

Cramer Mountain Homeowners' Association Golf and Utility Vehicle Policy

This policy is adopted in the interest of safety on Cramer Mountain. Utility Vehicles, hereinafter "UTVs", and golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on streets and roads, hereinafter "street(s)," and the Cramer Mountain Homeowners' Association ("CMHOA") in no way advocates or endorses their operation on our streets. The CMHOA, by regulating such operation, is merely addressing safety issues for our entire community. This policy is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation of UTVs or golf carts on streets is safe or advisable even if done in accordance with this policy. All persons operating UTVs and golf carts must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others; including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. All persons that operate or ride UTVs or golf carts on streets inside Cramer Mountain do so at their own risk. The CMHOA shall have no liability under any theory of liability, for permitting UTVs or golf carts to be operated on streets.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SAFETY OF ALL OUR RESIDENTS COMES FIRST!

Rules and Regulations

UTVs and golf carts shall only be operated on streets within Cramer Mountain in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

1. Any person who operates a UTV or golf cart on Cramer Mountain assumes all liability associated with its operation.
2. Any person who operates a UTV or golf cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and possess a valid driver's license as required by the State of North Carolina for operation of a motor vehicle. UTV and golf cart operators must carry their driver's license on their person at all times while operating the UTV or golf cart on the streets of Cramer Mountain. PLEASE NOTE: The Town of Cramerton requires UTV drivers to be at least eighteen (18) years of age and possess a valid driver's license from the State of North Carolina to drive UTVs on the Town's streets.
3. UTVs and golf carts shall not be operated on the streets of Cramer Mountain between the hours of official sunset and sunrise unless the UTV or golf cart unless the cart is equipped, at a minimum, with two (2) lighted lamps, one on each side of the front of the cart, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 300 feet to the front of such UTV or golf cart, and a red lamp on the rear, exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of such UTV or golf cart. (Fully functioning "tail lights" are also permitted.)

In lieu of the red lamp, the UTV or golf cart may alternatively be equipped at the rear with two red reflectors of a diameter of not less than three inches, which are designed, located and maintained so that each reflector is visible for at least 500 feet when approached by a motor vehicle displaying lawful undimmed headlights.

4. Any person who operates a UTV or golf cart on the streets of Cramer Mountain shall adhere to all applicable North Carolina State laws concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs, and all applicable North Carolina State traffic laws.

5. No UTV or golf cart shall be operated in a careless or reckless manner so as to endanger any person or property.

6. The maximum occupancy of a UTV or golf cart traveling on streets shall be one person per bucket seat or two people per bench seat. Child/infant restraints are required to be used in the same manner as required for passenger vehicles. UTVs shall have factory-installed seat belts.

7. UTVs and golf carts shall not be operated at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions and in no instance at a speed greater than the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour throughout Cramer Mountain.

8. All UTV and golf cart owners that operate on the streets of Cramer Mountain shall complete and submit a UTV/ Golf Cart Registration Form with the Town of Cramerton. UTVs and golf carts operated on the streets of Cramer Mountain must have a valid and annually updated permit sticker issued by the Cramerton Police Department.

9. Each UTV and golf cart owner shall have proof of ownership, and must complete a Waiver of Liability (and include the owner's permit sticker number from the Town of Cramerton on the waiver), releasing the CMHOA and its board members from all liability that may arise as a result of operating a UTV or golf cart on streets of Cramer Mountain. Waivers of Liability may be found on the CMHOA website.

10. Any person who operates a UTV or golf cart on the streets shall have liability insurance coverage in an amount sufficient to cover the risk involved in using the UTV or golf carts on the streets. Proof of such insurance shall be in the possession of the operator of the UTV or golf cart at all times.

11. Failure to abide by any of these UTV and golf cart rules may lead to a hearing, fine, or revocation of permission by the CHMOA to use an UTV or golf cart on the streets of Cramer Mountain.

12. This CMHOA Golf Cart and UTV replaces and supersedes any prior golf cart or UTV regulation adopted by the CMHOA.