

## Permit Process

Golf carts operated on a public street, except those restricted to operation within a designated crossing between golf holes, are subject to a permit and inspection process by the local jurisdiction.

Golf cart applications are obtained from the City of Lincoln Police Department or at the Sun City Orchard Creek Lodge. The application includes resident information, a checklist of operator/safety requirements, valid driver's license, proof of insurance and a \$50 fee.

Golf carts are inspected by the City of Lincoln Police Department to make sure safety requirements are met. Registration is done every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at the Orchard Creek Lodge between the hours of 8:00—9:00 a.m.

Golf cart operator permits and inspection certificates are valid for two years.

For information regarding the GCTP go to:

Department of Public Works  
City of Lincoln  
600 Sixth Street  
Lincoln, CA 95648  
(916) 434-2450  
(916) 645-6152 fax  
[pwengr@ci.lincoln.ca.us](mailto:pwengr@ci.lincoln.ca.us)

OR

Download a copy from the City of Lincoln website:

<http://www.ci.lincoln.ca.us/>

For information regarding legal questions, contact LPD at (916) 645-4040.

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# Golf Carts Vs. NEV



Lincoln Police Department  
770 7th Street  
Lincoln, CA 95648  
Telephone: (916) 645-4040  
[www.lincolnpd.org](http://www.lincolnpd.org)



# Golf Cart

# Vs.

# NEV



- Can only be operated within the golf cart transportation plan (GCTP). (CVC 21115) Please see map on Lincoln City Website:  
<http://www.ci.lincoln.ca.us/>
- Does not need to be registered with DMV. **Doing so does not afford any additional privileges.**
- Only requires a City of Lincoln permit to operate. Inspections and permits obtained on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at Orchard Creek Lodge.
- Can not cross a street with a posted speed limit greater than 45 mph or less. (CVC 21115.1) Can not travel more **than 15 mph**, (CVC 345)
- Can not transport more than 2 people. (CVC 345)
- Can not be modified to be an NEV. (CVC 385.5 & 580)
- Must weight less than 1,300 lbs.

## What's the Difference??

- NEV's can operate on any city of Lincoln street posted 35 mph or under and can travel on **streets greater than 35 mph**, if an NEV lane is provided.
- NEV's meet federal & state regulations defining them as motor vehicles, while golf carts do not.
- Golf carts can only travel on streets identified within the Golf Cart Transportation Plan.
- NEV's can act as golf carts, but golf carts can not be an NEV.

## HOW ARE THEY THE SAME:

- Drivers are required to have a valid driver's license.
- **All** drivers and passengers are required to wear a seat belt during operation. (CVC 27315)
- Both require proof on insurance to operate on city streets.

### California Vehicle Codes (CVC)

**The same laws for operating a vehicle apply to the operation of golf carts and NEVs. You MUST comply with all laws pertaining the operations of vehicles on roadways.**



To qualify as an NEV, the NEV must meet the following conditions.

- Manufactured as NEV with a VIN (vehicle identification number).
- Must meet CVC (California Vehicle Code) standards as a motor vehicle with such equipment as:
  - Safety glazed windshield (CVC 26704 VC)
  - Windshield wipers (CVC 26706(a) VC)
  - Mirrors (CVC 26709(a) VC)
  - Lap seat belts (CVC 27314 (c) VC)
  - DOT tires (CVC 27501(b) VC)
  - Headlights (CVC 24400)
  - Stop lamps (CVC 24603(d) VC)
  - Turn signals (CVC 24951(b)(1) VC)
  - Tail lamps (CVC 24600(d) VC)
- Capable of traveling 20 mph with max speed of 25 mph.
- Can transport more than 2 people.