

## ALL PATH USERS

Only the following may use Peachtree City's multi-use paths:

- Pedestrians
- Non-motorized vehicles
- Roller skates, roller blades & skateboards (daylight only)
- Registered golf carts (cannot exceed 20 mph)
- Registered LSMVs in mode restricting vehicle speed to 20 mph or less (An LSMV is a four-wheeled electric vehicle whose top speed is between 20 mph and 25 mph and complies with federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles).
- Emergency and authorized maintenance vehicles
- Bicycles (traditional and electric)
- Wheelchairs (conventional and electric)
- Electric vehicles designed to carry one person at a speed of 20 mph or less, except as prohibited below.
- Registered electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMDs).

### The following are strictly prohibited:

- Automobiles & trucks (except authorized maintenance and emergency vehicles)
- Motorcycles, motorized street/trail bikes, mini-bikes, and mopeds
- Horses
- Go-carts
- Unregistered golf carts, LSMVs and EPAMDs
- Electric or gasoline powered scooters
- Motorized play vehicles (coaster, scooter, pocket bike, and any other motorized vehicle that is not a golf cart, LSMV, EPAMD, electric bicycle, or motorized wheelchair).
- Any vehicle designed to go faster than 20 mph (except as permitted above)

## PATH RULES

- **No racing** of any form, except for special events approved by the city.
- No blocking of public access, except for special events approved by the city.
- **No loitering** on bridges or in underpasses.
- Normal rules of the road apply to the recreation paths. For instance, when approaching oncoming path users, each user shall move to his right side of the path. Passing shall be on the left side of the path.
- **Pedestrians should be given right of way** by other users of the paths to ensure them safe passage.
- An **audible warning** is required from operators of golf carts, bicyclists, and skaters when approaching pedestrians from the rear.
- All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol, including open container laws and driving under the influence (DUI), that apply to traffic on the streets also apply to the paths and will be strictly enforced.
- Litter must be deposited in receptacles along the paths or retained for proper disposal later. Littering on the paths is subject to fines and penalties twice that for littering on the streets.

## PETS & PATH COURTESY

- Make sure animals are properly restrained. Normally well-behaved pets can be frightened by golf carts, bicycles, or rollerblades and react unpredictably
- Clean up after pets along the paths, and do not let pets relieve themselves on private property. Please extend the same courtesy to property owners adjacent to the paths you would expect on your property.
- Make sure pets on extendable leashes are not blocking the path for other users.
- Pet owners can be held legally and civilly liable for any injuries caused by their pet.

## GOLF CART RULES

### Cart Registration Required

All carts must be registered at City Hall (770-487-7657) within 10 days of the date of purchase.

### Carts may ONLY be driven by:

- Persons age 16 or older with or without drivers license (unless license has been suspended or revoked)
- Persons 15 years old with a valid learners permit (unless suspended or revoked) in their possession. If unaccompanied by a parent/grandparent, or person 18 or older, they may drive accompanied by up to one other person who must be at least 15 years old, or may be accompanied by up to 3 immediate family members.
- Persons 15 years old with NO learners permit must be accompanied in the front seat by a parent, grandparent, legal guardian, or a person age 18 or older with a valid drivers license.
- Persons 12, 13 & 14 years old must be accompanied in the front seat by a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian.
- **No person under 12 years of age may drive a cart.**

## VIOLATIONS

- Violations of the Golf Cart Ordinance, including reckless driving, underage operation, and dangerous situations should be reported immediately by dialing **9-1-1**. The non-emergency number for the Police Department is 770-487-8866 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM).
- Violations on a golf cart can affect a teen's ability to obtain a driver's license.
- Persons with no driver's license convicted of a DUI on a golf cart will be prohibited from operating a golf cart.

## GOLF CART SAFETY

- Operate carts with the same caution as a car. Golf cart owners can be held criminally and civilly liable for acts committed on their carts. Violations on a golf cart can affect a drivers' license.
- Remain seated while cart is in motion.
- No one may sit in the driver's lap while cart is in motion.
- Young children should sit flat in the seat and wear safety helmets to avoid injury from falling or being thrown from the cart.
- All operators must abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic.
- **Slow down** when approaching other path users, curves, or intersections.
- Use caution when crossing streets or driveways. **Stop** cart if autos are approaching.
- Use **HORN** or other audible signal when approaching pedestrians from behind -- electric carts can injure pedestrians.
- Where cart paths exist they must be used instead of parallel city streets (excluding private golf course paths).
- Carts driven at night must be equipped with functional headlights and tail lights.
- Carts are not allowed on or across Hwy 54, Hwy 74, Peachtree Pkwy, or Crosstown Road except at authorized crossings.

## MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES

- **Prohibited** on all public property (streets, sidewalks, parks, parking lots, paths, etc.).
- **Permitted** on private residential property with property owner's permission. HOAs may regulate on common property. **NOTE:** Cannot cause excessive or offensive noise, disturb the peace, or cause annoyance.
- **Permitted** on private commercial/ industrial property if inaccessible to normal pedestrian/vehicle traffic (warehouse, fenced parking lot with locked gate, etc.), with written permission of the owner/agent.

## ADDITIONAL LSMV RULES

- All LSMVs must be registered with the Fayette County Tag Office.
- All LSMVs must be insured per state law.
- Only persons possessing a valid license may operate an LSMV.
- To operate on the paths, an LSMV must have a setting that does not allow the vehicle to exceed 20 mph and operate in that mode at all times on the paths.
- No LSMV shall be permitted to operate on any street of which the posted speed limit exceeds 35 miles per hour. Except as prohibited above, LSMVs shall be permitted to cross over streets of which the posted speed limit exceeds 35 miles per hour.

## ADDITIONAL EPAMD RULES

- Only persons possessing a valid driver's license, or in lieu of a driver's license, persons who are at least 18 years of age and older may operate EPAMDs on city paths.
- EPAMDs shall be equipped with reflectors and, if used at night, must be equipped with a headlight.
- EPAMDs may not be operated at a speed greater than 7 mph on any path or sidewalk, or 15 mph on any other city right of way.
- EPAMDs cannot be operated with more than a single user at any time.

## GOLF CART INSURANCE

Most homeowner insurance policies do not cover golf carts off the homeowner's property. This can be a significant liability to golf cart owners involved in accidents. Golf cart insurance is inexpensive and offered by local insurance companies. Golf cart owners are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to obtain liability insurance.



# GOLF CART AND RECREATION PATH INFORMATION

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