

Permit Process **for Golf Carts**

Golf carts operated on public streets within the golf cart transportation plan are required to have a valid City of Lincoln Permit.

Golf cart permit applications are available on the City of Lincoln Website or can be obtained from the Lincoln Police Department or at the Sun City Orchard Creek Lodge. The application process includes resident information, a checklist of vehicle equipment requirements, valid driver's license, proof of insurance and a \$50 permit fee.

Golf carts are inspected by the Lincoln Police Department to verify they comply with the requirements of the California Vehicle Code. Registration events are held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Orchard Creek Lodge in SCLH between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Golf cart permits and inspection certificates are valid through the end of the year listed on the permit.

Lincoln Police Department
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Lincoln, CA 95648
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More information on the permit process, to download the application, or to obtain NEV and Golf Cart maps, visit the City of Lincoln website at www.Lincolnca.gov

Or the Lincoln Police Department website at www.LincolnPD.org

For questions pertaining to the law and operation of NEV's or Golf Carts, please contact the LPD at 916-645-4040

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GOLF CARTS



NEVs



They may look similar, but they are not the same!



How are they the same?

Drivers are required to have a valid driver's license.

All drivers and passengers are required to wear a seat belt during operation. (CVC 27315)

Child safety seats or booster seats are required for passengers who would be required to use them in a car. (CVC 27360)

Both require proof of insurance to operate on city streets.

Differences:

Where they can operate. NEV's are allowed on any roadway with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less and in approved NEV lanes.

Golf Carts are limited to private gated communities or public roads only within the Golf Cart Transportation Plan area.

NEV's can act as a golf cart, but a golf cart cannot act as an NEV.

NEV's meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Golf carts do not.

NEV's are required to be registered with the DMV and have license plates.



NEV's

Manufactured as NEV with a 17 digit VIN (vehicle identification number) and must have DMV issued license plates.

Can only be used on roadways with speed limits of 35 mph or less unless there is an NEV lane.

Must meet CVC (California Vehicle Code) standards as a motor vehicle with such equipment as:

Safety glazed windshield (26704 VC), Windshield wipers (CVC 26706 (a) VC), Mirrors (CVC 26709(a) VC), Lap seat belts (CVC 27314 (c) VC), DOT tires (CVC 27501(b) VC) Headlights (CVC 24400), Stop lamps (CVC 24603(d) VC), Turn signals (CVC 24951(b)(1) VC), Tail lamps (CVC 24600(d) VC)

Golf Carts

Can only be operated on roads within the Golf Cart Transportation Plan (GCTP). (CVC 21115)

Required to have a City of Lincoln permit to operate on city roadways within the golf cart transportation plan.

Cannot cross a street with a posted speed limit greater than 45 mph. (CVC 21115.1)

Cannot travel more than 15 mph. (CVC 345)

Cannot be equipped to transport more than two (2) people to include the driver. (CVC 345)

Cannot be modified to become an NEV. (CVC 385.5 & 580)

Must weigh less than 1,300 lbs.

Must be designed to carry golf equipment. (CVC 345)



CA Vehicle Code requires that Golf Carts and NEV's which are operated on public roadways follow rules of the road and all laws pertaining to the operation of vehicles to include possession of a valid drivers license and insurance.

