

Golf Cart Regulations

Per Florida Statute (F.S.) 316.003, a Golf Cart (gas or electric powered) is considered a motor vehicle.

Per F.S. 316.212 and 316.2125, unregistered Golf Carts may only be used on roadways designated/posted for use by golf carts and within gated retirement communities. Please review these statutes for other applicable rules on golf cart use. Otherwise, <u>all motor vehicles must be registered to be used on roadways</u>.

To register your golf cart as a "Low-Speed Vehicle", please contact the Tax Collector's Office or the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

320.01(41) "Low-speed vehicle" means any four-wheeled vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but **not greater than 25 miles per hour**, including, but not limited to, neighborhood electric vehicles.

316.2122 Operation of a low-speed vehicle or mini truck on certain roadways is authorized with the following restrictions:

(1) A low-speed vehicle or mini truck may be operated only on streets where the **posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less.** This does not prohibit a low-speed vehicle or mini truck from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

A low-speed vehicle must be equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers.
A low-speed vehicle or mini truck <u>must be registered and insured</u> in accordance with s. <u>320.02</u> and titled pursuant to chapter 319.

(4) Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or mini truck **must have in his or her possession a valid driver license.**

May a Golf Cart be driven on the sidewalk or bicycle path? No.

316.1995 Driving upon sidewalk or bicycle path.—

(1) Except as provided in s. <u>316.008</u> or s. <u>316.212(8)</u>, **a person may not drive any vehicle other than by human power upon a bicycle path, sidewalk**, or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

At this time, Pasco County does not have an ordinance allowing the driving of golf carts on sidewalks.

To Report an Emergency Dial 9-1-1 Pasco Sheriff's Office Administration: 727-847-5878, Non-Emergency Dispatch: 727-847-8102 Pasco Tax Collector: 352-521-4338, 727-847-8032, 813-235-6076 Florida Dept of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles: 850-617-2000