

## Updated July 18, 2023

## **UPDATED GOLF CART POLICY**

These are the rules for the use and operation of battery powered recreational vehicles (referred to as "golf carts") on the roads and trails within the Centerville Conservation Community (referred to as the "neighborhood") as enacted by the Board of Directors of the Home Owner's Association on September 7, 2017 and amended as of July 18, 2023. The neighborhood is governed by the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Centerville that are recorded in Official Records Book 4536, Page 849 of the Public Records of Leon County, Florida (referred to as the "Covenants"). By using or operating a golf cart within the neighborhood, the occupants of the golf cart agree to abide by these rules and the Covenants at all times. The age at which a person may operate a golf cart in this neighborhood shall be consistent with the age required by Chapter 316.212, Florida Statutes.

## **RULES:**

- Golf carts shall only be operated within the neighborhood by a person:
  - (a) Who is under 18 years of age if he or she possesses a valid learner's driver license or valid driver license or is under the direct supervision and control of a passenger in the golf cart that holds a current, valid driver's license.(b) Who is 18 years of age or older unless he or she possesses a valid form of government-issued photographic identification.
- As required by the Covenants, no unenclosed recreational vehicle that is powered by a petroleum-based fuel engine (e.g.,
  go carts and all-terrain vehicles) shall be operated in the neighborhood, except for motorcycles and motor scooters
  operated on the roadways only.
- Golf carts shall only be operated within the neighborhood by persons that are no less than fourteen (14) years old, unless such person operating a golf cart is under the direct supervision and control of a passenger in the golf cart that does hold a current, valid driver's license.
- At a minimum, all golf carts must be equipped with efficient brakes, a reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rear-view mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in the rear. Electric turn signals are highly encouraged, however, if a golf cart is not so equipped, then the use of standard hand signals shall be used at all times within the neighborhood.
- Golf carts may be operated within the neighborhood during the hours between sunset and sunrise on the roadways only, provided the golf cart is equipped with headlights and tail lights.
- Golf carts are subject to the same "rules of the road" commonly applied to licensed motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, obeying all traffic signs such as yield and stop signs.
- Golf carts shall at all times give consideration and reasonable right of way to all horses, pedestrians and bicycles.
- Golf carts should always be operated to the far-right hand side of the road, allowing licensed motor vehicles the ability to pass safely on the left.
- The number of passengers in a golf cart shall not exceed the golf cart's seating capacity, except for small children sitting in the lap of an adult.
- Golf cart use or operation is strictly prohibited in any Conservation Area, except on and within the designated trails maintained by the neighborhood.
- Golf cart owners and/or operators, or their legal guardians, will be held personally liable for injuries, and damage caused to the neighborhood property or private property.

## **SUGESSTIONS**

- When not in use, lock your golf cart keys in a safe location so you are aware every time your golf cart is operated.
- It is suggested that you contact your insurance agent to find out if you need a separate insurance policy for driving a golf cart off of your owned lot. Many homeowners' and auto insurance companies only extend coverage to golf carts in special circumstances, so you may need to purchase additional coverage or a separate policy. Being a responsible and conscientious golf cart owner/operator ensures your safety and the safety of all neighborhood residents, pets and wildlife.
- Please use common sense in the operation of all vehicles within the neighborhood.



- Do not trespass on vacant lots without the permission of the owner of such lot.
- It is suggested that you read and follow the recommendations of your golf cart manufacturer's owner's manual.