

Secs. 74-135—74-149. - Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. - GOLF CART OPERATION ON CITY STREETS

Sec. 74-150. - Use of golf carts on city streets.

Pursuant to F.S. § 316.212, it is the intent of the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, to allow golf carts on certain city streets under certain conditions as set forth in this article.

(Ord. No. 2011-13, § 2(2.01), 6-27-2011)

Sec. 74-151. - Definitions.

Golf cart. Pursuant to F.S. § 320.01(22), a "golf cart" is defined as a motor vehicle for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.

Designated roadway. A roadway designated by the city as safe for the operation of golf carts and where use of golf carts on the roadway is permitted.

(Ord. No. 2011-13, § 3(3.01), 6-27-2011)

Sec. 74-152. - Designated roadways.

- (a) Golf carts meeting the definition set forth in section 74-151 and meeting the minimum equipment standards established by Florida Statutes are authorized on designated roadways within the city. The city commission may designate additional roadways for golf cart use or change or remove such designation by resolution from time to time.
- (b) The portion of Plantation Boulevard located within the city is a designated roadway. Lakeside Plantation Community Development District shall be responsible for posting appropriate signs on Plantation Boulevard to include all intersections allowing such use, as directed by the city.

(Ord. No. 2011-13, § 4(4.01), 6-27-2011)

Sec. 74-153. - State roads.

A golf cart may not be operated on a road or street that is a part of the state highway or U.S. highway system unless specifically authorized by the city and Department of Transportation as provided in F.S. § 316.212(2).

(Ord. No. 2011-13, § 5(5.01), 6-27-2011)

Sec. 74-154. - Rules of operation.

- (a) *Local roads.* A golf cart may only be operated on designated roadways after posting of the required sign(s) which authorizes such operation.
- (b) *Hours of operation.* A golf cart may only be operated on designated roadways during the hours between sunrise and sunset.
- (c) *Equipment.* A golf cart must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rear-view mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear.

- (d) *Unlicensed drivers and age.* No golf cart shall be operated by anyone under the age of 16 years and the driver, regardless of age, must possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit subject to the restrictions set forth by Florida Statutes.
- (e) *Compliance with traffic laws.* Golf carts shall comply with all applicable local and state traffic laws and may be ticketed for traffic violations in the same manner as a motor vehicle under Florida law and shall be occupied by no more passengers than for whom there are seats in the golf cart.
- (f) *No rental.* There shall be no operation of rented golf carts in the city on the various streets, rights-of-way, alleys or property of the City.

(Ord. No. 2011-13, § 6(6.01), 6-27-2011)

Sec. 74-155. - Penalties.

- (a) A violation of Section 74-152, section 74-153, subsection 74-154(a) or(b) is a noncriminal traffic infraction punishable as a moving violation as provided in F.S. § 318.20, as amended.
- (b) A violation of subsection 74-154(c) is a noncriminal traffic infraction punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in F.S. § 318.20.
- (c) A violation of subsection 74-154(d) is a noncriminal traffic infraction punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in F.S. § 318.20.
- (d) A violation of subsection 74-154(e) shall be punishable as provided in F.S. ch. 318.
- (e) A violation of subsection 74-154(f) is punished as follows:
 - (1) First violation \$ 58.00
 - (2) Second violation if violation occurs within two years of first violation 158.00
 - (3) Third violation if violation occurs within four years of second violation 258.00

(Ord. No. 2011-13, § 7(7.01), 6-27-2011)