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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Island Resident:

This letter is a reminder that all motor vehicles which travel on City of Portland public ways, including golf carts, must have a valid State of Maine Registration or an Island Use registration. The state statute that applies is referenced below:

### **Title 29-A, Section 501(2-A):**

A. An automobile may be registered for an annual fee of \$4.00. A low-speed vehicle or golf cart may be registered for an annual fee of \$4.00. The registrant must show evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482. The municipality may collect an additional \$4.00 fee annually to defray the cost of removing abandoned vehicles or golf carts.

B. A low-speed vehicle or golf cart may be operated on an island if the governing body of the municipality allows. A low-speed vehicle or golf cart may be operated only on a road or street where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. A low-speed vehicle or golf cart may cross, at an intersection, a road or street with a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

C. Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or a golf cart on an island must possess a valid driving license in any class.

**Please be aware that safe operation of golf carts on the island is a primary concern of the Portland Police Department. Be considerate of your neighbors when operating or storing golf carts. Speeding, erratic driving, and passenger overcrowding are violations of state law and affect the quality of life for everyone on the island. Be safe so that everyone can enjoy this unique environment!**

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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