

Sec. 2-4-10. Operation of Golf Carts on Designated Roadways

- (a) A "golf cart," for purposes of this section, means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour.
- (b) A golf cart may be operated only upon those public roads or streets in unincorporated Charlotte County designated for golf cart use by resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as "designated public roads or streets") or by plat or replat of a subdivision. Prior to making such designation, the County Engineer must first determine that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the public road or street, considering factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street. The County or an appropriate entity shall post signs on the road to indicate that such operation is allowed.
- (c) Any golf cart operated on designated public roads or streets in unincorporated Charlotte County between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with functioning headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.
- (d) All golf carts operating on designated public roads or streets must be equipped with efficient brakes, a reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear.
- (e) Persons driving golf carts on designated public roads or streets in unincorporated Charlotte County shall comply with all applicable provisions of F.S. ch. 316, including, but not limited to, compliance with all traffic control devices.
- (f) Operation of a golf cart is subject to F.S. section 316.212, as may be amended.
- (g) County maintained roads designated for golf cart use have the following speed limits:
 - (1) Paved roads with a width of fifteen (15) feet or more: Twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
 - (2) Paved roads with a width of less than fifteen (15) feet: Twenty (20) miles per hour.
 - (3) Unpaved roads, regardless of width: Twenty (20) miles per hour.
- (h) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to F.S. ch. 318. Violations of subsections (b), (c), and (e) are moving violations and violations of subsections (d) and (f) are nonmoving violations.