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## Rules for Driving Golf Carts in Florida

The Miami Springs Police Department would like to remind the owners of golf carts that they are not toys, they are motor vehicles. The State of Florida has laws in place that govern the operation and use of golf carts and Low Speed Vehicles (LSV). It is the responsibility of the vehicle operators to understand and obey the laws that pertain to them.

**The use of golf carts on the streets of Miami Springs is prohibited unless they are being used at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club. In order for a golf cart to be operated on the streets of Miami Springs, it must be deemed an LSV. Neither a golf cart nor an LSV is allowed to be driven on a sidewalk in Miami Springs.**

### Vehicle Definitions and Requirements

- A golf cart is defined as a motor vehicle that is designed for operation on a golf course or for sporting or recreation and is not capable of exceeding 20 mph.
- Per F.S.S. 316.2122, an LSV is defined as a four wheeled vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 mph, but less than 25 mph.
- An LSV may only be operated on roadways where the speed limit is 35 mph or less.
- The operator of an LSV must be a licensed driver.
- An LSV must have a registered license plate and be insured.
- Also per F.S.S 316.3122, an LSV **must be equipped** with the following safety equipment: Seat belts, a windshield, rear view mirror, headlights, tail lights, stop lamps, side reflectors, a parking brake, turn signals and a VIN number.
- Do not allow anyone to ride standing in the vehicle or on the back platform of the vehicle. Please keep your arms and legs inside the vehicle at all times.

As of the August 31, 2015 City of Miami Springs Council Meeting, it was decided that no changes would be made. The City of Miami Springs continues to abide by the Florida State Statutes that govern the operation of golf carts and LSVs.

Once again, "golf carts" are not allowed on public streets within our City. Only LSVs are permitted on public streets, provided that they meet the requirements stated in F.S.S. 316.2122.