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**AMENDMENT TO PORTLAND CITY CODE  
CHAPTER 28. TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES  
RE: GOLF CART REQUIREMENTS**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,  
MAINE IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. *That Chapter 28, Section 28-1 28-185 are hereby amended to read:*

**Sec. 28-1. Definitions.**

The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them below. When a term is used in this chapter but not defined below, the definitions in 29-A M.R.S.A. § 101 and any amendments thereto shall be used.

*Authorized emergency vehicle* shall mean vehicles of the fire and police departments and such ambulances and emergency vehicles as are designated by state law or authorized by the city traffic engineer.

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*Personal assistive mobility device* shall mean a mobility aid, such as a motorized wheelchair or scooter, that is used to enhance an individual's mobility.

*Motor vehicle* shall mean any self-propelled vehicle, including a golf cart registered by the city for island use, not operated exclusively on tracks but does not include:

- (a) A snowmobile as defined herein;
- (b) An all-terrain vehicle as defined in article V; or
- (c) A motorized wheelchair.

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**Sec. 28-185. Golf carts on ~~certain~~ Portland islands streets by ~~certain persons~~.**

The operation of golf carts shall be permitted on the streets of Portland's islands ~~Cliff Island, Great Diamond Island and Peaks Island~~ if in compliance with the following requirements:

(a) The operator must ~~be over the age of twenty-one (21)~~ ~~or~~ possess a valid license to operate a motor vehicle;

(b) Such golf carts shall be operated only in daylight, not earlier than one-half hour before sunrise and not later than one-half hour after sundown; unless equipped with and utilizing suitable headlights and taillights as determined by the police department; shall keep to the extreme right of the roadway; shall not exceed a speed of ~~ten-twenty~~ (10-20) miles per hour; and shall obey all traffic laws applicable to motor vehicles including but not limited to, the fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit in effect when passing a school during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours;

(c) Each golf cart shall be equipped with an auditory warning device, a visual safety flag on a whip antenna of at least six (6) feet in height; slow vehicle markings; and display a sticker on the cart showing annual registration with the city treasury division as an island vehicle.

(d) When in use at nighttime or at other times when motor vehicles are required to display headlights, a personal assistive mobility device or golf cart must have:

1. A lit front light that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 200 feet to the front;
2. A red reflector to the rear that is visible at least 200 feet to the rear; and
3. A 12-inch reflector strip or visibility tape prominently displayed on both the driver's and passenger's side of the cart.

(e) While the golf cart is in motion, the driver and every passenger in a golf cart must be seated in a seat designed to

hold passengers. No person may stand up or ride in the lap of the driver and/or other passenger of a golf cart while it is moving.