

## East Lake Woodlands Community Association

### Rules Regarding Golf Cart/Low Speed Vehicle (LSV) Use on ELWCA Roadways

**SCOPE:** East Lake Woodlands Community Association (ELWCA) is providing these rules to ensure the safety of all residents while on community association roads and adjacent property within ELWCA. Please note that although Florida Statute 320.01 provides that golf carts and low speed vehicles must follow the same traffic laws as cars, SUVs, and trucks, a golf cart/LSV was not designed to share a roadway with larger vehicles and does not typically have the same safety equipment.

These rules apply while using any golf cart/LSV while on the following property owned by the ELWCA:

- East Lake Woodlands Parkway
- South Woodlands Drive
- Sunflower Drive
- Woodlands Drive
- Woodlands Blvd
- Woodlands Parkway
- Hickory Nut Avenue the portion between Quail Forest and Woodland Estates owned by ELWCA.

In addition, drivers MUST understand the rules of use when operating a golf cart or LSV on country club property, within HOA's and on all public roadways outside the boundaries of East Lake Woodlands. **These rules apply while using any golf cart/LSV while on property owned by ELWCA.**

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Golf Carts** are defined as a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course or for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding 20 MPH.

Florida Statute authorizes golf carts to be operated on state and county roads designated by the Florida Department of Transportation, or county commission, who will post appropriate signs indicating such operation is allowed.

**Low Speed Vehicles (LSV)** are defined as any four-wheel electric or gas vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 MPH but not greater than 25 MPH. Low Speed Vehicles must have a registered license plate and be insured.

Florida Statute authorizes low speed vehicles to be operated on state and county roads where the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less, unless prohibited by the Florida Department of Transportation, the county, or the municipality.

**EQUIPMENT:** Golf Carts and LSV must be equipped with at least the following safety equipment. LSV's must also have a VIN number, be registered, and insured. Headlights must always be on 30 minutes before sunset and any time during inclement weather. The information below is what is required per the Florida Statute 316.212 and 322.03 and Pinellas County Florida – Code of Ordinance/Chapter 122 Traffic & Vehicles/Article IV – Golf Cart/Section 122-67.

<b>Golf Carts</b>	<b>Low Speed Vehicles / LSV'S</b>
Headlights / Headlamps	Headlights / Headlamps
Stop lights/Lamps	Stop lights/Lamps
Turn Signals Lamps	Turn Signals Lamps
Taillights /Lamps	Taillights /Lamps
Reflex Reflectors	Reflex Reflectors
Parking Brake	Parking Brake
Rearview Mirror	Rearview Mirror
Windshield	Windshield
A Standard Hip Restraint, Seatbelt or Hand hold	A Standard Hip Restraint, Seatbelt or Hand hold
	Vehicle Identification Number & Registration

**RULES OF USE:** The following rules shall apply while using any golf cart/LSV while on the roadways owned by the ELWCA:

- 1. Pursuant to s. 322.03, F.S. Golf cart operators must possess a valid driver's license.**
- 2. Low-Speed Vehicles / LSV's must be registered and insured in accordance with s. 320.02., F.S. and titled pursuant to Chapter 319. LSV operators must have a valid driver's license.**
- 3. Golf carts and LSV'S are not permitted to travel on the sidewalks along the above-mentioned roadways.** If at any time ELWCA installs additional sidewalks those sidewalks will be included in the above list.
- 4. The number of patrons on a golf cart or LSV must not exceed the number of available seats** and all passengers must remain seated while in motion. Infants sitting in the driver's lap and individuals standing on the back platform are NOT permitted. The driver and passenger(s) should always keep arms and legs inside the vehicle for their safety.
- 5. Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) must follow the same traffic laws as cars, SUVs, and trucks, including regulatory signs and the use of directional signals when making turns.** Infractions may subject the operator of these vehicles to a traffic citation just like you would when operating your automobile; these citations carry fines and points on your license.
- 6. Golf carts and LSV's should always yield to other vehicular traffic and pedestrians in all cases.** When making a left turn, after signaling your intentions, carefully merge with vehicular traffic just prior to the intersection and turn using proper signal and turn lane where available. Anywhere signage or road markings provide such direction; golf cart and LSV traffic must always merge with vehicular traffic.
- 7. During routine patrols, Pinellas County Sheriff's officers may stop offenders of these rules and issue warnings or citations.**

- 8. Use of personal golf carts and LSV's on property and cart paths operated by the country club is designated** by their regulations.
- 9. Use of personal golf carts and LSV's on roads and property** within any individual subdivision within East Lake Woodland is subject to the HOA's rules. Please check with your HOA for guidance associated with golf cart and LSV usage within.

**SAFETY:** There are many sources regarding golf cart safety. If additional information is needed, you may want to visit [GolfCartguide.com](http://GolfCartguide.com).

### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

Low Speed Vehicles must have a registered license plate and be insured.

To operate a golf cart/ LSV on any of the roads listed above, the following insurance is recommended:

- **Medical Payments Coverage:** This covers the necessary medical care you receive because of a golf cart accident
- **Liability Coverage:** This coverage is for third-party injuries and property damage as a result of a golf cart accident
- **Collision Coverage:** This covers your golf cart in the event of damage caused by a collision with other vehicles or objects, regardless of fault
- **Other than Collision Coverage:** This provides coverage for other damages such as theft, flood, and vandalism and
- **Uninsured Motorist Coverage:** This coverage takes the place of liability coverage for the at-fault driver if he/she is uninsured/underinsured and provides you with an ability to make a recovery for outstanding medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering and other damages.

All owners should note that the above coverages **MAY OR MAY NOT** be included in a homeowner's policy. Please check with your agent for details. Separate cart coverage is generally inexpensive to obtain. ELWCA will not be responsible for ensuring that operators of these vehicles have insurance or otherwise comply with these Rules, but failure to comply with all requirements of these Rules may result in liability to any owner or operator of a golf cart or LSV.

All owners should check with their respective Associations and the Country Club to determine what rules may apply regarding golf cart/LSV use within their respective properties. ELWCA's rules only apply to the ELWCA roadways and sidewalks listed above.

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