

as otherwise provided by this section, a provision of this title applicable to the operation of a bicycle applies to the operation of a motor-assisted scooter.

(e) A provision of this title applicable to a motor vehicle does not apply to a motor-assisted scooter.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1242 (H.B. 1596), Sec. 3, eff. June 18, 2005.

Sec. 551.353. APPLICATION OF SUBCHAPTER TO POCKET BIKE OR MINIMOTORBIKE. This subchapter may not be construed to authorize the operation of a pocket bike or minimotorbike on any:

- (1) highway, road, or street;
- (2) path set aside for the exclusive operation of bicycles; or
- (3) sidewalk.

Transferred and redesignated from Transportation Code, Section 551.304 by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 91 (S.B. 1303), Sec. 27.001(64), eff. September 1, 2011.

SUBCHAPTER F. GOLF CARTS

Sec. 551.401. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "golf cart" means a motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for use on a golf course.

Added by Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 1136 (H.B. 2553), Sec. 10, eff. September 1, 2009.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1296 (H.B. 2357), Sec. 239, eff. January 1, 2012.

Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1052 (H.B. 1956), Sec. 22(1), eff. September 1, 2017.

Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1233 (H.B. 1548), Sec. 16, eff. June 14, 2019.

Sec. 551.402. REGISTRATION NOT AUTHORIZED; LICENSE PLATES. (a) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles may not register a golf cart for operation on a highway regardless of whether any alteration has been made to the golf cart.

(b) A person may operate a golf cart on a highway in a manner authorized by this subchapter only if the vehicle displays a license plate issued under this section.

(c) The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles:

(1) shall by rule establish a procedure to issue license plates for golf carts; and

(2) may charge a fee not to exceed \$10 for the cost of the license plate, to be deposited to the credit of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles fund.

(d) A golf cart license plate does not expire. A person who becomes the owner of a golf cart for which the previous owner obtained a license plate may not use the previous owner's license plate.

Added by Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 1136 (H.B. 2553), Sec. 10, eff. September 1, 2009.

Amended by:

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 877 (H.B. 719), Sec. 1, eff. June 14, 2013.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1135 (H.B. 2741), Sec. 95, eff. September 1, 2013.

Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1233 (H.B. 1548), Sec. 17, eff. June 14, 2019.

Sec. 551.403. OPERATION AUTHORIZED IN CERTAIN AREAS. An operator may operate a golf cart:

(1) in a master planned community:

(A) that has in place a uniform set of restrictive covenants; and

(B) for which a county or municipality has approved a plat;

(2) on a public or private beach that is open to vehicular traffic; or

(3) on a highway for which the posted speed limit is not more than 35 miles per hour, if the golf cart is operated:

(A) during the daytime; and

(B) not more than two miles from the location where the golf cart is usually parked and for transportation to or from a golf course.

Added by Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 1136 (H.B. 2553), Sec. 10, eff. September 1, 2009.

Amended by:

Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1233 (H.B. 1548), Sec. 18, eff.
June 14, 2019.

Sec. 551.4031. PROHIBITION OF OPERATION ON HIGHWAY BY
MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR DEPARTMENT. (a) A county or municipality may
prohibit the operation of a golf cart on a highway under Section 551.404
if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that the
prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(b) The Texas Department of Transportation may prohibit the
operation of a golf cart on a highway under Section 551.404 if the
department determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest
of safety.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1233 (H.B. 1548), Sec. 18, eff.
June 14, 2019.

Sec. 551.404. OPERATION ON HIGHWAY AUTHORIZED BY MUNICIPALITY OR
CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) In addition to the operation authorized by
Section 551.403, the governing body of a municipality may allow an
operator to operate a golf cart on all or part of a highway that:

- (1) is in the corporate boundaries of the municipality; and
- (2) has a posted speed limit of not more than 35 miles per

hour.

(b) In addition to the operation authorized by Section 551.403,
the commissioners court of a county described by Subsection (c) may
allow an operator to operate a golf cart on all or part of a highway
that:

- (1) is located in the unincorporated area of the county; and
- (2) has a speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour.

(c) Subsection (b) applies only to a county that:

- (1) borders or contains a portion of the Red River;
- (2) borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe River and
contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico; or
- (3) is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (2) and:
 - (A) has a population of less than 37,000; and
 - (B) contains a part of a barrier island or peninsula that
borders the Gulf of Mexico.

Added by Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 1136 (H.B. 2553), Sec. 10, eff.
September 1, 2009.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1296 (H.B. 2357), Sec. 241, eff. January 1, 2012.

Acts 2013, 83rd Leg., R.S., Ch. 877 (H.B. 719), Sec. 2, eff. June 14, 2013.

Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 171 (H.B. 2968), Sec. 1, eff. May 26, 2017.

Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1052 (H.B. 1956), Sec. 2, eff. September 1, 2017.

Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1233 (H.B. 1548), Sec. 19, eff. June 14, 2019.

Sec. 551.4041. EQUIPMENT. A golf cart operated under Section 551.404 must have the following equipment:

- (1) headlamps;
- (2) taillamps;
- (3) reflectors;
- (4) parking brake; and
- (5) mirrors.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1233 (H.B. 1548), Sec. 19, eff. June 14, 2019.

Sec. 551.405. CROSSING INTERSECTIONS. A golf cart may cross a highway at an intersection, including an intersection with a highway that has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

Added by Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 1136 (H.B. 2553), Sec. 10, eff. September 1, 2009.

Amended by:

Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1233 (H.B. 1548), Sec. 20, eff. June 14, 2019.

SUBCHAPTER G. PACKAGE DELIVERY VEHICLES

Sec. 551.451. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

- (1) Repealed by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1233 (H.B. 1548), Sec. 41(3), eff. June 14, 2019.
- (2) "Golf cart" has the meaning assigned by Section 551.401.
- (3) "Motor carrier" has the meaning assigned by Section 643.001.