

# GRAND ISLES MASTER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### **GOLF CART OPERATION RULES**

Effective Date: April 15, 2022

#### **PURPOSE**

Golf carts are a convenient method of transportation. Though they may be seen as fun, golf carts are vehicles requiring the exercise of due care and, without which, they too often cause extensive injury, property damage, and even death.

In the interest of safety and the wellbeing of our treasured residents and guests of Grand Isles Community, the following golf cart rules have been specially tailored to our Community, following the Village of Wellington's Golf Cart Ordinance 2021-10.

If you own or operate a golf cart in the Community, or permit another to operate a golf cart, be sure to strictly follow these rules, as they are binding on Owners and their family members, invitees, occupants and guests. These rules are necessary to help ensure the safety of all Community residents and guests. Your cooperation and thoughtfulness for the safety of your family and others is greatly appreciated by your neighbors.

#### 1. LICENSING & REGISTRATION

- 1.1 <u>Driver's License</u> Each driver must possess with them when operating a golf cart either a valid driver's license or a valid learner's permit. A driver with a learner's permit must be accompanied in the front passenger seat by a licensed driver that is at least 21 years of age. Driver's licenses and learner's permits must be produced upon request.
- 1.2 <u>Registration</u> All golf carts must be registered with the Association and conspicuously display on the front of the cart an appropriate Association registration decal before the cart is operated within the community. Applications can be obtained from the Association's website or the Property Manager. An application is to be submitted to the Association with all spaces completed and a \$20.00 processing fee. If the golf cart is equipped to operate after sundown, it must display the Association's iridescent decal. If the golf cart is equipped to operate only in daylight hours, it must display a different decal. The golf cart decals are non-transferrable.

#### 2. OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 Owner Responsibility A golf cart owner must ensure the safe and proper operation of their golf cart and must ensure the operator of their golf cart has a valid driver's license or, if with a licensed adult, a valid learner's permit.
- 2.2 Owner Golf Cart Insurance Policy The lot owner must provide the Association an insurance policy stating that the golf cart is covered with no less than \$300,000 limit in Liability Coverage. This policy must be kept current and a copy of the policy must be provided to the Property Manager each time it is changed or renewed, at which time the owner shall present the cart for Association inspection.
- 2.3 <u>Unattended Children</u> Children under the age of 12 must not be left unattended in a golf cart.

## 3. OPERATION

- 3.1 <u>Operation</u> Owners and operators must maintain and operate their golf carts in a safe, prudent manner, in accordance with all local, state, and federal government laws, regulations, ordinances and rules. Golf carts are not allowed off of paved roads, except on an owner's driveway while being placed in a garage, and shall not be on sidewalks, other common areas or landscaped areas.
- 3.2 <u>Hours of Operation</u> Golf carts may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless the golf cart is equipped with operational headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield and displays a proper Association registration sticker.
- 3.3 <u>Equipment</u> Golf carts must be equipped with operable brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, horn, and red reflectorized warning devices on both the front and rear.
- 3.4 <u>Traffic Rules</u> Operators must strictly follow all road, traffic, street, and pathway signs, be aware of the rules of the road, and obey the rules, including always driving on the far-right side of the road, operating at a safe speed not to exceed 25 MPH.
- 3.5 Parking Parking rules for golf carts are the same as for a car in our Community.
- 3.6 <u>Occupancy</u> Occupancy is limited to the number of seats permanently installed by the golf cart manufacturer.
- 3.7 Storage Golf carts must be stored inside of the owner's garage and out of sight when not in motion.
- 3.8 <u>Exceptions</u> The only golf carts allowed to use our Community sidewalks and grassy areas are the Association's golf carts, and Association vendors while performing their duties and maintenance to our Community. No other golf carts are allowed to use our sidewalks or our landscaped areas.

## 4. ENFORCEMENT

Violation of these Rules may subject the violator (whether an Owner, tenant, family member, invitee, occupant, or guest) to a civil citation or uniform traffic citation issued by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, as well as fining and suspension of rights with penalties. Please forward all non-emergency golf cart incidents and rule violations to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department at 561-688-5447.

**IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.**