

## ARTICLE 17

### Regulation for the Use of Golf Carts

**State law reference-**Municipal regulation of golf carts on streets, roads, and highways, G.S. 160A-300.6.

#### Section 7.191 Policy statement.

This ordinance is adopted in the interest of public safety. Golf carts, hereinafter "golf cart(s)" or "cart(s)" are not designed or manufactured to be used on public streets and roads, hereinafter "street(s)," and the Town of Mayodan in no way advocates or endorses their operation on streets. The town, by regulating such operation, is merely addressing safety issues. This ordinance is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on streets is safe or advisable even if done in accordance with this ordinance. All persons operating golf carts must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. All persons who operate or ride carts on streets inside the Town of Mayodan do so at their own risk and peril. The Town of Mayodan has no liability under any theory of liability, for permitting carts to be operated on streets under legislation enacted by the State Legislature but governed by this Ordinance. (Code 1975, § 7.191, amended August 10, 2020)

#### Section 7.192 Operation on public streets rules and regulations.

It is unlawful to operate a golf cart on a public street or road within the Town unless a permit has been issued by the Mayodan Police Department as set forth below and the following rules and regulations are followed:

- (a) Golf carts operated on the public streets in the Town of Mayodan shall be only electric powered carts; it is unlawful to operate a cart at a speed in excess of 15 m.p.h. regardless of the posted street speed limit.
- (b) The operator and owner of a cart operated on the public streets in the Town of Mayodan take full responsibility for all liabilities associated with operating the cart.
- (c) All golf cart operators must possess a valid driver's license.
- (d) Carts may only be operated on the public streets in the Town of Mayodan during daylight hours.
- (e) Carts may be driven on all the public streets within the corporate limits of the Town of Mayodan where the speed limit is 35 miles per

hour or less, except golf carts may not be operated on public streets in satellite annexed areas of Mayodan.

(f) Required equipment: all carts operated on the public streets in the Town of Mayodan must have the following functioning equipment or accessories:

(1) Properly functioning headlight(s), consisting of a clear or white bulb/cover(s). Headlights must remain on during all times of cart operation.

(2) Properly functioning brake lights (rear each side) consisting of a red covered bulb.

(3) Rearview mirrors.

(g) Any person who operates a cart on the streets in the Town of Mayodan must adhere to all applicable State laws that apply to normal vehicle operation, including stop signs, stop lights, one-way streets, etc. Golf carts will adhere to all traffic flow patterns, and will operate on the right side of the roadway. Cart drivers must yield the right-of-way to overtaking vehicles, at all times. Golf carts shall not be operated on private property without the permission and consent of the property owner. All alcohol laws will apply.

(h) Occupancy/Occupants

(1) The maximum occupancy of a cart traveling on streets will be one person per seat or two people per bench seat.

(2) Children must be properly seated while cart is in motion and may not be transported in a negligent manner.

(3) No passenger is permitted to stand while golf cart is in operation.

(4) No individuals or objects may be pulled by golf carts.

(i) Carts are not allowed to be driven on any sidewalks.

(j) Carts are only allowed to park in handicapped parking spaces if the driver or at least one passenger has a valid handicap parking sticker.

(k) All carts operated on the streets must have a valid permit sticker issued by the Mayodan Police Department. A registration fee of \$35.00 per cart per year will be charged by the Mayodan Police Department for the permit sticker. The Mayodan Police Department may refuse to issue and/or revoke any permit sticker from any cart at any time for any reason that the Department determines appropriate to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of the Town of Mayodan. Permits will be issued annually and are valid for a period of twelve (12) months beginning July 1 of the year of issuance and ending June 30 of the following year.

(l) Golf cart owners must complete a registration form approved by the Town and receive a permit to operate a golf cart in the Town of Mayodan. The completed forms will be maintained by the Mayodan Police Department. The Mayodan Police Department will issue a permit sticker that must be attached to driver's side of the cart. The Mayodan Police Department shall conduct an inspection of all carts when application for permit and renewal of permit is requested.  
(Code 1975, § 7.192, amended August 10, 2020)

**Section 7.193 Mandatory liability insurance coverage.**

Any person who operates a golf cart is responsible for procuring liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$50,000 and must provide proof of such insurance to the Mayodan Police Department annually.  
(Code 1975, § 7.193)

**Section 7.194 Enforcement.**

Any act constituting a violation of this Ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall constitute an infraction in accordance with Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the maximum penalty for which shall be fifty (\$50.00) dollars. Repeat offenders may have the privileges granted by this Ordinance revoked by the Mayodan Police Department.  
(Code 1975, § 7.194, amended August 10, 2020)

**Section 7.195 Decisions of police department final.**

The Mayodan Police Department's interpretation of the above rules and regulations are conclusive.  
(Code 1975, § 7.195)

**Sections 7.196 through 7.200 reserved.**