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East Lake Woodlands Community Association Rules Regarding Golf Cart/LSV 101 Use on ELW Roadways

DEFINITIONS:

Golf Carts are 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.

Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) are defined as a four-wheel electric or gas vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 MPH. Low Speed Vehicles must have a registered license plate and be insured. The LSV must be equipped with at least the following safety equipment: Seat belts, a windshield, rear view mirror, horn, headlights, tail lights, stop lamps, side reflectors, a parking brake, turn signals and a VIN number.

SCOPE:

Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles (LSV), also called Neighborhood Electric Vehicles, must follow the same traffic laws as cars, including regulatory signs and the use of directional signals when making turns. The operator of these vehicles will be issued a traffic citation just like you would when operating your automobile; these citations carry fines and points on your license. The following rules will not apply to any area operated by the Country Club or any individual subdivision within East Lake Woodland nor can the ELWCA enforce any subdivisions or HOA's separate rules and regulations. In addition, drivers MUST have an understanding of where drivers are allowed to operate either a golf cart or LSV on all PUBLIC ROADWAYS.

These rules are being provided by the East Lake Woodlands Community Association (ELWCA) to ensure the safety of all residents while on community roads and adjacent property within ELWCA. Please note that although Florida Statute 320.01 provides that golf carts and low speed vehicles must follow the same traffic laws as cars, a golf cart/LSV was not designed to share a roadway with larger vehicles.

RULES OF USE:

The following rules shall apply while using any golf cart/LSV while on the following property owned by the ELWCA:

- East Lake Woodlands Parkway
- South Woodlands Drive
- Sunflower Road
- Woodlands Drive
- Woodlands Blvd
- Woodlands Parkway

1. **GOLF CARTS AND LSV'S ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TRAVEL ON THE SIDEWALKS ALONG THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ROADWAYS.** If at any time ELWCA installs additional sidewalks those sidewalks will be included in the above list.

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- 2. ALL DRIVERS OF GOLF CARTS AND LSV'S ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.** Pinellas County Sheriff's officers may stop offenders during routine patrols.
- 3. THE NUMBER OF PATRONS ON A GOLF CART OR LSV MUST NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE SEATS** and all passengers must remain seated while in motion. Standing on the back platform is NOT permitted. Please keep arms and legs inside the vehicle at all times for the driver's safety as well as his/her passengers.
- 4. GOLF CARTS SHOULD ALWAYS YIELD TO OTHER VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS IN ALL CASES.** When making a left turn, after signaling your intentions, carefully merge with vehicular traffic just prior to the intersection and turn using proper signal and turn lane where available. Anywhere signage or road markings provide such direction; golf cart traffic must always merge with vehicular traffic.
- 5. EQUIPMENT:** ALL golf carts and LSV's MUST be equipped with head lights, brake lights, turn signals, and reflecting warning devices on the front and rear sides of the vehicles if being operated during night time or when there is limited light. Headlights must always be on 30 minutes before sunset and any time during inclement weather.
- 6. PERSONAL GOLF CARTS AND LSV'S ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CART PATHS OPERATED BY THE COUNTRY CLUB** as designated by their regulations.

There are many sources regarding golf cart safety. If additional information is needed you may want to visit GolfCartguide.com.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

In order to operate a golf cart/ LSV on any of the roads listed above, the owner must carry insurance. The following insurance will be required:

- **Medical Payments Coverage:** This covers the necessary medical care you receive because of a golf cart accident
- **Liability Coverage:** This coverage is for third-party injuries and property damage as a result of a golf cart accident
- **Collision Coverage:** This covers your golf cart in the event of damage caused by a collision with other vehicles or objects, regardless of fault
- **Other than Collision Coverage:** This provides coverage for other damages such as theft, flood and vandalism and
- **Uninsured Motorist Coverage:** This coverage takes the place of liability coverage for the at-fault driver if he/she is uninsured/underinsured and provides you with an ability to make a recovery for outstanding medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering and other damages.

All owners should note that the above coverages MAY OR MAY NOT be included in a homeowner's policy. Please check with your agent for details. Separate cart coverage is generally inexpensive to obtain. ELWCA will not be responsible for ensuring that operators of these vehicles have insurance or otherwise comply with these Rules, but failure to comply with all requirements of these Rules may result in liability to any owner or operator of a golf cart or LSV.

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All owners should check with their respective Associations and the Country Club to determine what rules may apply regarding golf cart/LSV use within their respective properties. ELWCA's rules only apply to the ELWCA roadways and sidewalks listed above.

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