
HOUSE BILL 2219

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1 AN ACT Relating to golf cart zones established by cities or
2 counties; and amending RCW 46.08.175.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.08.175 and 2010 c 217 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The legislative authority of a city or county may by ordinance
7 or resolution create a golf cart zone, for the purposes of permitting
8 the incidental operation of golf carts, as defined in RCW 46.04.1945,
9 upon a street or highway of this state having a speed limit of twenty-
10 five miles per hour or less. The ordinance or resolution may include
11 provisions deemed necessary by the legislative authority for the
12 regulation and safe operation of golf carts used on streets and
13 highways within the zone, even if the provisions are more restrictive
14 than the requirements of this section.

15 (2) Every person operating a golf cart as authorized under this
16 section is granted all rights and is subject to all duties applicable
17 to the driver of a vehicle under chapter 46.61 RCW.

18 (3) Every person operating a golf cart as authorized under this

1 section must be at least sixteen years of age and must have completed
2 a driver education course or have previous experience driving as a
3 licensed driver.

4 (4) A person who has a revoked license under RCW 46.20.285 may not
5 operate a golf cart as authorized under this section.

6 (5) The legislative authority of a city or county may prohibit any
7 person from operating a golf cart as authorized under this section at
8 any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise.

9 (6) The legislative authority of a city or county may require a
10 decal or other identifying device to be displayed on golf carts
11 authorized on the streets and highways of this state under this
12 section. The city or county may charge a fee for the decal or other
13 identifying device.

14 (7) The legislative authority of a city or county may prohibit the
15 operation of golf carts in designated bicycle lanes that are within a
16 golf cart zone.

17 (8) Golf carts must be equipped with reflectors, seat belts, and
18 rearview mirrors when operated upon streets and highways as authorized
19 under this section.

20 (9) A city or county that creates a golf cart zone under this
21 section must clearly identify the zone by placing signage at the
22 beginning and end of the golf cart zone on a street or road that is
23 part of the golf cart zone. The signage must be in compliance with the
24 department of transportation's manual on uniform traffic control
25 devices for streets and highways.

26 (10) Accidents that involve golf carts operated upon streets and
27 highways as authorized under this section must be recorded and tracked
28 in compliance with chapter 46.52 RCW. The accident report must
29 indicate that a golf cart operating within a golf cart zone is involved
30 in the accident.

31 (11) This section must be liberally construed to effectuate its
32 purposes.

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