

The University of Oklahoma Norman Campus
GOLF CART AND SMALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES POLICY

I. POLICY OVERVIEW

The purpose of this policy is to establish the use of golf carts and small motorized vehicles on the OU campus for the purpose of maintaining a safe, accessible campus for the university community and protecting landscaping and facilities.

II. ALLOWABLE USE

Generally, use of golf carts and small motorized vehicles (vehicles) on the University of Oklahoma campus is restricted to those vehicles that are owned, leased or rented by the University of Oklahoma and operated by University of Oklahoma employees.

III. EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to allowable use include the following:

- A. Golf carts rented or owned by customers of the University of Oklahoma's Jimmie Austin Golf Club (Club) used in accordance with Club policies.
- B. Golf carts or small motorized vehicles used by faculty, staff or students with a physical disability requiring use of such a vehicle.
- C. Golf carts or small motorized vehicles operated by official contractors of OU and approved by either Architectural and Engineering Services or Facilities Management.

IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR USE

- A. All golf carts and small motorized vehicles used temporarily or continuously on the OU campus must be registered at least annually with OU Parking and Transit.
- B. Users of golf carts or small motorized vehicles must abide by Rules for Use of Golf Carts and Small Motorized Vehicles on the OU Campus which is available from OU Parking and Transit at the time of registration. Failure to abide by these rules may result in loss of privileges.
- C. This policy incorporates by reference all University of Oklahoma policies.

V. LIMITATIONS

The University of Oklahoma reserves the right to restrict the use of golf carts and small motorized vehicles at any time.

Rules for Use of Golf Carts and Small Motorized Vehicles on the OU Campus

1. All vehicles must be registered with OU Parking & Transportation and must bear the required University markings/numbering.
2. Driving on campus sidewalks is a privilege, not a right. The privilege may be withheld at any time if unsafe or inappropriate conduct is observed.
3. Avoid driving if walking is an option. There is a difference between driving for necessity and driving for convenience.
4. Use common sense, courtesy, and prudence, especially regarding pedestrians, landscaping, and unpaved areas.
5. To the extent possible, drive on streets rather than sidewalks.
6. Choose the route that is least populated by pedestrians.
7. On sidewalks, pedestrians have the right of way. Pull to the side of the pavement, stop, and allow pedestrians to pass. Do not creep up or crowd pedestrians.
8. In-between classes, stop all vehicle traffic on campus sidewalks.
9. Control the speed of vehicles. If pedestrians are present, match the speed of pedestrians.
10. During vehicle operation, do not use headphones or engage in texting. Always give full attention to safe and courteous use.
11. Do not exceed the maximum passenger occupancy of the vehicle. The vehicle may not be used to carry more passengers than is provided by the seating.
12. Golf cart operators may only use golf carts if it is a requirement of their university function.
13. Game-day use of vehicles is governed and must be approved by OU Athletics.
14. Driver and passengers must keep hands, arms, legs, and feet within the confines of the vehicle while in motion.
15. Avoid narrow sidewalks if possible.
16. To avoid damage to landscaping and grounds, turn only where it can be accomplished without leaving the paved surface. If it can't be accomplished, find another place to turn or use a different route.
17. During and after rainy weather, avoid transiting unpaved surfaces if at all possible. If unpaved surfaces must be crossed, use extreme caution to avoid damage.
18. Park the vehicle on a wide, paved surface, allowing enough room (3 feet or more) for pedestrians to pass freely. Park as far away as necessary to comply with this standard.
19. On the South Oval, do not park in or otherwise block the bike lane.
20. Reports of unsafe, inappropriate, or destructive operation of vehicles should be made timely to the Administration & Finance office (325-5161). Provide as much information about the vehicle and operator as possible.