



26 relating to:

27 ~~(a) Golf cart operation and equipment which is more~~  
 28 ~~restrictive than those enumerated in this section. Upon~~  
 29 ~~enactment of such ordinance, the local governmental entity shall~~  
 30 ~~post appropriate signs or otherwise inform the residents that~~  
 31 ~~such an ordinance exists and that it will be enforced within the~~  
 32 ~~local government's jurisdictional territory. An ordinance~~  
 33 ~~referred to in this section must apply only to an unlicensed~~  
 34 ~~driver.~~

35 ~~(b)~~ golf cart operation on sidewalks adjacent to specific  
 36 segments of municipal streets, county roads, or state highways  
 37 within the jurisdictional territory of the local governmental  
 38 entity if:

39 (a)1. The local governmental entity determines, after  
 40 considering the condition and current use of the sidewalks, the  
 41 character of the surrounding community, and the locations of  
 42 authorized golf cart crossings, that golf carts, bicycles, and  
 43 pedestrians may safely share the sidewalk;

44 (b)2. The local governmental entity consults with the  
 45 Department of Transportation before adopting the ordinance;

46 (c)3. The ordinance restricts golf carts to a maximum  
 47 speed of 15 miles per hour and permits such use on sidewalks  
 48 adjacent to state highways only if the sidewalks are at least 8  
 49 feet wide;

50 (d)4. The ordinance requires the golf carts to meet the

51 equipment requirements in subsection (6). However, the ordinance  
 52 may require additional equipment, including horns or other  
 53 warning devices required by s. 316.271; and

54 (e)5- The local governmental entity posts appropriate  
 55 signs or otherwise informs residents that the ordinance exists  
 56 and applies to such sidewalks.

57 (9) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic  
 58 infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a moving  
 59 violation for infractions of subsections (1)-(5) or a local  
 60 ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to  
 61 subsection (8), or punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a  
 62 nonmoving violation for infractions of subsection (6),  
 63 subsection (7), or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and  
 64 enacted pursuant to subsection (8).

65 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 316.2125, Florida  
 66 Statutes, is amended to read:

67 316.2125 Operation of golf carts within a retirement  
 68 community.-

69 ~~(3) A local governmental entity may enact an ordinance~~  
 70 ~~regarding golf cart operation and equipment which is more~~  
 71 ~~restrictive than those enumerated in this section. Upon~~  
 72 ~~enactment of any such ordinance, the local governmental entity~~  
 73 ~~shall post appropriate signs or otherwise inform the residents~~  
 74 ~~that such an ordinance exists and that it shall be enforced~~  
 75 ~~within the local government's jurisdictional territory. An~~

76 ~~ordinance referred to in this section must apply only to an~~  
 77 ~~unlicensed driver.~~

78 Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of  
 79 section 316.2126, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

80 316.2126 Authorized use of golf carts, low-speed vehicles,  
 81 and utility vehicles.—

82 (1) In addition to the powers granted by ss. 316.212 and  
 83 316.2125, municipalities are authorized to use golf carts and  
 84 utility vehicles, as defined in s. 320.01, upon any state,  
 85 county, or municipal roads located within the corporate limits  
 86 of such municipalities, subject to the following conditions:

87 (a) Golf carts and utility vehicles must comply with the  
 88 operational and safety requirements in ss. 316.212 and 316.2125,  
 89 ~~and with any more restrictive ordinances enacted by the local~~  
 90 ~~governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(8),~~ and shall be  
 91 operated only by municipal employees for municipal purposes,  
 92 including, but not limited to, police patrol, traffic  
 93 enforcement, and inspection of public facilities.

94 (b) In addition to the safety equipment required in s.  
 95 316.212(6) ~~and any more restrictive safety equipment required by~~  
 96 ~~the local governmental entity pursuant to s. 316.212(8),~~ such  
 97 golf carts and utility vehicles must be equipped with sufficient  
 98 lighting and turn signal equipment.

99 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section  
 100 322.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101           322.04 Persons exempt from obtaining driver license.—

102           (1) The following persons are exempt from obtaining a  
103 driver license:

104           ~~(c) Any person operating a golf cart, as defined in s.~~  
105 ~~320.01, which is operated in accordance with the provisions of~~  
106 ~~s. 316.212.~~

107           Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.