE 4513.071
Y / N	Must have two headlights	OHIO REVISED CODE 4513.04
Y / N	Must have horn	OHIO REVISED CODE 4513.21
Y / N	Must have a rear view mirror	OHIO REVISED CODE 4513.23
Y / N	Must have a windshield (glass or safety glass)	OHIO REVISED CODE 4513.24
Y / N	Must have directional signals	OHIO REVISED CODE 4513.261
Y / N	Must have brackets for mounting two license plates (front and rear)	OHIO REVISED CODE 4503.21