

Central County Water Control District Golf Cart Usage Policy

In 2023, the Florida State Legislature amended Section 316.212, Florida Statutes, to authorize a water control district, such as the Central County Water Control District ("CCWCD"), to designate certain roads for use by golf carts. The amended statute required County approval before the CCWCD could designate its roads and authorize golf cart usage. Hendry County commission approval of the CCWCD golf cart ordinance occurred on November 13, 2023.

On September 27, 2023, pursuant to Section 316.212(1), Florida Statutes, the CCWCD Board of Supervisors and District Engineer determined that golf carts may safely travel on or across the road or street, considering factors including the speed, volume and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street. As such, the Board of Supervisors adopted a formal Golf Cart Usage Policy (the "Policy").

The Policy designated only the roads and streets that are owned by the CCWCD, as specifically depicted in **Map below**, as being appropriate and authorized for the operation of golf carts as those are defined herein and under section 316.212, Florida Statutes.

In accordance with the CCWCD Policy "**Golf Cart**" means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.

Subject to the specific terms and conditions set forth in the CCWCD Policy, Golf carts may ONLY be operated upon those CCWCD roads and streets designated for golf cart use. Golf carts may NOT be operated on sidewalks, CCWCD rights-of-way, and canal banks.

A golf cart may NOT be operated on CCWCD-designated roads or streets by drivers:

- (i) Who are between the age of 15 and 18 years of age UNLESS they possess a valid state of Florida learner's driver license or valid state of Florida driver license.
- (ii) Who are 18 years of age or older UNLESS they possess a valid form of government-issued photographic identification.

To use CCWCD roads and streets, **persons operating golf carts must comply with ALL of the equipment and operational restrictions** set forth in F.S. § 316.212 and its amendments and successor statutes, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (i) A Golf Cart 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.
- (ii) A Golf Cart may be only operated on roads and streets between sunrise and sunset. UNLESS, said golf cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

This Policy shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer, including the Hendry County Sheriff's office, with authority to enforce traffic laws on CCWCD roads and streets. A violation of this CCWCD Policy is punishable as provided in F.S. § 316.212(9) punishable

ROAD & CANAL RIGHT OF WAYS
APPROVED FOR GOLF CART USE

