

City Golf Cart Regulations

At the time of registration the Police Department shall inspect the golf cart to ensure the required equipment is installed and working properly. In the event the golf cart fails inspection each additional inspection shall be \$5.00.

Lost or stolen registration decals are the responsibility of the golf cart owner. A police report shall be filed in the event of a lost or stolen decal. The Chief of Police or the Police Chiefs designee shall have the discretion to determine whether a replacement decal may be issued. If no existing registration information is available, the Chief of Police may direct the golf cart owner to reapply and to repay any required fees prior to a replacement decal being issued.

Sec 12-76 Insurance required

All golf carts owners are required to purchase and maintain liability insurance insuring against personal injury and property damage. Minimum required insurance shall be the same as for motor vehicles registered in the State of Florida for personal use. Proof of insurance must be presented at time of golf cart registration, and must be possessed at all times by the golf cart operator while operating the golf cart on designated roadways.

Sec 12-77 Enforcement.

A violation of this division shall constitute a non-criminal infraction enforceable either as a code violation to be prosecuted by the Code Board, or shall be classified as a Class I Civil Citation Violation. Uniform Traffic Citations shall only be used for violations that are also violations of the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law.

Prohibited use; the operation of any golf cart in the City of Winter Springs in the following manner or under the following conditions is prohibited:

- **Without a valid, current driver's license.**
- **Between the hours of sunset and sunrise. (Unless the commission by resolution finds a public need) then all golf carts during this time will have head lights, brake lights, turn signals, rear view mirror, and windshield.**
- **Without a valid, current permit issued by the police department and affixed to the golf cart on the left rear fender in a conspicuous location.**
- **In violation of State Uniform Traffic controls and insurance regulations.**
- **Anywhere the posted speed limit is greater than 30 miles per hour, except to cross a thoroughfare at marked intersections solely for the purpose reaching the immediately next designated road.**
- **On sidewalks, bicycle path, trail system, swales or parks of the City of Winter Springs.**
- **Parking in violation of city ordinances or posted regulations.**
- **Obstructing or interfering with normal traffic flow.**
- **Carrying more occupants in a golf cart than the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on the golf cart.**
- **Standing and extending body parts outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is being operated.**

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Resident's Guide to Golf Cart Use and Regulations on City Roadways



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Sec. 20-71 Definitions used for Golf Cart Operations.

Golf Cart— A motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purpose.

Designated roadways— Means those roads identified by the City as being safe for operation of golf carts in accordance with all requirements for operation set forth in this division.

Driver's License— Means a valid license issued to operate a motor vehicle issued by the State of Florida or any other state.

Inspection— Shall mean a safety evaluation of each registered golf cart by the Winter Springs Police Department confirming that the golf cart meets the minimum requirements of this division.

Sec. 12-72 Use of golf carts on designated roadways.

Golf Carts may be operated on any public roadway within the city limits of the City of Winter Springs where the posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less. The City shall provide signage designating where golf carts may be operated.

Golf Carts shall not be operated on private property, unless authorized by the property owner, or on sidewalks, bicycle paths, swales, or trails. Golf carts shall not be operated on any roadway where the designated speed limit is greater than 30 miles per hour, or on any state or county roadway, except to cross at designated intersections for the purpose of immediately

reaching the next designated roadway.

Sec 12-73 Restrictions.

Approved golf carts operating on designated roadways shall be subject to the following restrictions.

Hours of operation. Golf carts may be operated on designated roadways only during the hours between sunrise and sunset. The City Commission may by resolution temporarily authorize the operation of golf carts between sunset and sunrise as long as the golf carts operating during this time are equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals and a windshield.

Licensed driver. Golf carts operating on designated roadways must be operated by a person who is at least 16 years of age and who possesses a valid driver's license. Persons who possess a valid learners permit may operate a golf cart when accompanied by a licensed driver of at least 18 years of age.

Maximum Speed. Golf carts operating on designated roadways shall not exceed 20 miles per hour.

Compliance with traffic laws. Golf carts shall be operated in accordance with all applicable local and state traffic regulations. Golf carts shall stay to the far right of any designated roadway and shall yield the right-of-way to overtaking drivers. Golf carts shall not obstruct or impede normal traffic flow.

Occupants. The number of occupants in a golf cart operated on designated roadways shall be limited to the number of seats on the golf cart. No occupants of a golf cart shall stand at any time while the golf cart is in motion.

Alcohol. All state regulations governing the use and possession of alcoholic beverages while operating a motor vehicle shall apply to Golf carts operating on designated roadways.

Sec 12-74 Required equipment.

All golf carts operated on designated roadways shall maintain the following equipment in good working order.

- Efficient brakes
- Reliable steering apparatus
- Safe tires
- Rearview mirror, reverse warning device
- Red reflective warning tape front and back
- Headlights
- Brake lights
- Horn
- Main power switch
- Safety labels, manufactures serial number plate

Sec 12-75 Inspection and registration required.

All golf carts operating on designated roadways in the City of Winter Springs shall be registered and inspected.

Golf carts shall be registered by the owner of the golf cart on the form prescribed by the Chief of Police or is designee. The owner shall pay an annual registration fee of \$10.00 and shall be issued a registration decal which shall be affixed to the left rear fender of the golf cart. Decals shall be issued annually, and valid from July 1st of each year.

Prior to issuance of a registration decal, golf carts owners shall be required to provide proof of ownership and liability insurance, a valid drivers license and sign an affidavit of compliance.