

Operation of Golf Carts

Florida Statute 316.212 states:

1. Operation of a golf cart is prohibited on public roads or streets except when a road or street that has been designated by county or municipality for use by golf carts, and such road or street has been posted with signs indicating such operation is allowed.
2. A golf cart may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset except when a responsible governmental entity has determined that golf cart can be operated during the night hours and the golf cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals and a windshield.
3. A golf cart must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and a reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear.
4. A golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by any person under the age of 14.
5. A golf cart may only be occupied by the number of individuals as there are seats on the golf cart.

A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction and can be cited as a moving violation.

Florida Statute 320.105 states:

Golf carts, when operated in accordance with Florida Statute 316.212, are exempt from registration or display of a license plate.

Florida Statute 320.01(22) states:

A golf cart is defined as a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.