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Rules for Driving Golf Carts in Florida

The Miami Springs Police Department would like to once again 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 a LSV. Neither a golf cart nor a LSV is allowed to be driven on a sidewalk in Miami Springs.

Vehicle Definitions and Requirements

- Per F.S.S. 316.003(29) and 320.01(22) 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. 316.613(1)(a) **Child restraint requirements.**— Every operator of a motor vehicle as defined in this section, while transporting a child in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways, streets, or highways of this state, shall, if the child is 5 years of age or younger, provide for protection of the child by properly using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device.
- Per F.S.S. 316.2122, a LSV is defined as a four wheeled vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 mph, but less than 25 mph.
- A LSV may only be operated on roadways where the speed limit is 35 mph or less.
- The operator of a LSV must be a licensed driver.
- A LSV must have a registered license plate and be insured, F.S.S. 320.02.
- Also per F.S.S 316.3122, a 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.

At the City of Miami Springs Council Meeting of August 31, 2015, 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, however they must abide by all applicable State Traffic Laws. Any violation of state traffic laws and the operator will be subject to all criminal, moving and non-moving, traffic enforcement in the same manner as if operating a motor vehicle.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact the Miami Springs Community Policing Office at 305-888-5286 (Mon.-Fri. 8am-4pm). For more information go to the Miami Springs Police website at <https://www.miamisprings-fl.gov/police> or Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, for a quick and easy to read pamphlet go to the following website at <https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/mv/low-speed-vehicles.pdf>