

Florida Statute for Golf Carts

316.212 Operation of golf carts on certain roadways.—The operation of a golf cart upon the public roads or streets of this state is prohibited except as provided herein:

(1) A golf cart may be operated only upon a county road that has been designated by a county, a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality, or a two-lane county road located within the jurisdiction of a municipality designated by that municipality, for use by golf carts. Prior to making such a designation, the responsible local governmental entity 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. Upon a determination that golf carts may be safely operated on a designated road or street, the responsible governmental entity shall post appropriate signs to indicate that such operation is allowed.

(2) A golf cart may be operated on a part of the State Highway System only under the following conditions:

(a) To cross a portion of the State Highway System which intersects a county road or municipal street that has been designated for use by golf carts if the Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the location and design of the crossing and any traffic control devices needed for safety purposes...Continued on the back

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(b) To cross, at midblock, a part of the State Highway System where a golf course is constructed on both sides of the highway if the Department of Transportation has reviewed and approved the location and design of the crossing and any traffic control devices needed for safety purposes.

(c) A golf cart may be operated on a state road that has been designated for transfer to a local government unit pursuant to s. 335.0415 if the Department of Transportation determines that the operation of a golf cart within the right-of-way of the road will not impede the safe and efficient flow of motor vehicular traffic. The department may authorize the operation of golf carts on such a road if:

1. The road is the only available public road along which golf carts may travel or cross or the road provides the safest travel route among alternative routes available; and
2. The speed, volume, and character of motor vehicular traffic using the road is considered in making such a determination.

Upon its determination that golf carts may be operated on a given road, the department shall post appropriate signs on the road to indicate that such operation is allowed.

Golf Cart Rules

City of

Port St. Joe



Golf Cart Inspection Checklist

- Efficient Brakes
- Reliable Steering Apparatus
- Safe Tires
- Rear View Mirror
- Windshield
- Head Lights
- Tail Lights
- Turn Signal
- Reflectorized Warning Devices on Front and Rear

A Golf Cart is defined as a motor vehicle for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per hour.

If the Golf Cart meets the definition above and meets the minimum equipment standard established by Florida Statutes it is authorized on all City streets within the City of Port St. Joe, Florida with the exception of A-D below.

- A. Highway 98 and 71 except at a crossing designated and marked by signage by the City of Port St. Joe. (Approved crossing at Reid Avenue & Hwy 71 and First Street & Hwy 98)
- B. Garrison Avenue except to get to the nearest approved road.
- C. Long Avenue except to get to the nearest approved road.
- D. Avenue A except to get to the nearest approved road.

(Please Note: Monument Avenue is approved from Allen Memorial to 9th Street only.)

A Golf Cart may not be operated on a road or street that is a part of the State of Florida Highway or U.S. Highway System unless specifically authorized by the City and Department of Transportation.

A Golf Cart may only be operated between the hours of sunrise and midnight.

A fifteen year old person with a valid learner's permit may operate a Golf Cart as long as a licensed driver 21 years of age or older is present in the Golf Cart. No Golf Cart shall be operated by anyone other than a licensed driver except as set forth herein.

Golf Carts must comply with all applicable local and state traffic laws and may be ticketed for traffic violations in the same manner as motor vehicles under Florida law and shall be occupied by no more passengers than for whom there are seats.

Any person operating a Golf Cart on any City street does so at his/her own risk and must operate such vehicle with due regard for the safety of other motor vehicles, bicyclist, and pedestrians.

Each Golf Cart that is to be operated on the streets of the City of Port St. Joe must register the Golf Cart with the City and must receive and display the registration decal on the lower left of the front windshield at all times.