

ORDINANCE 2023-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OCALA, FLORIDA, CONCERNING TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 66-193 BY REVISING THE LANGUAGE CONCERNING DRIVER AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS TO OPERATE GOLF CARTS; AMENDING SECTION 66-194 CONCERNING THE CORRECT REFERENCE IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES FOR THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES AND MINI TRUCKS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Ocala, Florida as follows:

Section 1. That Section 66-193 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ocala, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 66-193. Operation of golf carts.

- (a) *Golf carts generally prohibited.* Unless otherwise authorized pursuant to this Article or state law, golf carts shall not be operated on public roads and streets within the city.
- (b) *Authorization to operate golf carts on specified roads and streets.* Golf carts may be operated on streets designated for such use by resolution of the City of Ocala in accordance with F.S. § 316.212, which shall include the City of Ocala "Golf Cart Map." The Golf Cart Map may be amended from time to time by resolution.
- (c) *Operation prohibited on sidewalks.* Golf carts may not be operated on city sidewalks.
- (d) *Signage.* The city engineer or his or her designee shall post appropriate signs to indicate that golf cart operation is allowed on a city street.
- (e) *Equipment and minimum standards; sunrise to sunset.* The operation of a golf cart between sunrise and sunset is prohibited unless the golf cart is equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear.
- (f) *Operation of golf carts at night; minimum standards.* The operation of a golf cart between sunset and sunrise is prohibited unless the golf cart satisfies all requirements of subsection 66-193(e) and is also equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals and a windshield.
- (g) *Licensed Drivers.* Licensed drivers shall be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid state-issued driver's license; a learner's permit is not permissible.
- (h) *Unlicensed Drivers.* It shall be unlawful for an unlicensed driver, defined as a driver who does not hold and possess a valid state-issued driver's license, to operate a golf cart.

(i) *Registration.* All golf carts must be registered with the City of Ocala Growth Management Department and the provided registration decal must be visible on the golf cart.

Section 2. That Section 66-194 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ocala, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 66-194. Operation of low-speed vehicles and mini trucks.

(a) Low-speed vehicles and mini trucks must comply with all applicable safety standards set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 571.500 and requirements set forth in F.S. § 316.2122.

Section 3. Severability Clause: Should any provision or section of this ordinance be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the mayor, or upon becoming law without such approval.

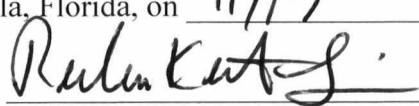
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By: 
Angel B. Jacobs
City Clerk

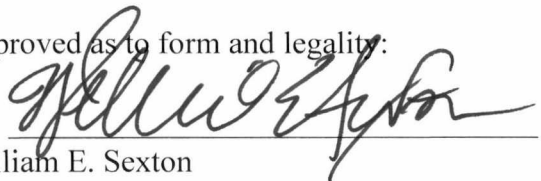
CITY OF OCALA

By: 
Ire Bethea Sr.
President, Ocala City Council

Approved/Denied by me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, Florida, on 11/17, 2022.

By: 
Reuben Kent Guinn
Mayor

Approved as to form and legality:

By: 
William E. Sexton
City Attorney

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