

There have been several questions regarding driving golf carts here on Harbor Island. We've combined a few Sections from the South Carolina Code of Laws for your review and perhaps it will give you a better understanding.

Harbor Island Owners Association has somewhat mirrored their Rules and Regulations after some of the South Carolina Code of Laws. We've included a few of those Rules and Regulations (revised and simplified), again, to give you a better understanding.

SECTION 56-5-6310. Sheriff and S.C. Highway Patrol Having Authority on Harbor Island

SECTION 56-5-130. Motor Vehicle

Every vehicle which is self-propelled, except mopeds, and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails, is a "**motor vehicle**".

SECTION 56-1-20.

No person, except those expressly exempted in this article shall drive any motor vehicle upon a highway in this State unless such person has a **valid motor vehicle driver's license** issued to him under the provisions of this article.

SECTION 56-1-190. License shall be carried and exhibited on demand.

A licensee shall have his license in his immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and shall display it upon demand of an officer or agent of either the Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Public Safety or a law enforcement officer of the State. No points pursuant to Section 56-1-720 may be assessed. No points for insurance merit rating system and recoupment purposes may be assessed.

SECTION 56-5-2930. Operating a motor vehicle while under influence of alcohol or drugs; penalties; enrollment in Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program; prosecution.

(A) It is unlawful for a person to **drive a motor vehicle within this State while under the influence of alcohol** to the extent that the person's faculties to drive a motor vehicle are materially and appreciably impaired, under the influence of any other drug or **a combination of other drugs or substances** which cause impairment to the extent that the person's faculties to drive a motor vehicle are materially and appreciably impaired, or under the combined influence of alcohol and any other drug or drugs or substances which cause impairment to the extent that the person's faculties to drive a motor vehicle are materially and appreciably impaired. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of the offense of driving under the influence and, upon conviction, entry of a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere, or forfeiture of bail must be punished as follows. It goes on to explain penalties and punishment for violations of DUI.

Harbor Island Rules and Regulations pertaining to driving golf carts;

General Rules

1. Golf Carts
 - a) "Member" owned "golf carts" are permitted on the island. "Members" may rent "golf carts" for their own use, but under no circumstances for the use of "guests", "visitors", or "renters".
 - b) "Visitors", "guests", or "renters" may not lease or bring their own golf carts on the island.
 - c) Long term "guests" and/or "renters" (those residing on the Island for one year or more) who own a cart may operate it on the island.
2. All vehicles (including "golf carts" and the like) must be operated using operable headlights and taillights from dusk to dawn.

3. Drivers of motorized vehicles must possess a valid driver's license. Those operating a motorized vehicle (including golf carts) with a learner permit or restricted license may only drive under the required restrictions of the permit or restricted license, as applicable by state law.
4. Driving in a careless or reckless manner, or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or combination thereof is prohibited.
5. Driving motorized vehicles on the beach access boardwalks is prohibited without HIOA authorization.
6. All "golf carts" must be registered and display the proper decal