

Types of Vehicles

Golf Cart (CVC 345) – A motor vehicle that meets all of the following requirements:

- A motor vehicle having not less than three wheels in contact with the ground.
- A motor vehicle having an unladen weight less than 1,300 pounds, which is designed to be operated at not more than 15 MPH.
- Designed to carry golf equipment and not more than two persons, including the driver.
- Requires a Class C driver's license on city streets.

Low Speed Vehicle (CVC 385.5) – A motor vehicle that meets all of the following requirements:

- Has four wheels.
- Can attain a speed, in one mile of more than 20 MPH and not more than 25 MPH, on a paved level surface.
- Has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 3,000 pounds.

For the purposes of this section, a low-speed vehicle (LSV) is not a golf cart, except when operated pursuant to Section CVC 21115 or CVC 21115.1.

Motorcycle (CVC 400) – A motor vehicle that meets all of the following requirements:

- Motor Vehicle with a seat or saddle, designed to travel on not more than three wheels and whose motor displaces more than 150CC's.
- Two-wheeled motorcycles require an M-1 endorsement.
- Three-wheeled motorcycles with an attached side car require only a Class C driver's License (Per CVC 12804.9).
- A Department of Transportation (DOT) compliant helmet is required.

Motor Driven Cycle (CVC 405) – A motor vehicle that meets all of the following requirements:

- Motorcycle with a motor that displaces less than 150 CC.
- Two-wheeled motor-driven cycles require an M-1 endorsement.
- Three-wheeled motor-driven cycles require a Class C Driver's License.
- A DOT compliant helmet is required.

Moped or Motorized Bicycle (CVC 406) - Refers to a moped or motorized bicycle as the following:

- Any two or three wheeled device having fully operation pedals for propulsion by human power or having no pedals if powered solely by electrical energy.
- Has an automatic transmission, and a motor which produces less than 4 gross brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum speed of not more than 30 MPH on level ground.
- A Driver's License with a M-1 or M-2 endorsement is required.
- A DOT compliant helmet is required.
- Unlawful to operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Electric Bicycles (CVC 312.5) – An electric bicycle is a bicycle equipped with a fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts, and is categorized by the following:

Class 1. – Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 MPH.

Class 2. – Equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 MPH.

Class 3. – Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 MPH. The bicycle is equipped with a speedometer.

- A person riding an electric bicycle is subject to the same provisions as a person riding a bicycle, as described in Chapter 1 of Division 11, commencing with Section 21200 CVC.
- Must be 16 years of age or older to ride Class 3 electric bicycle.
- A person under the age of 18 must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet when riding on a public roadway or bikeway.
- Unlawful to operate under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Use may be restricted or prohibited by local ordinance.

Motorized Scooter (CVC 407.5) – A motorized scooter is described as the following:

- Any two-wheeled device that has handlebars and a floorboard that is designed to be stood upon when riding.
- May have a driver seat that does not interfere with the ability to stand and ride.
- Is powered by electricity or other power source but may also be designed to be power by human propulsion.
- A motorized scooter shall at all times be equipped with a muffler, and the exhaust system shall not be modified to amplify or increase noise level.
- The maximum speed limit scooters may be driven is 15 MPH.
- Scooters may be operated on a bicycle path, trail, or bikeway unless prohibited.
- If operated on a roadway with a posted speed limit greater than 25 MPH, scooter must be operated in a class 2 bicycle lane.
- If not operated on a roadway with a posted speed limit less than 25 MPH, riding in a bicycle lane is not required.
- A Class C Driver's license or permit is required.
- A properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet is required.
- Unlawful to operate under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Pocket Bikes/ Mini Motorcycles (CVC 405) – A pocket bike is described as the following:

- Two-wheeled motorized device having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, that is not designed or manufactured for highway use.
- A pocket bike does not include an off-highway motorcycle, as defined in CVC 436.
- Operation permitted on private property only.

- Illegal on highways, sidewalks, bikeways, and hiking or recreational trails.

Off-Highway Motorcycle (CVC 436) – A motorcycle or motor driven cycle which is subject to identification.

License Requirements

Motorcycle Endorsements (M-1 or M-2) – M-1 allows the driver to operate a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, and moped. M-2 allows for operation of a moped or motorized bicycle only.

To Obtain an M-1 or M-2 Endorsement, The Driver Must:

1. Pass the appropriate exam.
2. Pass a riding skills test.
3. If the individual is under 21 years of age, mandatory successful completion of an MTC approved by CHP.

Helmet Requirement:

1. Motorcycles
2. Motor-Driven Cycles
3. Motorized Bicycles
4. Mopeds
5. Electric Bicycles
6. Motorized Scooters

Class C License – Allows the driver to operate a 2-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less, a 3-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds gross or less, a motorized scooter, any house car 40 feet or less.

California Vehicle Code Section 12500

(a) A person may not drive a motor vehicle upon a highway, unless the person then holds a valid driver's license issued under this code, except those persons who are expressly exempted under this code.

(b) A person may not drive a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle upon a highway, unless the person then holds a valid driver's license or endorsement issued under this code for that class, except those persons who are expressly exempted under this code, or those persons specifically authorized to operate motorized bicycles or motorized scooters with a valid driver's license of any class, as specified in subdivision (h) of Section 12804.9.

(c) A person may not drive a motor vehicle in or upon any off-street parking facility, unless the person then holds a valid driver's license of the appropriate class or certification to operate the vehicle. As used in this subdivision, "off-street parking facility" means any off-street facility held open for use by the public for parking vehicles and includes any publicly owned facilities for off-street parking, and privately owned facilities for off-street parking where no fee is charged for the privilege to park, and which are held open for the common public use of retail customers.

(d) A person may not drive a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles that is not of a type for which the person is licensed.

(e) A motorized scooter operated on public streets shall at all times be equipped with an engine that complies with the applicable State Air Resources Board emission requirements.

Common Vehicle Code (CVC) Violations

- **CVC's Related to Pocket Bikes**
 - CVC 21720 – A pocket bike shall not be operated on a sidewalk, roadway, or any other part of a highway, or on a bikeway, bicycle path or trail, equestrian trail, hiking or recreational trail, or on public lands open to off-highway motor vehicle use (off-street parking facility)
 - CVC 21721 - A peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, may cause the removal and seizure of a pocket bike, upon the notice to appear for a violation of Section 21720. A pocket bike so seized shall be held for a minimum of 48 hours.

- **CVC's Related to Off-Highway Vehicles (Dirt bikes)**
 - CVC 12500(b) – Must have a valid license to operate a motorcycle on roadways.
 - CVC 4000(a)(1) - A person shall not drive, move, or leave standing upon a highway, or in an off-street public parking facility, any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole or pipe dolly, or logging dolly, unless it is registered and the appropriate fees have been paid under this code or registered under the permanent trailer identification program, except that an off-highway motor vehicle which displays an identification plate or device issued by the department pursuant to Section 38010 may be driven, moved, or left standing in an off-street public parking facility without being registered or paying registration fees.
 - CVC 38020 - Except as otherwise provided in this division, a person shall not operate or leave standing an off-highway motor vehicle subject to identification under this code that is not registered under the provisions of Division 3 (commencing with Section 4000), unless it is identified under the provisions of this chapter. A violation of this section is an infraction. Riding in violation of seasons established by Section 2412(f) and 2415 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations constitutes a violation of this section. This section shall not apply to the operation, transportation, or leaving standing of an off-highway vehicle pursuant to a valid special permit.
 - CVC 22651(p) – Authority to tow a vehicle that is being operated by a driver who is issued a citation for driving without a license.

- **CVC's Related to Golf Carts**
 - CVC 12500(a) – Must have a valid license to operate on roadways.
 - CVC 4000(a)(1) - A person shall not drive, move, or leave standing upon a highway, or in an off-street public parking facility, any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole or pipe dolly, or logging dolly, unless it is registered and the appropriate fees have been paid under this code or registered under the permanent trailer identification program, except that an off-highway motor vehicle which

displays an identification plate or device issued by the department pursuant to Section 38010 may be driven, moved, or left standing in an off-street public parking facility without being registered or paying registration fees.

- CVC 16028 – Shall provide evidence of financial responsibility.
 - CVC 21716 – No person shall operate a golf cart on any highway except in a speed zone of 25 miles per hour or less.
 - CVC 22400 – No person shall drive upon a highway at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal or reasonable movement of traffic unless the reduced speed is necessary for safe operation.
 - CVC 25650 – Equipped with at least one head lamp.
 - CVC 24253 – Equipped with at least one tail lamp.
 - CVC 24603 – Equipped with at least one stop lamp.
 - CVC 24607 – Equipped with at least one front/rear reflector.
 - CVC 24951 – Equipped with front and rear turn signals.
 - CVC 26709 – Equipped with a rear-view mirror to view the highway a distance of at least 200 feet.
 - CVC 26701 – Equipped with a safety glazed windshield.
 - CVC 26707 – Equipped with windshield wipers maintained in good operating condition.
 - CVC 27000 – Equipped with a horn.
 - CVC 27600 – Equipped with fenders to minimize spray or splash of water to rear of the vehicle.
 - CVC 27803(b) – Helmets must be worn by the driver and passengers.
- **CVC's Related to Low-Speed Vehicles**
 - CVC 12500(a) – Must have a valid license to operate on roadways.
 - CVC 4000(a)(1) - A person shall not drive, move, or leave standing upon a highway, or in an off-street public parking facility, any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole or pipe dolly, or logging dolly, unless it is registered and the appropriate fees have been paid under this code or registered under the permanent trailer identification program, except that an off-highway motor vehicle which displays an identification plate or device issued by the department pursuant to Section 38010 may be driven, moved, or left standing in an off-street public parking facility without being registered or paying registration fees.
 - CVC 16028 – Shall provide evidence of financial responsibility.
 - CVC 21251 – Except as provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 1965) of Division 2.5 of the Streets and Highways Code, and Sections 4023, 21115, and 21115.1, a low-speed vehicle is subject to all the provisions applicable to a motor vehicle, and the driver of a low-speed vehicle is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle or other vehicle, when applicable, by this code or another code, with the exception of those provisions that, by their very nature, can have no application.

- CVC 21260 – The operator of a low-speed vehicle shall not operate the vehicle on any roadway with a speed limit in excess of 35 miles per hour.
 - CVC 22400 – No person shall drive upon a highway at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal or reasonable movement of traffic unless the reduced speed is necessary for safe operation.
 - CVC 24400 – Shall be equipped with two head lamps.
 - CVC 24600(b) – Shall be equipped with two tail lamps.
 - CVC 24603(b) – Shall be equipped with two stop lamps.
 - CVC 24607 – Equipped with at least one front/rear reflector.
 - CVC 24951 – Equipped with front and rear turn signals.
 - CVC 26709 – Equipped with a rear-view mirror to view the highway a distance of at least 200 feet.
 - CVC 26701 – Equipped with a safety glazed windshield.
 - CVC 26707 – Equipped with windshield wipers maintained in good operating condition.
 - CVC 27000 – Equipped with a horn.
 - CVC 27600 – Equipped with fenders to minimize spray or splash of water to rear of the vehicle.
 - CVC 27315(d) – A person shall not be in a motor vehicle on a highway unless that person is properly restrained by a safety belt.
- **CVC's Related to E-Bikes (Electric Bicycles)**
 - CVC 21200 – A person riding a bicycle or operating a pedicab upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this division, including, but not limited to, provisions concerning driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.
 - CVC 21650 – Bicyclists must travel on the right side of the road and move as the same direction as traffic.
 - CVC 21202 - Cyclists may NOT take the lane and MUST hug the curb (as close as possible) except in 3 limited circumstances:
 - a) passing another slow moving or stopped vehicle (or cyclist);
 - b) when making (preparing to make) a left turn;
 - c) when avoid road hazards (like debris).
 - CVC 21201(a) - No person shall operate a bicycle on a roadway unless it is equipped with a brake that will enable the operator to make one braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.
 - CVC 21201(d) - A bicycle operated during darkness upon a highway, a sidewalk where bicycle operation is not prohibited by the local jurisdiction, or a bikeway, as defined in Section 890.4 of the Streets and Highways Code, shall be equipped with all of the following:

- A lamp emitting a white light that, while the bicycle is in motion, illuminates the highway, sidewalk, or bikeway in front of the bicyclist and is visible from a distance of 300 feet in front and from the sides of the bicycle.
- A red reflector or a solid or flashing red light with a built-in reflector on the rear that shall be visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle.
- A white or yellow reflector on each pedal, shoe, or ankle visible from the front and rear of the bicycle from a distance of 200 feet.
- A white or yellow reflector on each side forward of the center of the bicycle, and a white or red reflector on each side to the rear of the center of the bicycle, except that bicycles that are equipped with reflectorized tires on the front and the rear need not be equipped with these side reflectors.
- The reflectors and reflectorized tires shall be of a type meeting requirements established by the department.
- (e) A lamp or lamp combination, emitting a white light, attached to the operator and visible from a distance of 300 feet in front and from the sides of the bicycle, may be used in lieu of the lamp required by paragraph (1) of subdivision (d).
- CVC 21212 – A person under 18 years old shall not operate a bicycle, a non-motorized scooter, a skateboard, roller skates without a helmet.
- CVC 21200.5 - It is unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle upon a highway while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or any drug.
- CVC 27400 – A person operating a motor vehicle or bicycle may not wear a headset covering, earplugs in, or earphones covering, resting on, or inserted in, both ears.

- **CVC Tow Authorities**

- CVC 22651(o) – A vehicle is found or operated upon a highway, public land, or an off-street parking facility with registration expired in excess of six months before the date it is found.
- CVC 22651(p) – If the peace officer issues the driver of a vehicle a notice to appear for a violation of CVC 12500, CVC 14601, CVC 14601.1, CVC 14601.2, CVC 14061.3, CVC 14601.4, CVC 14601.5, CVC 14604.

Discovery Bay does not have a local resolution or ordinance, implementing a golf cart transportation plan, pursuant to California Streets and Highway Code 1950-1961. If a local resolution or ordinance pursuant to the California Streets and Highway Code was adopted, the following California Vehicle Codes would apply.

California Vehicle Code Section 21115

(a) If a local authority finds that a highway under its jurisdiction is located adjacent to, or provides access to, a golf course and between the golf course and the place where golf carts are parked or stored or is within or bounded by a real estate development offering golf facilities and is designed and constructed, so as to safely permit the use of regular vehicular traffic and also the driving of golf carts on the highway, the local authority may, by resolution or ordinance, designate the highway or portion of the highway for combined use and prescribe rules and regulations that shall have the force of law. No highway shall be so designated for a distance of more than one mile from the golf course if the highway is not located within a development or beyond the area of a development, provided, the finding of the local authority in this respect shall be conclusive. Upon the designation becoming effective it shall be lawful to drive golf carts upon the highway in accordance with the prescribed rules and regulations. The rules and regulations may establish crossing zones and speed limits and other operating standards but shall not require that the golf carts conform to any requirements of this code with respect to registration, licensing, or equipment, except that if operated during darkness the golf cart shall be subject to the provisions of Section 24001.5 regarding equipment.

The rules and regulations shall not be effective until appropriate signs giving notice thereof are posted along the highway affected.

A “real estate development offering golf facilities,” for purposes of this section, means an area of single-family or multiple-family residences, the owners or occupants of which are eligible for membership in, or the use of, one or more golf courses within the development by virtue of their ownership or occupancy of a residential dwelling unit in the development.

(b) For purposes of this section, a “golf cart” includes a low-speed vehicle.

California Vehicle Code Section 21115.1

(a) Notwithstanding Section 21115, a local authority may, by ordinance or resolution, establish crossing zones, for use by golf carts at any time other than during darkness, on any street, other than a state highway, that has a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less and that is immediately adjacent to a golf course. The crossing zones shall be at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the roadway. The ordinance or resolution shall not become effective until submitted to the law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction over the

street, the law enforcement agency finds and determines that the conditions pertaining to that street, with the addition of proper signs, markers, or lighting, or any combination of those, will permit the establishment of a golf cart crossing with reasonable safety, and the signs, markers, or lighting specified by the law enforcement agency are in place.

(b) Subdivision (a) does not constitute precedent for the operation of golf carts on any street or highway other than in a crossing zone established pursuant to subdivision (a).

(c) For purposes of this section, a “golf cart” includes a low-speed vehicle.

California Vehicle Code Section 24001.5

A golf cart as defined in Section 345 shall only be subject to the provisions of this division which are applicable to a motorcycle.

California Vehicle Code Section 4019

A golf cart operated pursuant to Section 21115 is exempt from registration.

California Vehicle Code Section 4023

A low-speed vehicle operated pursuant to Section 21115 or 21115.1 is exempt from registration.