

Golf Cart Codified Laws

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32-14-14. Ordinance permitting golf carts on highway within platted boundaries-- Requirements--Permit--Fee.

Notwithstanding § [32-14-15](#), any municipality or township with an unincorporated town may adopt, by ordinance, traffic regulations permitting the use of golf carts on a highway within its platted boundaries. The ordinance shall require that the golf cart is insured and the person operating the golf cart in the municipality or unincorporated town to hold a driver license and to obtain a permit from the authority having jurisdiction. The municipality or township may charge a fee for the permit. The ordinance may also require the golf cart to display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in accordance with § [32-15-20](#) or a white or amber warning light in accordance § [32-17-46](#).

Source: [SL 2010, ch 164](#), § 2; [SL 2014, ch 48](#), § 20; [SL 2017, ch 138](#), § 1.

32-14-15 (See amendment below). Golf cart--Limited operation crossing highway-- Violation as misdemeanor.

Except as provided in § [32-14-15.1](#), no person may operate a golf cart on a state or county highway except for crossing from one side of the highway to the other. A golf cart may cross the highway at a right angle, but only after stopping and yielding the right-of-way to all approaching traffic and crossing as closely as possible to an intersection or approach. The operation of a golf cart on a state or county highway in a manner not permitted by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Source: [SL 2010, ch 164](#), § 3; [SL 2023, ch 104](#), § 1.

32-14-15.1. Golf cart--Limited operation on highway.

Any person may operate a golf cart on a state or county highway if the posted speed limit is twenty-five miles per hour or less. Nothing in this section relieves golf cart operators of any statutory requirements associated with motor vehicle operation within this state.

Source: [SL 2023, ch 104](#), § 2.

Chapter 104 (House Bill 1215)

An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the operation of a golf cart on a state or county highway.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 32-14-15 be AMENDED:

32-14-15. No Except as provided in section 2 of this Act, no person may operate a golf cart on a state or county highway except for crossing from one side of the highway to the other. A golf cart may cross the highway at a right angle, but only after stopping and yielding the right-of-way to all approaching traffic and crossing as closely as possible to an intersection or approach. The operation of a golf cart on a state or county highway in a manner not permitted by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Section 2. That chapter 32-14 be amended with a NEW SECTION:

Any person may operate a golf cart on a state or county highway if the posted speed limit is twenty-five miles per hour or less. Nothing in this section relieves golf cart operators of any statutory requirements associated with motor vehicle operation within this state.

Signed March 8, 2023