

ST JOHNS COUNTY AND DUVAL COUNTY GOLF CART REGULATIONS FOR NOCATEE

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Florida Statutes 316.212 establishes state law regarding the operation of golf carts on certain roadways. However, the Statute designates that a local government may enact an ordinance relating to golf cart operation and equipment which is more restrictive than those enumerated by the state.

In January 2009, St Johns County adopted Resolution 09-11, which was followed in November 2010 by St Johns County Ordinance 2010-48. These documents authorize the operation of golf carts and low speed vehicles upon county roads and right-of-ways within Nocatee and established local laws within the community. In April 2017, Duval County enacted Ordinance 2017-66 adopting similar language.

For complete information on golf cart and Low Speed Vehicle laws and requirements within Nocatee see: [Florida Statutes 316.212](#) * [St Johns County Resolution 2009-11](#) * [St Johns County Ordinance 2010-48](#) * [Duval County Ordinance 2017-66](#).

OVERVIEW OF NOCATEE GOLF CART RULES

1. What is the definition of a Golf Cart as covered under these ordinances?
 - a. The cart is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.
 - b. The vehicle is designed to be solely powered by electric power (no gas motors).
 - c. The cart has an unladen weight of less than 1,800 pounds and not less than three wheels in contact with the ground.
 - d. The vehicle is equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear.
 - e. To be a Low Speed Vehicle (separate from a Golf Cart) the cart cannot drive more than 25 mph and must meet the requirements of 320.01(42) of the Florida Statutes.
2. What are the Licensing Requirements for Drivers?
 - a. To operate a golf cart a driver must hold a valid driver's license or learners permit. All license laws pertaining to driving in the State of Florida apply exactly to golf carts under the local government ordinances. These include laws for drivers under the age of 18 driving after 11:00 pm per Florida Statutes 322.16.
 - b. Permitting an unauthorized minor to operate on a public roadway is a misdemeanor under Florida Statute 322.39.
3. Where can I drive my golf cart within Nocatee?
 - a. Roads within Nocatee having a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.
 - b. Golf cart paths within the county right-of-way designated with required golf cart signs and pavement markings. These paths will be at least ten feet wide.
 - c. Multipurpose trails throughout Nocatee that are at least 16 feet wide and designated for golf carts.
 - d. Golf carts are not allowed on pedestrian sidewalks and pedestrians are not allowed on golf cart paths. All may use a multipurpose path. A Golf cart trail map, indicating cart paths and multipurpose paths, may be obtained from Resident Services or online at <https://www.nocatee.com/golfcartmap>.
4. Can I drive a Golf Cart at Night?
 - a. Between sunset and sunrise golf carts may be operated if they are equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

Please obey all traffic laws and drive safely.