



Golf Cart Rules & Regulations

(Ordinance 2020-11)

4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, Westlake, Florida, 33470

Phone: (561) 530 -5880 | Website: www.westlakegov.com

Golf cart operations are regulated by local (Ordinance 2020-11) and state law (F.S. 316.212). Registration of your golf cart is **required** with the City of Westlake to operate on designated roads.

HIGHLIGHTED REGULATIONS

- Golf carts are defined, (F.S. 320.01(22)) as a “motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour”.
- Golf carts may be operated on streets, roads or portions as designated and in accordance with Florida Statute 316.212 between the hours of sunrise and sunset.
- Golf carts within City limits may be utilized on the Rural Parkway Easements and multi-modal paths that are eight feet (8') or greater in width at a reduced speed of 15 MPH.
- Operators must possess a valid state-issued driver's license, to operate a golf cart upon streets, roads and shared use paths within the City limits.
- Golf carts may not be operated on a public road or street by anyone under the age of fourteen (14).
- Golf carts must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear at all times while operated on the designated streets or roads.
- An operator with a valid driver's license, under the age of 17, between 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM, must be accompanied by a driver with a valid driver's license that is at least 21 years of age, unless the operator is driving directly to or from work.
- An operator with a valid driver's license, that is 17 years old, between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM, must be accompanied by a driver with a valid driver's license that is at least 21 years of age, unless the operator is driving directly to or from work.
- "Speed-modified golf carts", "hybrid golf carts", and "neighborhood electric vehicles" (NEV) or other "low speed vehicles" are **not** authorized by this ordinance for use upon designated streets or roads.

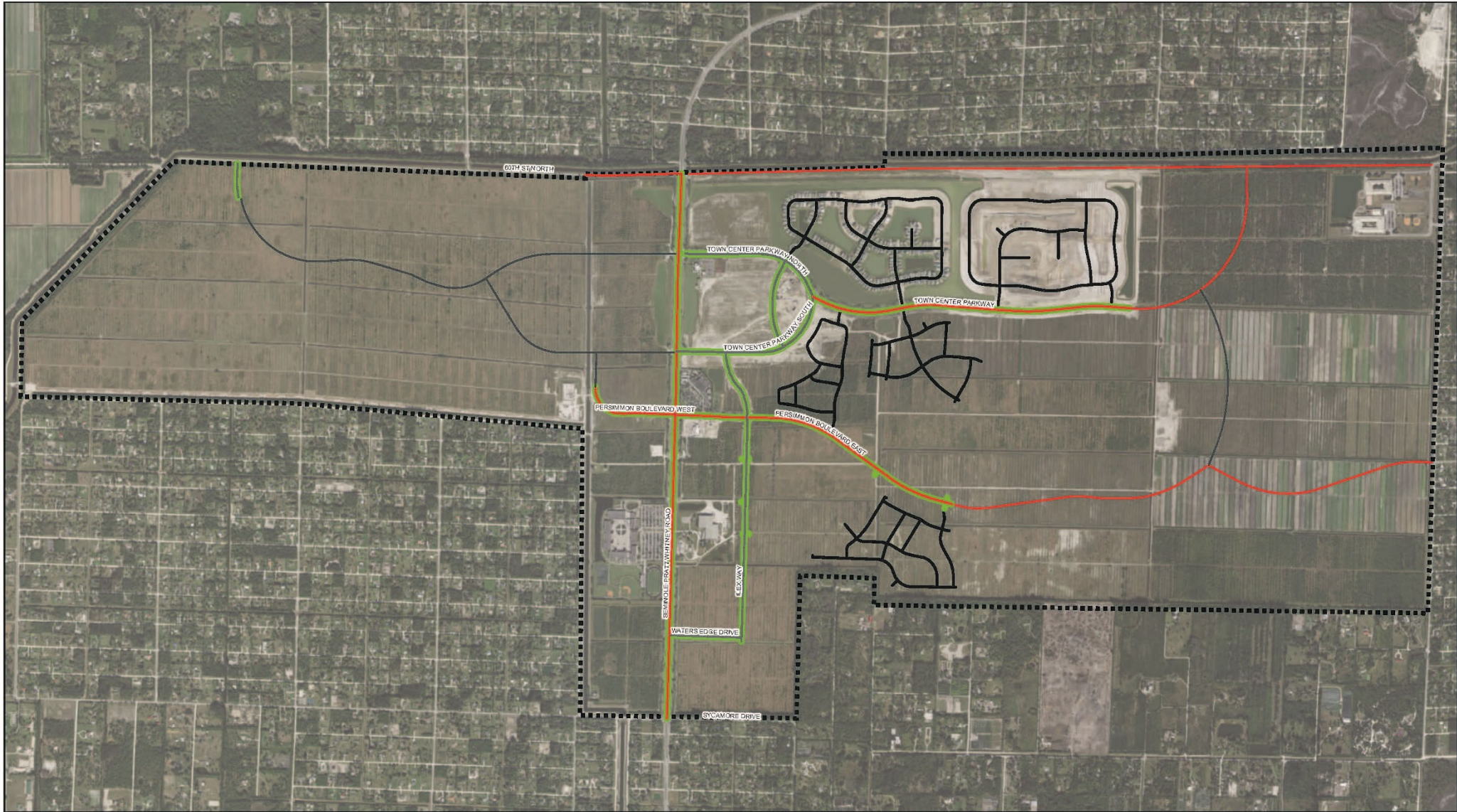
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

For all golf carts operated on designated streets and roads pursuant to this ordinance shall at minimum be equipped with the following:

1. Properly functioning brakes.
2. Two (2) properly functioning brake lights.
3. Properly functioning steering apparatus.
4. Safe tires.
5. A rearview mirror.
6. Florida Department of Transportation approved lap safety belts for the driver and all passengers.
7. Reflectorized warning devices in the front and the rear of the golf cart.

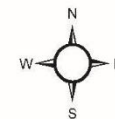
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1. Two (2) properly functioning headlights.
2. A properly functioning horn.
3. Two (2) properly functioning brake lights.
4. Properly functioning left and right turn signals.
5. An approved windshield.
6. Reflective devices or reflective tape on both sides of the of the golf cart.



Legend

- Major Collector Roadways
- Multi Modal Path Golf Carts Allowed
- Golf Carts Prohibited on Roadway
- Private Community Roads
- Westlake City Boundary



Golf Cart
Access Map





Golf Cart Application Checklist

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Owners who wish to register their golf cart, please follow the process below (Owners registering a golf cart must be at least eighteen (18) years of age:

1. Complete the Golf Cart Permit Application Form and Golf Cart Permit Affidavit (last page) _____
2. Mail or upload (to Golf Cart Submission portal - <https://www.westlakegov.com/community/webform/online-registration-submission>) completed Application and Affidavit, along with the following documents:
 - a. A copy of your valid driver's license _____
 - b. A copy of proof of valid golf cart insurance or liability insurance _____
 - c. A check in the amount of \$40.00 for first time registration _____
(Credit Card Payments may be accepted in-person (by appointment) with required documentation or upon completion of uploaded documents.)

Please upload completed documents (Online Registration Submission) or mail the completed application, required documentation and check to:

**City of Westlake
City Clerk - Golf Cart Registration
4001 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road
Westlake, Florida 33470**

Upon the submission of your completed application, a registration decal will be mailed to your residence, or made available for pick up by appointment only.

Registrations must be renewed every three (3) years prior to January 1, following initial registration.

Permit Stickers are to be affixed and maintained on the left front quarter panel of the golf cart body.

Please call the Office of the City Clerk at 561-530-5880 or send an email to jmcneil@westlakegov.com, if you have any questions.



Golf Cart Permit Application

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Date:		Driver's License Number:	
Owner's First Name:		Owner's Last Name:	
Address:			
Telephone Number:		E-Mail Address:	

Permittee acknowledges the following:

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- The following roads have not been authorized for golf cart use:
 - Seminole Pratt Whitney Road
 - Persimmon Blvd West/East
 - Town Center Parkway
 - 60th Street North

GOLF CART SAFETY CHECKLIST(S)

For all Golf Carts operated on designated streets and roads pursuant to this ordinance shall at minimum be equipped with the following:

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
Properly functioning brakes.		
Two (2) properly functioning brake lights.		
Properly functioning steering apparatus.		
Safe tires.		
A rearview mirror.		
Florida Department of Transportation approved lap safety belts for the driver and all passengers.		
Reflectorized warning devices in the front and the rear of the golf cart.		

For all golf carts operated on designated city streets or roads in **fog, smoke and rain and/or operated earlier than thirty (30) minutes after sunrise or later than thirty (30) minutes before sunset** shall at a minimum be equipped with the following:

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
Two (2) properly functioning headlights.		
A properly functioning horn.		
Two (2) properly functioning brake lights.		
Properly functioning left and right turn signals.		
An approved windshield.		
Reflective devices or reflective tape on both sides of the of the golf cart.		

HOLD HARMLESS. Any person operating a golf cart on any designated streets, roads, rural parkway easements or multi-modal paths does so at his/her own risk and must operate such vehicle with due regard for the safety and convenience of other motor vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The City in designating certain city streets, roads, rural parkway easements or multi-modal paths for the operation of golf carts, extends such operating privileges on the express condition that the operators of any golf carts under this ordinance undertakes such operation at their own risk and assumes sole liability for operating the vehicle on the designated streets, roads, rural parkways or multi-modal paths and by such operation agrees to defend, release, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officials and employees for and regarding any and all claims, demands, or damages of any nature whatsoever arising from such operation by any person.

Liability insurance required. Any operator of a golf cart on the designated streets, roads, rural parkway easements or multi-modal paths shall be covered by motor vehicle or other liability insurance that includes operation of the golf cart insuring the owner and/or operator against loss from liability for bodily injury, death, and property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle of not less than the limits described in Section 324.021(7), Florida Statutes, as may be amended.

Owner/Applicant Signature

Date

For Staff Use Only

_____ \$40.00 Initial Registration Fee	_____ Golf Cart Permit Application
_____ Copy of Valid State-issued driver's license	_____ Golf Cart Permit Affidavit
_____ Copy of insurance information attached	Permit Issued: _____ Permit # _____

Golf Cart Permit Affidavit

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Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared _____ who being duly sworn by me, on oath, deposes and says:

1. I am the owner of a golf cart and reside in the City of Westlake.
2. I have read and am familiar with the provisions of the City of Westlake Code (Ordinance 2020-11)
3. I hold a current driver's license and am at least 18 years of age.
4. I am completing this Golf Cart Permit Affidavit in order for the golf cart to be permitted for use in the City of Westlake.
5. _____ YES, I certify that the golf cart that I own and intend to use has the following required equipment:
 - a. Properly functioning brakes.
 - b. Two (2) properly functioning brake lights. (F.S. 316.234(2))
 - c. Properly functioning steering apparatus.
 - d. Safe tires.
 - e. A rearview mirror.
 - f. Florida Department of Transportation approved lap safety belts for the driver and all passengers.
 - g. Reflectorized warning devices in the front and the rear of the golf cart.
6. _____ YES, I certify that I will operate my golf cart and I certify that the golf cart that I own is used in fog, smoke and rain and/or operated earlier than thirty (30) minutes after sunrise or later than thirty (30) minutes before sunset has the following required equipment:
 - a. Two (2) properly functioning headlights. (F.S. 316.234(1))
 - b. A properly functioning horn.
 - c. Two (2) properly functioning brake lights. (F.S. 316.234(2))
 - d. Properly functioning left and right turn signals. (F.S. 316.234(2))
 - e. An approved windshield.
 - f. Reflective devices or reflective tape on both sides of the of the golf cart.

_____ NO, I certify that I will NOT operate my golf cart and certify that I do NOT meet the minimum requirements to use my golf cart in fog, smoke and rain and/or operated earlier than thirty (30) minutes after sunrise or later than thirty (30) minutes before sunset.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the above statements are true and correct. I understand that the penalties for perjury may consist of a fine or imprisonment or both.

Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____.

Personally Known: ____ OR Produced Identification: ____ Type of Identification Produced: _____

My Commission expires:

(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)