

# Vail Golf Cart, LSV and LSEV FAQ



The Vail Police Department has received numerous complaints about “golf carts” being operated within the Vail Village core and on bike paths adjacent to the village. Town of Vail ordinances 7-8-1 through 7-8-7 define the types of vehicles and locations they can operate.

## 1. What is a Golf Cart?

In the below document, the term “golf carts” is inclusive of recreational unregistered golf carts, registered Low Speed Vehicles (LSV), and registered Low Speed Electric Vehicles (LSEV).

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## 2. Where can Golf Carts be Operated?

According to our Town Code a golf cart can legally operate on Town of Vail streets if registered, insured and driven by a licensed driver. A golf cart such must operate like a normal vehicle on Town of Vail streets, observing all traffic laws. They cannot circumvent or violate any traffic control device, Do Not Enter Sign, or area restricted to vehicles, meaning they cannot be operated in the Pedestrian Cores of Lionshead and Vail Village.

## 3. What can Golf Carts be Used For?

Additionally, a golf cart cannot transport passengers for commercial purposes such as transporting hotel guests or other business patrons, regardless of if the transport is free or not. This would require a Town of Vail Passenger Transportation Permit, which the Vail Police Department does not issue for golf carts. Golf carts may be used to transport equipment; however, they must follow the laws and regulations mentioned above.

It is your decision whether to purchase a golf cart, however, we would encourage you to meet with Town staff to discuss the intended use and purpose of said cart before your purchase to ensure it meets the above regulations.

Any infractions observed will be formally issued a citation or summons depending on the violation witnessed.

We appreciate your cooperation.