

## SALADO IS A GOLF CART FRIENDLY VILLAGE

Being a general-law municipality, the Village of Salado has exclusive control over the highways, streets, and alleys of the municipality, pursuant to Texas Transportation Code § 311.002.

The Legislature of the State of Texas has recently passed and enacted House Bill 2553 amending the Transportation Code to allow for the operation of golf carts within municipalities.

Transportation Code Section 551.404 relates to the use and operation of golf carts within municipalities. Salado has adopted an ordinance allowing the operation of Golf Carts on Public Streets in accordance with state law which states:

- (a) the governing body of a municipality may allow an operator to operate a golf cart on all or part of a public highway that:
  - (1) is in the corporate boundaries of the municipality; and
  - (2) has a posted speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour.
- (b) A golf cart operated under Subsection (a) must have the following equipment:
  - (1) headlamps;
  - (2) taillamps;
  - (3) reflectors;
  - (4) parking brake;
  - (5) mirrors;
  - (6) slow-moving-vehicle emblem.
- (c) A golf cart operator must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid Texas Drivers License.