

Why do I see golf carts on the highway?

Answer: The owner has registered their golf cart as a low-speed vehicle. NC General Statute 20-4.01(27)(g) defines a low-speed vehicle as a four-wheeled electric vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but less than 25 miles per hour. NC General Statute 20-121.1 regulates the operation of low-speed vehicles on certain roadways to include:

- * When the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less
- * When the vehicle is equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, windshield wipers, speedometer, seat belts, and a vehicle identification number.
- * A low-speed vehicle shall be required to carry liability insurance
- * A low-speed vehicle shall be required to be registered with the Division of Motor Vehicles