



City of North Port

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, SECTION 74-151; TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL CITY ROADWAYS FOR THE OPERATION OF A GOLF CART; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 316.212 authorizes the use of a golf cart upon any City street that the City has designated for golf cart use, provided that appropriate signage is posted; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of North Port has designated certain City streets for golf cart use; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has considered factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic on additional City streets not currently designated for the use of golf carts; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that additional City streets should be designated for the operation of golf carts; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this amendment serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – FINDINGS

- 1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this ordinance by reference.
- 1.02 In accordance with Florida Statutes Section 166.041(4)(a), the City timely posted a business impact estimate on the City’s website on or before the date the newspaper published notice of this ordinance’s final reading.

SECTION 2 – ADOPTION

- 2.01 Chapter 74 of the Code of the City of North Port, Florida is hereby amended as follows:

“CHAPTER 74 – Traffic and Vehicles

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ARTICLE VI. – GOLF CARTS AND LOW SPEED VEHICLES

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Sec. 74-151. – Golf carts.

- (a) *Golf cart operation.* The operation of a golf cart is only permitted on private property, designated city roadways, on a golf course, and golf course accessory property.
- (b) *Designated city roadways.* The operation of a golf cart is only authorized on designated city roadways where appropriate signage is posted in compliance with F.S. §316.212(1). The city designates the following roadways:
 - (1) All city roads in Holiday Park Recreational District;
 - (2) All city roads in Lakeside Plantation Community Development District; ~~and~~
 - (3) Plantation Boulevard; ~~and~~
 - (4) All city roads in Renaissance at West Villages.

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SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this ordinance and any other ordinance, in whole or in part, the provisions of this ordinance will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

4.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION 5 – CODIFICATION

5.01 In this ordinance, additions are shown as underlined and deletions as ~~striketrough~~. Any additional codification information and notations appear in *italics*. These editorial notations are not intended to appear in the codified text.

SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE

6.01 This ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption.

READ BY TITLE ONLY at first reading by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on January 14, 2025.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, on the second and final reading in public session on _____, 2025.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

PHIL STOKES
MAYOR

ATTEST

HEATHER FAUST, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

MICHAEL GOLEN, CPM
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY