

## Ridgewood Lakes Master

### USE OF GOLF CARTS RULES

#### **\*\*These Rules are superseded by Florida Laws which are attached\*\***

Ridgewood Lakes Master Homeowners Association, Inc. authorizes privately owned golf cart travel on designated streets within Ridgewood Lakes Master. All golf carts operated on any roads of Ridgewood Lakes Master shall be operated in accordance with all applicable Florida Traffic Laws. Golf cart travel is permitted only within the designated boundaries of the Community and is not authorized on state, federal or county roads.

- A. Safe Working Condition – Carts must be in sound and safe working condition. No golf cart may be operated on roadway unless, at a minimum, it has the following: brakes, a steering apparatus, tires, a rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear, a headlight (for night-time use) that emits a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the front, a tail lamp that emits a red light visible from a least 100 feet from the rear, brake lights, and turn signals. When operated on a roadway, a golf cart shall have its headlight and tail lamps lighted. A person who drives or is in actual physical control of a golf cart on a roadway is subject to all motor vehicle regulations including, but not limited to, DUI provisions. Storage of carts must be in compliance with your communities Declaration.
- B. Insurance – Liability insurance must be maintained on all golf carts. With the amount of coverage determined by the owner in consultation with the owner's insurance agent. Owners will be personally responsible for the conduct of anyone operating their cart, and for any damage caused by its operation on Ridgewood Lakes Master property. Children under the age of 16 are not permitted to drive a golf cart on Ridgewood Lakes thoroughfares.
- C. Carts are prohibited on pedestrian trails, community sidewalks, and landscaped common areas.
- D. Street Rules – Golf carts should remain on the road at all times, allowing regular vehicles to pass without obstruction. In so doing, operators must remain aware of, and away from marked bike paths, and pedestrians shall be given due consideration and a reasonable right of way at all times. Regular vehicles should only pass golf carts when safe to do so (within the posted speed limits).
- E. Subject to Association Rules – Allowance for golf cart street use is intended to be a privilege and convenience to the Ridgewood Lakes Master members, and any actions, which threaten the safety and well-being of the membership, or otherwise infringe upon the rights of others, will not be tolerated.
- F. Fining – Should an Owner and/or his residents, family members, renters, guests and/or invitees fail to abide by the rules promulgated herein or any additional rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors, a fine may be issued against the Owner's Lot in the amount of \$100.00 per day per violation, up to an aggregate of \$1000.00. A fine recommended by the Board of Directors shall be imposed by a separate fining committee who are not officers, directors, or employees of the Association or related by blood or marriage to any officer, director, or employee of the Association.

Fining shall not be the exclusive remedy of the Association. The Association may pursue injunctive relief against an Owner who fails to comply with the Declaration and/or Rules and Regulations of the Association and seek reasonable attorneys' fees against the Owner for any action in which the Association is the prevailing party, as further described in the Declaration.