



Golf Cart Rules & Regulations

Town Code Section 30-422

History of Legislation: The Town's adopted 2014 Transportation Master Plan recommends that the Town examines Town Ordinance 10-08 (Adopted 2/17/10) in an effort to increase access to all roads within the Town for golf cart users. This offers an environmentally friendly alternative to cars for short distance trips. During the 2015 State Legislative session, the Mayor and Town Council coordinated with State Representatives to advocate for changes to Florida Statutes Chapter 316: State Uniform Traffic Control to allow the operation of a golf cart on county owned roads that are within the jurisdiction of a municipality.

The Town is proud to report that the Florida Statutes 316.212(1) was updated to improve access for golf carts. On November 18, 2015, the Town Council adopted Ordinance 15-08 to comply with Florida Statutes 316.212(1) allowing golf carts on "a two-lane county road located within the jurisdiction of a municipality designated by that municipality".

This new Ordinance, supersedes the previously adopted Ordinance 10-03 as it relates to Chapter 30 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles Regarding Golf Cart Use on Streets within the Town" Section 30-422.1 – Section 30-422.6.

Residents are still responsible for ensuring that their Golf Cart meets all safety standards and regulations as identified in Town Code Section 30-422.

Did you know that the Town requires residents to register their Golf Cart?

This document provides Town residents with an overview of Town Code Section 30-422, a safety inspection checklist, a five (5) step process to get your Golf Cart registered with the Town, and a Town map of prohibited streets.

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TOWN'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Town Council will work to make Cutler Bay an excellent place to live, work and play. Cutler Bay's government will be creative, responsive and respectful in providing innovative and cost effective services to the community.

-Resolution #12-64



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Florida Statutes
Chapter 316

To review the entire *Florida State Statutes Chapter 316: State Uniform Traffic Control*, visit *Online Sunshine* at www.leg.state.fl.us.

Prohibited Streets

Golf Carts are allowed on all streets within the Town's municipal boundaries **except** the following;

- US-1/S. Dixie Highway
- Florida Turnpike
- Caribbean Blvd. (US-1 to SW 107 Ave)
- Marlin Rd (US-1 to Sterling Dr)
- SW 97 Ave (SW 212 St to SW 216 St)
- SW 211 St. (SW 112 Ave to SW 107 Ave)
- SW 216 St. (Old Cutler Rd to SW 87 Ave)

Sec. 30-422.1 Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this section to permit and regulate the use of Golf Carts within the Designated Streets of the Town.

Sec. 30-422.2 Definitions

Designated Streets. All streets within the Town, except for Prohibited Streets.

Golf Cart. A motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes as defined in Florida Statutes Chapter 316.003(68).

Permit. An official authorization designating that the Golf Cart to which the authorization is affixed meets the requirements of state law and Town Code.

Prohibited Streets. US-1, Florida Turnpike, and portions of Caribbean Blvd, Marlin Rd, SW 97 Ave, SW 211 St, and SW 216 St.

Slow Moving Vehicles. Any vehicle designed for use and speeds less than 25 miles per hour.

Sec. 30-422.3 Authorized Use

- (a) Licensed drivers may operate Golf Carts which have been issued Permits by the Town or a neighboring jurisdiction on all Designated Streets within the Town.
- (b) A Permit to use a Golf Cart on a Designated Street does not allow entry onto private property or semi-private property, including retail parking lots, private roads or common areas in condominiums. Access to these areas may be regulated by the property owners and/or property managers.
- (c) The storage of the Golf Carts shall not occur within ten feet of any property line that faces a street.

Sec. 30-422.4 Prohibited Use

The operation in the Town of any Golf Cart in the following manner or under the following conditions is prohibited:

- (1) Without a valid, current driver's license or restricted driver's license.
- (2) During hours between sunset and sunrise without being equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

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Sec. 30-422.4 Prohibited Use (cont.)

- (3) Without a valid, Permit issued by the Town or neighboring jurisdiction and registration sticker affixed to the Golf Cart on the rear fender.
- (4) In violation of State or County traffic regulations.
- (5) Anywhere on the roadway surface of the Prohibited Streets, except to cross those thoroughfares at marked intersections or intersections regulated by a traffic signal upon the Prohibited Streets solely for the purpose of reaching the immediate next intersection. The operation of Golf Carts upon Prohibited Streets pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be subject to authorization from Miami-Dade County pursuant to section 316.212(1) Florida Statutes.
- (6) On the parks, bicycle paths, sidewalks, or swales of the Town.
- (7) Parking in violation of posted regulations.
- (8) Obstructing or interfering with normal traffic flow.
- (9) Carrying more passengers than those for which the Golf Cart was designed.

Sec. 30-422.5 Registration

- (a) All Golf Carts operated on Town Designated Streets must *first* be registered through the Town or through a neighboring jurisdiction and a registration sticker must be placed on the rear fender of the golf cart.
- (b) Registration of Golf Carts must be made by the owner.
- (c) The owner of the Golf Cart will be charged a **one-time golf cart permit application/registration fee of \$60.00**.
- (d) *Driving a Golf Cart without proper registration will result in a fine of \$150.00.*
- (e) A list of all Golf Cart registrations will be maintained by the Town.

Sec. 30-422.6 Affidavit

- (a) Each Golf Cart owner shall provide an affidavit to the Town demonstrating that the Golf Cart meets all Town and State law requirements prior to operating on a Designated Street
- (b) Upon submitting a completed Permit application, affidavit, proof of insurance and the payment of a \$60.00 (*one-time*) application fee, the Town shall issue a Permit to operate a Golf Cart.



Florida Statutes Chapter 316.212(1)

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.

Florida Statutes
Chapter 316.234

Signal lamps and signal devices.—

(1) Any vehicle may be equipped and, when required under this chapter, shall be equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle which shall display a red or amber light, visible from a distance of not less than 300 feet to the rear in normal sunlight, and which shall be actuated upon application of the service (foot) brake, and which may but need not be incorporated with one or more other rear lamps. An object, material, or covering that alters the stop lamp's visibility from 300 feet to the rear in normal sunlight may not be placed, displayed, installed, affixed, or applied over a stop lamp.

(2) Any vehicle may be equipped and, when required under s. 316.222(2), shall be equipped with electric turn signals which shall indicate an intention to turn by flashing lights showing to the front and rear of a vehicle or on a combination of vehicles on the side of the vehicle or combination toward which the turn is to be made. The lamps showing to the front shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall emit white or amber light. The lamps showing to the rear shall be mounted on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, and, when signaling, shall emit a red or amber light. Turn signal lamps on vehicles 80 inches or more in overall width shall be visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet to the front and rear in normal sunlight, and an object, material, or covering that alters the lamp's visibility from a distance of 500 feet to the front or rear in normal sunlight may not be placed, displayed, installed, affixed, or applied over a turn signal lamp. Turn signal lamps on vehicles less than 80 inches wide shall be visible at a distance of not less than 300 feet to the front and rear in normal sunlight, and an object, material, or covering that alters the lamp's visibility from a distance of 300 feet to the front or rear in normal sunlight may not be placed, displayed, installed, affixed, or applied over a turn signal lamp. Turn signal lamps may, but need not be, incorporated in other lamps on the vehicle.

Sec. 30-422.7 Required Equipment

A Golf Cart **must** be equipped with:

- (1) Efficient brakes;
- (2) Reliable steering apparatus;
- (3) Safe tires;
- (4) Rear view mirrors;
- (5) Red reflectorized warning devices, both in the front and the rear;
- (6) Rear stop lamps meeting the minimum standards of *F.S. §316.234(1)*;
- (7) Turn signals meeting the minimum standards of *F.S. § 316.234(2)*; and
- (8) Safety belts.

Sec. 30-422.8 Slow Moving Vehicles

Golf Carts meeting the definition of Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) must also have a triangular "SMV" emblem attached to the Golf Cart.

Sec. 30-422.9 Operators

Drivers must hold a current, valid driver's license in order to operate a Golf Cart upon the streets of the Town.

Sec. 30-422.10 Traffic Laws

- (a) Operators of Golf Carts using Designated Streets within the Town are required to observe all traffic laws as if they were operating any other motor vehicle.
- (b) While traveling on Designated Streets, operators and passengers of Golf Carts must comply with applicable State law as to the requirements and usage of safety belts and child restraint equipment.
- (c) Owners and operators of Golf Carts shall comply with applicable State law pertaining to insurance requirements.

Sec. 30-422.11 Enforcement

The Town Police Department shall be responsible for enforcing this section.

Golf Cart Safety Checklist

In order to be in compliance with the Town's "Golf Cart Permit" Regulations, your golf cart **must** be equipped with the following:

Safety Item	Yes	No
Brakes		
Parking Brake		
Reliable Steering Apparatus		
Safe Tires		
Rear view mirror(s)		
Red Reflectorized Warning Devices, both in the front and the rear		
Rear stop lamps		
Turn Signals		
Safety Belts		
Current Proof of Insurance		
Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) Triangular Emblem affixed to Cart (if applicable) A SMV is designed to travel speeds less than 25 miles per hour.		
Town Issued Permit affixed to the rear fender of the golf cart		

Notes:

5 Easy Steps for Golf Cart Registration with the Town

□ **Step 1**

Ensure that your golf cart meets all safety standards pursuant to Town Code 30-422.7 and 30-422.8. Use the Safety Checklist on page #5 as a guideline.

□ **Step 2**

Insure your golf cart. Insurance for your golf cart may be purchased by contacting your homeowner's insurance company or many automobile insurance companies (i.e. State Farm, Progressive, Geico, etc.).

□ **Step 3**

Complete the Golf Cart Permit Application **and** Affidavit. These documents may be found on the Town's website at www.cutlerbay-fl.gov or by visiting Town Hall at 10720 Caribbean Blvd. Suite #105 Cutler Bay, FL 33189.

□ **Step 4**

Bring your completed Golf Cart Permit Application, Notarized Affidavit, Proof of Insurance, Valid Driver's License, and \$60.00 one-time application fee to Town Hall.

□ **Step 5**

Affix your Town issued Golf Cart Registration Permit to the rear fender of your Golf Cart.



Congratulations you are done!

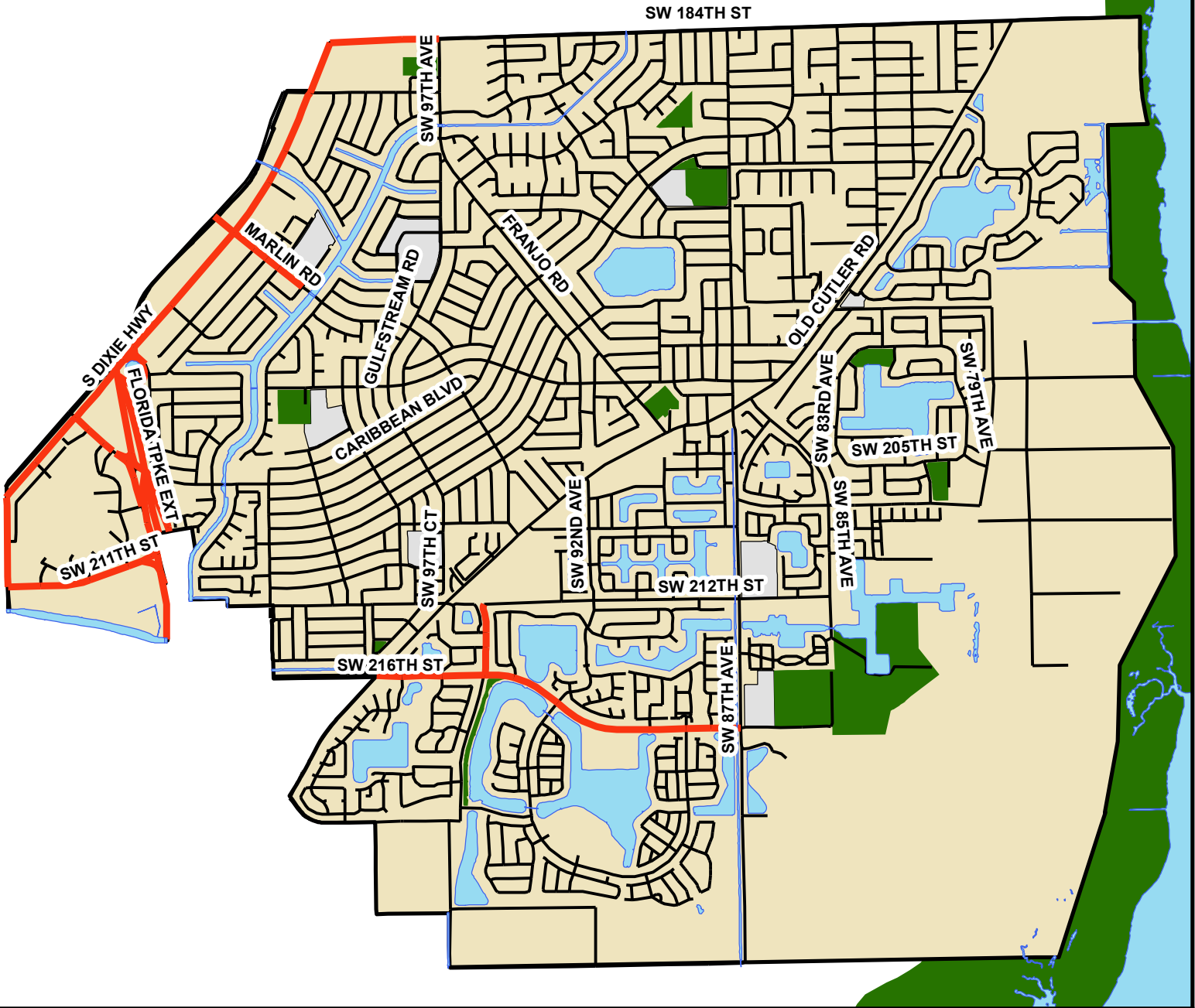
For more information or to register your golf cart, please contact the Town of Cutler Bay
Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at (305)234-4262 or
visit the Town's website at www.cutlerbay-fl.gov.



16 Golf Cart Safety Tips

1. Never drive recklessly or joy ride. Drive courteously. Obey all vehicle traffic laws and rules of the road.
2. Never drive intoxicated or under the influence of any drug or narcotic.
3. Avoid distractions while operating the golf cart just as you would in an automobile. Be safe and attentive -- avoid talking, texting, or reading while driving, reaching for objects, applying makeup or eating.
4. Golf carts should be equipped with seat belts for driver and all passengers. The driver and all occupants should utilize available seatbelts anytime the vehicle is in use.
5. Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats.
6. Drivers and all passengers should keep all body parts (arms, legs, feet) inside cart while vehicle is in motion, except when signaling a turn.
7. Do not allow anyone to ride standing in the vehicle or on the back platform of the vehicle. Do not put vehicle in motion until all passengers are safely seated and wearing their seat belt.
8. Operate the vehicle from the driver's side only.
9. Always use hand signals to indicate your intent to turn due to the small size and limited visibility of the turn signals on a golf cart.
10. Check blind spots before turning. When making a left hand turn, yield to the thru traffic lane and merge into that lane before turning left.
11. Carefully turn and look behind golf cart before backing up.
12. Avoid sharp turns at maximum speed, and drive straight up and down slopes to reduce the risk of passenger ejections and/or rollover. Avoid excessive speed, sudden starts, stops and fast turns.
13. Reduce speed due to driving conditions, especially hills or other inclines or declines, blind corners, intersections, pedestrians and inclement weather.
14. Do not leave keys in golf cart while unattended and make sure the parking brake is set.
15. Always yield to pedestrians and be cognizant of motor vehicles.
16. Use extreme caution in inclement weather. Although a golf cart may shield you from the rain, it may not protect you from a lightning strike.

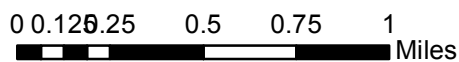
Town of Cutler Bay Golf Carts Prohibited Streets



Legend

- Prohibited Streets
- Town Park/Preserve
- Cutler Bay Roads
- Public Schools
- Town of Cutler Bay
- Water

Source: Miami-Dade County, The Corradino Group



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