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**City of Dunedin
Golf Cart
Operator's Manual**

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Ordinance 2011-04
Effective July 1, 2011

The City Commission adopted Ordinance 2011-04 on April 7, 2011, to allow the operation of golf carts upon designated streets in the City of Dunedin. This ordinance is provided in full in the contents of this Operator's Manual.

The City of Dunedin is responsible for the annual registration of resident-owned golf carts. A decal will be issued to be displayed on each registered golf cart. This registration and decal must be current at all times the golf cart is operated on City streets.

Violations of Ordinance 2011-04 shall be enforced by a law enforcement officer or City code enforcement officer as such officer's legal authority and jurisdiction allows.

Ordinance 2012-26
Effective June 21, 2012

The City Commission adopted Ordinance 2012-26 on June 21, 2012, to allow for an additional golf cart crossing across Alternate U.S. 19/Broadway at Monroe Street. This additional crossing, approved by the Florida Department of Transportation, will allow riders in the South Zone to connect to the Marina and Weaver Park.

Ordinance 2014-33
Effective January 8, 2015

The City Commission adopted Ordinance 2014-33 on January 8, 2015, to allow for an additional golf cart crossing across Alternate U.S. 19 at Jackson Street. This additional crossing, approved by the Florida Department of Transportation, will allow riders to traverse between the North and South Zones.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The freedom to use golf carts on City streets is a lifestyle benefit many Florida residents enjoy. When golf cart drivers share the public roads with automobiles, trucks, buses, bicycles and pedestrians, a high degree of care and knowledge in the operation of golf carts is essential. This Golf Cart Operator's Manual provides important guidance and instruction on golf cart operations, and is a valuable tool to ensure the safety of golf cart drivers, pedestrians and other roadway travelers.

The City of Dunedin provides this material to assist you with the State and City rules applicable to the use of golf carts on City streets.

- Please read this information carefully
- Please drive with caution
- Please be careful
- Please obey all traffic laws

GOLF CART SAFETY

This Golf Cart Operator's Manual is intended to encourage the safe operation of golf carts for general transport in the City of Dunedin and in consonance with City Ordinance No. 2011-04 and Florida Law 316.212. This manual outlines the basic expectations of golf cart safety. With this intent, the City shall promote safe golf cart operations with reliance on the following:

1. Golf cart operators shall be duly licensed to operate registered golf carts (must possess driver license);
2. Golf carts shall be subject to an annual registration by the City of Dunedin Planning & Development Department;
3. The City shall develop and distribute appropriate literature advising safe operation of golf carts; and
4. The City shall coordinate and encourage safe golf cart operation on approved City streets and across permitted County and State roadways.

DISCLAIMER

This Golf Cart Operator's Manual addresses the requirements of City Ordinance Nos. 2011-04, 2012-26, and 2014-33 and Florida Law. It offers safety advice not covered in the laws. However, this Manual should not be considered a legal reference and should not be considered a legal reference. The Golf Cart Operator's Manual may be periodically revised and redistributed at the time of annual registration renewal. Just as safe golf cart operation is the sole responsibility of the golf cart owner/operator, the golf cart owner/operator is solely responsible for knowing and complying with all pertinent rules and regulations on the use of golf carts in the City of Dunedin.

DRIVING IS A PRIVILEGE

The State of Florida considers the operation of a motor vehicle a privilege, not a right, which one must earn by demonstrating that he or she is a good driver and be recognized in that regard by issuance of a driver's license. One must not abuse the privilege or else risk losing it. The extension by the State to the operation of golf carts away from the golf course is likewise a privilege, and golf cart users in the City of Dunedin are challenged to protect that privilege and to avoid concerns that might result in the loss of this privilege.

2. GOLF CART OPERATION FOR GENERAL TRANSPORT IN DUNEDIN

A. CONDITIONS FOR GOLF CART OPERATION

For general transport purposes on City of Dunedin streets, in addition to the requirements of State and County laws, as well as common sense, the following conditions apply:

1. Golf cart operators must carry a valid Drivers License issued by the State of Florida or similar responsible governmental agency.
2. Golf carts operated on City streets must be registered with the City for such operation. Registration with the City would be made by application to the Planning & Development Department, 737 Loudon Avenue, 2nd Floor, Dunedin, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.. The Permit Application would require the following supporting information:
 - Proof of vehicle ownership (bill of sale or affidavit of ownership)
 - Proof that the vehicle owner has a valid Drivers License
 - Signed owner affidavit of liability insurance coverage either as a rider on a homeowner's policy or a separate vehicle policy.
 - Signed owner affidavit that the vehicle has the following, operable equipment for dawn to dusk operation: efficient brakes, reliable steering, a horn, safe tires, a rearview mirror and red reflectorized warning devices in the front and rear. For vehicles to be used for dusk to dawn operation there must be the following operable equipment: headlights, brake lights, turn signals and a windshield.
 - Owners of existing golf carts that are not equipped as described above shall be required to modify their golf carts prior to registration for operation on City streets.
 - Payment of annual registration fee.
 - Golf carts registered for general transport in the City will be identified by a decal to be mounted in an obvious place on a rear fender.
3. Golf carts shall be restricted to operation on City streets that are specifically designated for golf cart operation.
4. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Pinellas County policies for golf cart operation is restricted to the crossing of State and County roads only where the intersecting roads are designated for golf carts and the crossing is specifically approved and signed by the appropriate agency. At this time, the permitted crossings of either a State or County road are Alternate U.S. 19 (Bayshore Boulevard/SR 595) at (1) Palm Boulevard, and (2) Monroe Street.

5. Florida Statute 316.212: Operation of golf carts on certain roadways, was recently amended to allow municipalities the ability to designate sidewalks for golf cart operation. The amendment resulted from a concern to protect golf cart operators from standard vehicular traffic. With this amendment, the City Commission may choose to designate sidewalks for golf cart operation. Such a choice would be conditioned on a maximum golf cart speed of 15 MPH and a minimum sidewalk width of at least eight (8) feet wide, and that the sidewalk was outfitted with appropriate signage. There are presently no sidewalks in the City that qualify for such designation.
6. The City of Dunedin recognizes that there is an added cost to equip a standard golf cart with the equipment discussed in paragraph 2. The City recognizes that there may be added costs and occasional inconvenience related to the other conditions discussed in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4. However, the added cost and inconvenience to a golf cart operator seeking the privilege of operating a golf cart on City streets is reasonable for protecting the interests of other drivers and pedestrians in and on those same streets.
7. Golf cart owners might mistakenly believe their homeowners insurance covers them in event of any accidental occurrence with their golf cart. Such coverage is generally only in force for "a golf cart owned by insured operator when using for golfing purposes". Use of a golf cart for general transport purposes, including shopping, doctor's appointments, banking and such, will usually necessitate a separate golf cart insurance policy for coverage. The absence of such coverage exposes the owner/operator to personal liability for property damage and bodily injury to others. Some insurance companies will write attachments to your homeowner's policy for an additional fee, but most will not, which will make it necessary that you purchase a separate policy for this needed protection. This should provide coverage for liability, property damage, and comprehensive coverage for damage to your own golf cart. Local providers of golf cart insurance (which do not require other coverage) can be found in telephone directories and websites.

B. GOLF CART OPERATING ZONES

At this time, the City has defined two zones for general transport using golf carts. Golf cart zone maps illustrating the boundaries, excluded streets and allowed crossings for the Southside and Northside golf cart zones are included in the Appendix. The following narrative explains the boundaries, excluded streets and allowed crossings.

NORTHSIDE GOLF CART ZONE

The Northside golf cart zone is bounded by and does **not** include:

- Curlew Road on the north
- Keene Road (CR 1) on the east
- State Route 580 on the south
- Alternate U.S. 19 on the west - However, the Harbor View Villas and Dunedin Shores subdivisions on the west side of Alternate U.S. 19 are included with an existing Alternate U.S. 19 golf cart crossing at Palm Boulevard.
- There is one permitted crossing of Alternate U.S. 19 within the Northside golf cart zone to connect with the Southside golf cart zone at Jackson Street.



SOUTHSIDE GOLF CART ZONE

The Southside golf cart zone is bounded by and does **not** include:

- State Route 580 on the north
- Keene Road (CR 1) on the east
- Union Street on the south
- Alternate U.S. 19 on the west – However, the area from the City Marina to Weaver Park on the west side of Alternate U.S. 19 is included with an Alt US 19 golf cart crossing at Monroe Street.

The Southside golf cart zone includes all streets within the boundary excluding the following with traffic volumes of 5,000 vehicles per day or more and/or with posted speed limits over 35 miles per hour:

- Patricia Avenue between Union Street and Main Street (State Route 580)
- Virginia Street between Milwaukee Avenue and Keene Road (CR 1)

Permitted crossings of the above excluding streets within the Southside golf cart zone are:

- Patricia Avenue at Manor Drive South and Knollwood Drive
- Virginia Street at New York Avenue
- There is one permitted crossing of Alternate U.S. 19 within the Southside golf cart zone to connect with the Northside golf cart zone at Jackson Street.

REMEMBER: GOLF CART USAGE IS NOT PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON THE PINELLAS TRAIL.

C. THE CITY OF DUNEDIN AND FLORIDA LAW

Florida State laws provide that “A golf cart may be operated only upon... a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality for use by golf carts. (Florida Statute 316.212 & 316.2125). Prior to making such designation, the responsible local governmental entity must first determine that golf carts may safely travel on or across the public road or street, considering factors including speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street.” The City of Dunedin, Ordinance No. 2011-04 provides for golf cart operation on and across certain of its roads and streets pursuant to Florida Law. In addition, under State law, golf carts are not required to be registered with the Division of Motor Vehicles or carry a license plate. Specific elements of Florida Law and their application in the City of Dunedin are summarized as follows:

1. **MOTOR VEHICLE:** An automobile, motorcycle, truck, trailer, semi trailer, truck tractor and semi trailer combination, or any other vehicle operated on the roads of this state, used to transport persons or property, and propelled by power other than muscular power, but the term does not include traction engines, road rollers, such vehicles as run only upon a track, bicycles, or mopeds.
2. **GOLF CART:** A motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour. A golf cart may be operated on municipal streets that have been designated for such operation by the local municipality. The City of Dunedin, Ordinance Nos. 2011-04, 2012-26, and 2014-33 do allow operation on certain of its streets:
 - a. Golf carts may only be operated on roads that have a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.

- b. Golf carts may cross State or county roads only at such locations that have been specifically designated for golf cart crossings.
 - c. Under Florida Law, a golf cart may not be operated on designated public roads or streets by any person under the age of 14. However, in Dunedin, only licensed drivers are allowed to operate golf carts on City streets.
 - d. Under Florida Law, a municipality could allow golf carts to be driven on sidewalk that are at least eight (8) feet in width. However, in Dunedin, there has not yet been such a designation.
 - e. Under Florida Law, golf carts may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset unless the local municipality has specifically approved their nighttime operation and the golf carts are equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield. The City of Dunedin Ordinance No. 2011-04 allows nighttime operation of properly-equipped golf carts.
 - f. A golf cart must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, horn, and red reflectorized warning devices in both front and rear. The City of Dunedin requires that golf carts operated on City streets be specifically equipped for such operation.
 - g. Golf carts are not permitted to drive on State or County roads except in such locations as are specifically permitted for purposes of crossing such roads. In addition, golf carts are not permitted to operate on City of Dunedin streets which have posted speed limits higher than 35 miles per hour or which have excessive traffic. A golf cart may cross those roads at a designated golf cart crossing.
3. LOW SPEED VEHICLE: Any four-wheeled electric vehicle whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour but not greater than 25 miles per hour, including neighborhood electric vehicles. Low-speed vehicles must comply with the safety standards in 49 C.F.R. s. 571.500 and s. 316.2122.
- a. Low speed vehicles may be operated on roads that have a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.
 - b. This does not prohibit a Low Speed Vehicle 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.
 - c. A Low Speed Vehicle must be registered and insured in accordance with Florida Statute 320.02.
 - d. Any person operating a low speed vehicle must have in his or her possession a valid driver's license.
 - e. A Low Speed Vehicle must be equipped with head lamps, stop lamps, tail lamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshield, seat belts, and vehicle identification numbers.

The use of Low Speed Vehicles, rather than golf carts, for general transport is encouraged within the City of Dunedin.

D. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS



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Auto vs. Golf Cart

A golf cart can be similar to an automobile. It is built something like an auto, and has auto-like parts such as leaf springs, axles, brakes and gearboxes. New golf carts steer like autos, and passengers ride sitting down on cushioned seats. They can attain reasonable speed and carry useful loads.

However, compared with automobiles, safety is sacrificed in many ways. The ratio of their maximum turning angle to their normal speed is much higher, rendering them easy to roll over on a sharp turn. Their braking systems are limited due to reduced mechanical leverage in the brake system and the relatively low pressure of treads on the road surface. Passenger protection on common golf carts is very limited with no seat belts, no restraining sides or doors, no impact-absorption features of any kind. Awareness of this difference should make the golf cart operator more careful as he wheels around our streets.

Supreme Court Decision

On December 20, 1984, the Florida Supreme Court held that golf carts should be included within the dangerous instrumentality doctrine previously enunciated by the court. The court stated that a golf cart, when negligently operated on a golf course, has the same ability to cause serious injury, as does any motor vehicle operated on a public highway. It held "that the dangerous instrumentality doctrine which imposes liability upon the owner of a motor vehicle, when he entrusts it to someone who negligently operates it, applies to golf carts".

Rules of Traffic

The Florida Driver's Handbook rules apply to both automobile and golf cart operators.

CAUTION: VIOLATING FLORIDA STATUTES 316.212, 316.2125, OR OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES MAY RESULT IN BEING ISSUED A TRAFFIC CITATION.

Traffic Lanes

Always drive on the right side of the street except in those rare cases when you might be passing a bicyclist or a parked car. A golf cart, being a slow vehicle, must stay in the right lane unless passing or turning left.



Making Turns

You must use hand signals or directional signals to show that you are about to turn. Turning a corner may seem to be a simple operation, but many traffic crashes are caused by drivers who do not turn correctly. There are nine (9) steps in making a good turn:

1. Make up your mind about your turn before you get to the turning point. Never make "last-minute" turns.
2. Look behind and to both sides to see where other vehicles are if you must change lanes before making your turn. Give your turn signal before changing lanes also.
3. Move into the correct lane as you near the intersection. The correct lane for the right turn is the lane next to the right edge of the roadway. On a two-lane road with traffic in both directions, an approach for a left turn should be made in the part of the right half of the roadway nearest the centerline.
4. Give a turn signal for at least the last 100 feet before you make your turn. Let other drivers know what you are going to do.
5. Slow down to a safe turning speed.
6. When you are slowing to make a right turn, the bicyclist you passed may be catching up to you. Search over your shoulder before turning. Yield to bicyclists and pedestrians.
7. When turning left, you may be crossing the path of a pedestrian or bicyclist. Always search before starting your turn.
8. Make the turn, staying in the proper lane. Yield the right-of-way to any vehicle coming from the opposite direction.
9. Finish your turn in the proper lane. A right turn should be from the right lane into the right lane of the roadway entered. A left turn may be completed in any lane lawfully available, or safe, for the desired direction of travel.

Blind Spots

Blind spots are areas near the left and right rear corners of your vehicle that you cannot see in your rearview mirrors. Before you move sideways to change lanes on an expressway or to pass on any road, turn your head to make sure these areas are clear. Required signals may be given by hand and arm or by signal lamps or devices. When doing so the arm should be fully extended; and the driver should check visually to make sure his signal is observed. Enclosing a cart in curtains against inclement weather does not relieve the operator from the responsibility of proper signaling.

Backing Up

In backing up:

1. Look first to see that you will not interfere with traffic flow or endanger pedestrians. Special care should be used when backing out of busy parking areas.
2. Switch to "reverse" before depressing the accelerator pedal. This should turn on an audible warning noise in a properly equipped and maintained golf cart.
3. Proceed slowly backwards, continuing to be watchful.
4. Move into a position parallel with the nearest traffic lane before moving forward.

Night Driving

Florida State law does not authorize the use of public roadways by golf carts at night, even if the golf cart is equipped with both headlights and taillights. However, City Ordinance No. 2011-04 does allow nighttime operation of golf carts on City streets with proper equipment.



Emergency Vehicles

Pedestrians and drivers must yield the right-of-way to law-enforcement and other emergency vehicles using sirens and/or flashing lights. Pull over to the right as far as possible, away from traffic, and stop until the emergency vehicle has passed. Do not block intersections.



Stop Signs

Please yield the right of way to all other traffic and pedestrians before proceeding to cross a street, or to turn onto a street. Move forward only when the road is clear. At a four-way stop intersection, the driver of the first vehicle to stop at the intersection should be the first to proceed. If two or more vehicles reach the four-way stop intersection at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.

Open Intersections

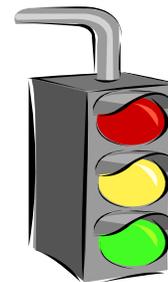
An open intersection is one without traffic control signs or signals. When you enter one, you must yield the right-of-way if:

1. A vehicle is already in the intersection
2. You enter or cross a state highway from a secondary road
3. You enter a paved road from an unpaved road
4. You plan to make a left turn and a vehicle is approaching from the opposite direction

When two cars enter an open intersection at the same time, the driver on the left must yield to the driver on the right.

Traffic Control Signals

Traffic signals are placed at intersections to keep traffic moving and avoid accidents. Drivers, pedestrians, and bicycle riders must obey these signals except when an officer is directing traffic. Stop on the stop line if your golf cart is nearest the signal. Some signals change only when a car is at the stop line. If traffic signals are out of order, stop as you would for a four-way stop sign.



The RED light requires a complete stop at the marked stop line. If there is no marked stop line, stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection. Wait until the signal changes to green before you proceed. The YELLOW light warns that the signal is changing from green to red. Stop if you can. When the red light appears, you are prohibited from entering the intersection. Do not try to beat a traffic light with a golf cart. They usually have inadequate acceleration and are unable to speed out of harm's way. The GREEN light means you may proceed if it is safe to do so. However, you must first yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and vehicles that are still within the intersection.

Speeding

Golf carts are not known for their racing qualities. Electric golf carts with their fixed battery and electric motor combination, seldom can reach more than about twelve (12) miles per hour. Over smooth and level roadways, progress at this speed can seem agonizingly slow. So, some golf cart owners may attempt to boost speed with lower gear ratios, altered motor field strength, and higher horsepower ratings to get the golf carts to go faster. The result has been the achievement of speeds over twenty-five (25) miles per hour. However, per the Florida Statutes and Dunedin Ordinance, the maximum allowable golf cart speed is twenty (20 mph).

Such speeds are well below the limits set for automobile operation. The danger for golf cart users is fewer golf cart safety features:

1. No restraint system for passengers
2. No metal shell surrounding passenger and little to hold on
3. High turn angle
4. Lower braking friction
5. Higher center of gravity relative to golf cart width

All of the above put golf cart riders at significant risk especially at brisk speeds. At 24 miles per hour, the momentum of the human body is four times the force experienced at 12 miles per hour. Even at 6 miles per hour, the cart passenger has difficulty staying in the cart in an abrupt left turn. A collision at 24 miles per hour would be like dropping from a second story window. Golf carts going fast are also at the mercy of uneven pavements and could be thrown against a parked or passing car.

Children Drivers

Children are not allowed to drive golf carts on City of Dunedin streets even when accompanied by an adult.

Passenger Safety Tips

Passengers and drivers should always keep their feet inside the golf cart while it is in motion. There is a tendency to leave a leg or foot outside of the cart while it is in motion. Many serious injuries are reported from unexpectedly catching on the ground or a stationary object. Moreover, passengers should have both feet planted firmly on the floor while the golf cart is moving. For extra stability, a passenger should sit with his right hip against the right arm of the seat.

A passenger should be aware of traffic conditions. A sharp, unexpected turn can throw a rider from the golf cart with serious consequences. On turns and fast straight-aways, the passenger should grasp with his hand the right arm of the seat.

Pedestrians and Bicyclists

It is the driver's responsibility to do everything possible to avoid colliding with any pedestrians, bicyclist or other person. All motorists must yield to bicyclists and pedestrians utilizing the sidewalk. At any non-signalized intersection, marked mid-block crossing or driveway, motorists must yield to pedestrians wishing to cross the street or driveway. At signalized intersections, before making any turn, motorists must yield to pedestrians and bicyclists.



Vehicle Maintenance

Regardless of how well you drive, you are not safe unless your golf cart is in good operating condition. You should regularly check for safe operation of brakes, lights (if so equipped), steering, turn signals (if so equipped) and tires. You should also make sure your batteries are charged to good operating levels. A faulty symptom such as loose holding brakes, wheel wobble or unstable steering should prompt the immediate attention of a mechanic.

Driving Tips as We Age *(From the Florida Driver's Handbook)*

Most older drivers enjoy the use of their golf carts and they handle them with skill. There is no reason why they should not continue to drive as long as they are in good health and keep up to date with the Florida traffic laws.

The passing years, unfortunately, take their toll so gradually that we ourselves are not aware of the change. Deterioration of vision, hearing or reaction develops almost unnoticed until we find ourselves faced with an emergency that we are no longer equipped to handle. The result is an accident that the driver could easily have averted a few years, or even months, earlier. Frequently reported errors made by older drivers include inattention, failure to drive in the proper lane, and failure to signal or to observe STOP signs and signals.

Defensive Driving

Defensive driving means doing all you can to prevent crashes. As a defensive driver, you will "give" a little. You will change your driving to fit the weather conditions, the way you feel and the actions of other drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Follow these steps to avoid accidents.

1. Look for possible danger. Think about what might happen. If there are children playing by the road, plan what you will do if one runs or rides into the street.
2. Understand what can be done to prevent a crash. See the defensive driving tips that follow.
3. Act in time. Once you have seen a dangerous situation, act right away to prevent a crash.

Use these defensive driving tips if you see that you are about to be involved in a crash:

1. It is better to swerve right instead of toward oncoming traffic to prevent a crash.
2. Hitting a row of bushes is better than hitting a tree, post or solid object.
3. Hitting a vehicle moving in the same direction as you are is better than hitting a vehicle head-on.
4. It is better to drive off the road than skid off when avoiding a crash.
5. It is better to hit something that is not moving instead of a vehicle moving toward you.

Common Sense Applies

Golf cart drivers must comply with driving laws and all rules of common sense. Never move your golf cart until you have looked in front, behind and to the side for pedestrians and oncoming traffic. Then, signal and pull into traffic when safe.

Driving is a Full Time Job

Concentration is one of the most important elements of safe driving. The driver's seat is no place for daydreaming, mental napping, window shopping, scenic viewing or distracting conversation (including cell phone usage and texting). Nor is it a place for a person who is ill, worried and angry or in grief. There have been too many accidents after which the driver (if he survived) said, "I don't know what happened."

Accident Causes The following are major contributors to serious accidents:

1. Making turns without looking and signaling
2. Backing without waiting and warning
3. Entering traffic lanes without stopping
4. Speeding beyond the ability to maintain control
5. Driving in a manner dangerous to passengers
6. Traveling in an improper traffic lane - stay to the right
7. Driving after dark without head or taillights
8. Operating an improperly maintained cart

Traffic Crashes: What Are Your Responsibilities?

Stop. If you are in a crash while driving, you must stop. If anyone is hurt, you must get help. You must also be ready to give your name, address, and driver license. A driver convicted of leaving the scene of a crash involving death or personal injury will have his or her license revoked. The driver is also subject to criminal penalties.

Report the crash. If the crash causes injury, death or property damage, it must be reported. Call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. If the crash involves a charge of driving under the influence (DUI) or results in death, injury or property damage to the extent a wrecker must tow a vehicle away, the officer will fill out a report. If the crash is investigated by an officer, you, the driver need not make a written report. The officer will provide you with a copy of the form for your records. If property damage appears to be over \$500 and no report is written by an officer, you must make a written report of the crash to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within five (5) days.

Move your vehicle if it is blocking traffic. If your vehicle is blocking the flow of traffic, you must move it. If you cannot move it yourself, you must get help or call a tow truck. This is true anytime your vehicle is blocking the flow of traffic whether it has been involved in a crash or not.

Appear in court. If you are charged in a driving crash, you may have to go to court. The officer who comes to the scene of the crash will file charges against any driver who violated a traffic law. Anyone who is charged will have a chance to explain to the court what happened. The court will then decide what the penalty will be. Anyone who is not charged with violating the law may have to come to court as a witness.

Crash Involving an Unattended Vehicle

If, while driving, you hit a vehicle with no one in it or if you damage any object that belongs to someone else, you must tell the owner. Give the owner your name and address in person or in a note attached to the object that was hit. Report the crash immediately to the proper law enforcement agency.

Avoiding Rear-End Collisions

Many crashes happen because one vehicle runs into the back of another one. Here are some things you can do to lower the risk of someone running into the rear of your vehicle. Check your brake lights often to make sure they are clean and working properly, if your golf cart is so equipped.

1. Know what is going on behind you. Use your rearview mirrors.
2. Signal well in advance for turns, stops and lane changes.
3. Slow down gradually. Avoid any sudden actions.
4. Drive with the flow of traffic (within the speed limit).
5. Adjust your speed to traffic conditions on streets and parking lots.

ORDINANCE 2011-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN AMENDING CHAPTER 74 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN BY THE ADOPTION OF ARTICLE VI CONSISTING OF SECTIONS 74-200 TO 74-210, INCLUSIVE; PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS UPON DESIGNATED STREETS; PROVIDING FOR RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS; PROVIDING THAT THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON SAID STREETS SHALL CONSTITUTE A LICENSE BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE GOLF CART OWNER OR OPERATOR; PROVIDING THAT IN THE EVENT SUCH LICENSE IS RESCINDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCE OVER THE PORTIONS OF THE CITY ON WHICH GOLF CARTS MAY BE OPERATED IS CONTRACTED OR OTHERWISE CHANGED THAT THE GOLF CART OWNER BY ACCEPTANCE OF A LICENSE HAS WAIVED ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY FOR ANY FUNDS OR ACTION SPENT OR UNDERTAKEN IN RELIANCE ON THIS ORDINANCE; REQUIRING CONSISTENCY WITH STATE STATUTE; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DECAL; PROVIDING FOR SIGNAGE ON CITY ROADS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ANNUAL LICENSES AND THE PAYMENT OF FEES THEREFORE; PROVIDING FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNER/OPERATOR OF THE GOLF CART; PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT ON THE GOLF CART; PROVIDING THAT GOLF CARTS MAY BE OPERATED ONLY BY LICENSED DRIVERS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY REGARDING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, SIDEWALKS OR OTHER PORTIONS OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has legislatively determined that the operation of golf carts pursuant to Chapter 316.212 F.S. may safely be operated on certain designated streets within the City, and specifically finds that golf carts may safely travel on or across the public roads or streets as designated in this ordinance. The City Commission further finds that it has considered the factors regarding the public safety of such golf cart operation including the speed, volume and character of the motor vehicle traffic using the designated road or street and has, therefore, determined that golf carts may be safely operated on said designated roads or streets, and that

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appropriate signage shall be placed within the City to indicate that such operation is allowed; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has legislatively determined that the operation of golf carts on certain City streets with over five thousand (5,000) trips daily and speed limits of thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph) is safe and should be allowed given the City's experience with golf carts being operated on the streets for many years without reported accidents; and

WHEREAS, the crossing of state roads or county roads shall be as determined by the appropriate state or county agency or authority having jurisdiction, and no crossing of state or county roads shall be allowed without the permission of the appropriate governmental authorities; and

WHEREAS, golf carts may be operated on City streets only during the hours between sunrise and sunset unless the equipment and safety devices prescribed by Florida statute have been installed; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is safe and in the public interest for golf carts to be operated during the hours between the hours sunset and sunrise, if such golf carts are equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, a windshield and other features as required by this ordinance; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, IN SESSION DULY AND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED:

"Section 1: That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dunedin is amended by the creation of Article VI of Chapter 74 consisting of Sections 74-200 to 74-210, inclusive, to read as follows:

Section 74-200 Use of Golf Carts Upon Designated City Streets.

It shall be lawful for a person holding and in possession of a valid driver license to operate a golf cart, as defined by Section 320.01 (22) Florida Statute, upon certain designated streets within the boundaries of the City of Dunedin. No such golf cart shall be operated on any other portion of the right-of-way of city, county or state roads except the paved portion of the right-of-way of said street, and there shall be no operation of golf carts on sidewalks, parks or other portions of City lands, the Pinellas Trail and spurs or extensions thereof, right-of-ways or City streets except as specifically designated herein, and public golf courses and private lands allowing such use. All use of golf carts on designated City streets shall be in strict accordance with Florida Statute 316.212 or any amendments thereto or any other provisions of Florida Statutes regulating the use of golf carts on public streets. All persons operating a golf cart on City streets must comply

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with all other applicable traffic laws regarding the operation of such a vehicle. Nothing herein shall relieve the operator of a golf cart from compliance with all laws and ordinances otherwise pertaining to the operation of a vehicle.

Section 74-201 Crossing State and County Roads.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize the operation of a golf cart on a state or county road or right-of-way or to allow the crossing of a state or county road other than at such crossings and in such locations as shall be permitted and specified by the State of Florida, or an administrative agency thereof, or by Pinellas County.

Section 74-202 Licensed Use; Revocable.

The operation of a golf cart on designated City streets shall be deemed to be a licensed use of those streets and to be revocable upon the will of the City Commission in its legislative capacity based on its consideration of the health, safety and welfare of the public arising from such use.

The issuance of a license or other permission for the operation of golf carts on City streets shall not limit or otherwise preclude the City Commission from the amendment of this Article, revocation of this Article, contracting or expanding the streets or roads on which golf cars can be operated, or the designation of crossing points for state and county roads. All persons operating golf carts on City streets under this license from the City of Dunedin shall do so on the condition that there shall be no claim for any monetary loss or other claim for the loss of allowed golf cart operation on such streets or any monetary claim therefore based on a claim for action in reliance on the provisions of this Article. The City Commission retains the unlimited legal authority to revoke, amend or to otherwise legislate as to the operation of golf carts on City streets without liability of any kind arising from its legislative decisions.

Section 74-203 Waiver of Claim.

Any person operating a golf cart enjoying a license for such purpose and all persons who are passengers in such golf cart shall be deemed to have waived any claim against the City for its legislative decision to allow the operation of such golf carts on designated City streets in compliance with this Article, and this Article is declared by the City Commission to be a legislative act of the City pursuant to the authority granted by state statute.

Section 74-204 Parking.

Golf carts operated on designated City streets, when parked in public parking spaces, such golf carts shall be parked in a manner

within such space side by side or in another fashion that allows either golf cart to leave the space when desired. It shall be the obligation of each golf cart operator to park the golf cart in a manner that will allow the use of the public parking space by another golf cart. This section shall be applicable to such areas as are specifically designated for vehicle parking use either on City streets or off the right-of-way of City streets, in parking lots owned and controlled by the City, or in such other areas as are designated by signage or ground marking for such usage, and on public lands specifically allowing such use. Identified handicapped parking spaces may be used by golf carts complying with the law for use of these spaces by vehicles.

Section 74-205 Driver License - All persons operating a golf cart on designated City streets shall, upon request of a law enforcement officer, be in possession of a valid driver license; it shall be unlawful for a golf cart to be operated on designated City streets by any person who is not the owner of and in possession of a valid driver license. No person may operate a golf cart on City streets who has a suspended driver's license or whose driver's license has been revoked.

Section 74-206 Registration of Golf Carts.

All golf carts operating on City streets, prior to such operation, shall be registered with the City of Dunedin on an annual basis by such persons and in such a manner as is administratively determined by the City Manager. The registration process shall include the payment of an annual registration fee in the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). An inspection to verify road worthiness, and the presence of required equipment may be instituted by the City as a condition of registration and operation of a golf cart on City designated streets. Decals reflecting a valid registration must be visibly affixed to each registered golf cart on the back driver's side of said golf cart in a location that is easily visible to law enforcement personnel. Such registration and decal must be current at all times the golf cart is operated on City streets. No registration is required for golf carts which are not operated on City streets.

Section 74-207 Required Equipment.

All golf carts operated on designated City streets must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering, a horn meeting the standards of Chapter 316.271 F.S., safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear of such golf cart, at all times while the golf cart is operated on designated City streets. All golf carts operated between sunset and sunrise on designated City streets shall also be properly equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals and a windshield.

The provisions of this Article may be enforced by law enforcement officers and as to such matters not requiring action only

by a law enforcement officer, by both City Code Enforcement Officers and law enforcement officers.

Section 74-208 Designated Streets.

The City streets within the borders delineated on the Exhibits attached hereto and labeled "Northside Golf Cart Boundary" and "Southside Golf Cart Boundary" are the designated City streets on which golf carts may be operated, and only in those designated areas. The crossings of state and county roads as depicted thereon shall be lawful for the operation of golf carts only when and if those crossings are approved by the appropriate state and county agencies having jurisdiction over that decision. It is unlawful for a golf cart to cross a state or county road at any other location.

Section 74-209 Areas of Legal Operation.

The portions of the City of Dunedin in which golf carts may be lawfully operated consist of a Northside Golf Cart Zone and a Southside Golf Cart Zone.

- (a) The Northside Golf Cart Zone shall consist of the following areas:

Northside golf cart zone is bounded by and does not include:

- Curlew Road on the north
- CR 1 on the east
- State Road 580 on the south
- Alt US 19 on the west – However, the Harbor View Villas and Dunedin Shores subdivisions on the west side of Alt US 19 are included with an existing Alt US 19 golf cart crossing at Palm Boulevard.

- (b) Southside Golf Cart Zone is bounded by and does not include:

- State Road 580 on the north
- Keen Road (C.R. 1) on the east
- Union Street on the south
- Alt US 19 on the west

The Southside Golf Cart Zone includes all streets within the boundary excluding the following with traffic volumes of 5,000 vehicles per day or more or with posted speed limits over 35 miles per hour:

- Virginia Street between Milwaukee Avenue and Keene Road (C.R.1)
- Patricia Avenue between Union Street and Main Street

Permitted crossings of the above-excluded streets within the Southside Golf Cart Zone, during such times that the appropriate state or county authority has permitted such crossings, are:

- Virginia Street at New York Avenue
- Patricia Avenue at Manor Drive South and Knollwood Drive

Section 74-210 Number of Occupants, Speed and Required Insurance.

- (a) The number of occupants in any golf cart being operated on the designated streets of the City of Dunedin shall be restricted to the number of seats on the golf cart, not exceeding the number of persons for which the golf cart was designed and which is consistent with the number of seats provided by the golf cart manufacturer.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any occupant of a golf cart to stand at any time while the golf cart is in motion.
- (c) All golf carts permitted to travel on designated City streets within the City of Dunedin shall have a maximum attainable speed of twenty miles per hour (20 mph).
- (d) It is unlawful for a person to drive a golf cart at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law. It is the duty of the operator of a golf cart to leave the paved surface of a designated street to allow other motor vehicles to proceed at the lawful speed on such street as an exception to Section 74-200 and subparagraph (e) below.
- (e) It is unlawful for a golf cart to be operated on City sidewalks, rights-of-way and other locations on which a motor vehicle cannot be operated, and as proscribed by state statute or City ordinance, except for compliance with subparagraph (d) above.
- (f) It shall be unlawful for any golf cart to be operated on the designated streets of the City unless and until the owner(s) thereof has purchased liability insurance insuring against personal injury and damage to property relative to the operation of golf carts on said designated City streets. The said insurance must be in full force and effect at all times the golf cart is operated on designated City streets. Proof of insurance must be presented to the City upon registration and licensing of the golf cart to

operate on designated City streets, and to a law enforcement officer or Code Enforcement Officer upon request.

Section 74-211 Enforcement.

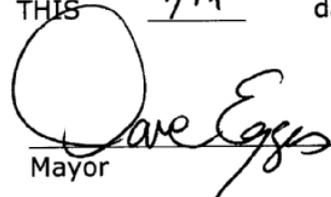
Violations of this Article shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions of Section 316.212(8) F.S. and City ordinances by a law enforcement officer or City Code Enforcement Officer as such officer's legal authority and jurisdiction allows. Code Enforcement Officers shall have the right to enforce all matters having to do with golf cart required equipment, the streets upon which golf carts may be operated, the lawful parking of golf carts and all other matters not exclusively within the jurisdiction of and lawful authority of law enforcement officers.

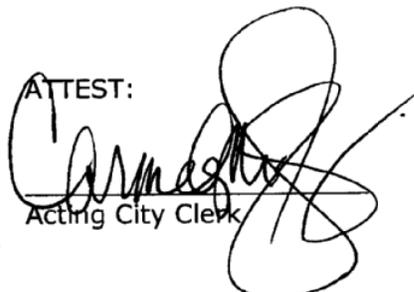
In addition, other avenues for the enforcement of violations of this ordinance may be enforced by Dunedin Code Enforcement Officers and the City of Dunedin Code Enforcement Board as their jurisdiction and legal authority allows."

Section 2. All ordinances or resolutions of the City of Dunedin specifically addressing permitted golf cart operation in the City are hereby repealed in their entirety. Existing signage regarding golf cart operation as allowed by previous state law will be removed from all City right-of-ways and replaced with appropriate signage."

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2011.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS 7th day of April, 2011.


Mayor

ATTEST:

Acting City Clerk

PASSED ON FIRST READING: March 24, 2011
PASSED ON SECOND READING: April 7, 2011

ORDINANCE 12-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN AMENDING SECTION 74-209 OF CHAPTER 74 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN TO PROVIDE FOR A GOLF CART CROSSING OF ALTERNATE U.S. 19 AT MONROE STREET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Dunedin has legislatively determined that the operation of golf carts, pursuant to Chapter 316.212, Florida Statutes, may be safely operated on certain designated streets within the City, and specifically finds that golf carts may safely travel on or across the public roads or streets as designated in Ordinance 2011-04; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunedin sought, and the Florida Department of Transportation has approved, a golf cart crossing of Alternate U.S. 19 at Monroe Street; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise Section 74-209 to authorize the golf cart crossing of Alternate U.S. 19 at Monroe Street; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, IN SESSION DULY AND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED:

Section 1: That Section 74-209 of Chapter 74 of the Code or Ordinances of the City of Dunedin is amended to read as follows:

Section 74-209 Areas of Legal Operation.

The portions of the City of Dunedin in which golf carts may be lawfully operated consist of a Northside Golf Cart Zone and a Southside Golf Cart Zone.

(a) The Northside Golf Cart Zone shall consist of the following areas:

Northside golf cart zone is bounded by and does not include:

- Curlew Road on the north

- CR 1 on the east
- State Road 580 on the south
- Alt US 19 on the west – ~~H~~ however, the Harbor View Villas and Dunedin Shores subdivisions on the west side of Alt US 19 are included with an existing Alt US 19 golf cart crossing at Palm Boulevard.

(b) Southside Golf Cart Zone is bounded by and does not include:

- State Road 580 on the north
- Keene Road (C.R. 1) on the east
- Union Street on the south
- Alt US 19 on the west – however, the area from the City Marina to Weaver Park on the west side of Alt. U.S. 19 is included with an Alt. U.S. 19 golf cart crossing at Monroe Street

The Southside Golf Cart Zone includes all streets within the boundary excluding the following with traffic volumes of 5,000 vehicles per day or more or with posted speed limits over 35 miles per hour:

- Virginia Street between Milwaukee Avenue and Keene Road (C.R.1)
- Patricia Avenue between Union Street and Main Street

Permitted crossings of the above-excluded streets within the Southside Golf Cart Zone, during such times that the appropriate state or county authority has permitted such crossings, are:

- Virginia Street at New York Avenue
- Patricia Avenue at Manor Drive South and Knollwood Drive

(Ord. No. 11-04, § 1, 4-7-2011; Ord. 12-26, 06/21/12)

Section 2: This Ordinance shall become effective upon final passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS 21st day of June, 2012.



Dave Eggers
Mayor

ATTEST:



Denise M. Schlegel
City Clerk

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| ADVERTISED: | _____ | June 09, 2012 |
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| READ SECOND TIME AND ADOPTED: | _____ | June 21, 2012 |

ORDINANCE 14-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN AMENDING SECTION 74-209 OF CHAPTER 74 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN TO PROVIDE FOR A GOLF CART CROSSING OF ALTERNATE U.S. 19 AT JACKSON STREET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Dunedin has legislatively determined that the operation of golf carts, pursuant to Chapter 316.212, Florida Statutes, may be safely operated on certain designated streets within the City, and specifically finds that golf carts may safely travel on or across the public roads or streets as designated in Ordinance 2011-04; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunedin sought, and the Florida Department of Transportation has approved, a golf cart crossing of Alternate U.S. 19 at Jackson Street; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise Section 74-209 to authorize the golf cart crossing of Alternate U.S. 19 at Jackson Street; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, IN SESSION DULY AND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED:

Section 1: That Section 74-209 of Chapter 74 of the Code or Ordinances of the City of Dunedin is amended to read as follows:

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- Alternate U.S. 19 on the west – however, the Harbor View Villas and Dunedin Shores subdivisions on the west side of Alternate U.S. 19 are included with an existing Alternate U.S. 19 golf cart crossing at Palm Boulevard.

There shall be one permitted crossing of Alternate U.S. 19 within the Northside Golf Cart Zone to connect with the Southside Golf Cart Zone at Jackson Street.

(b) Southside Golf Cart Zone is bounded by and does not include:

- State Road 580 on the north
- Keene Road (C.R. 1) on the east
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The Southside Golf Cart Zone includes all streets within the boundary excluding the following with traffic volumes of 5,000 vehicles per day or more or with posted speed limits over 35 miles per hour:

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Permitted crossings of the above-excluded streets within the Southside Golf Cart Zone, during such times that the appropriate state or county authority has permitted such crossings, are:

- Virginia Street at New York Avenue
- Patricia Avenue at Manor Drive South and Knollwood Drive

There shall be one permitted crossing of Alternate U.S. 19 within the Southside Golf Cart Zone to connect with the Northside Golf Cart Zone at Jackson Street.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall become effective upon final passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS 8th day of January, 2015.

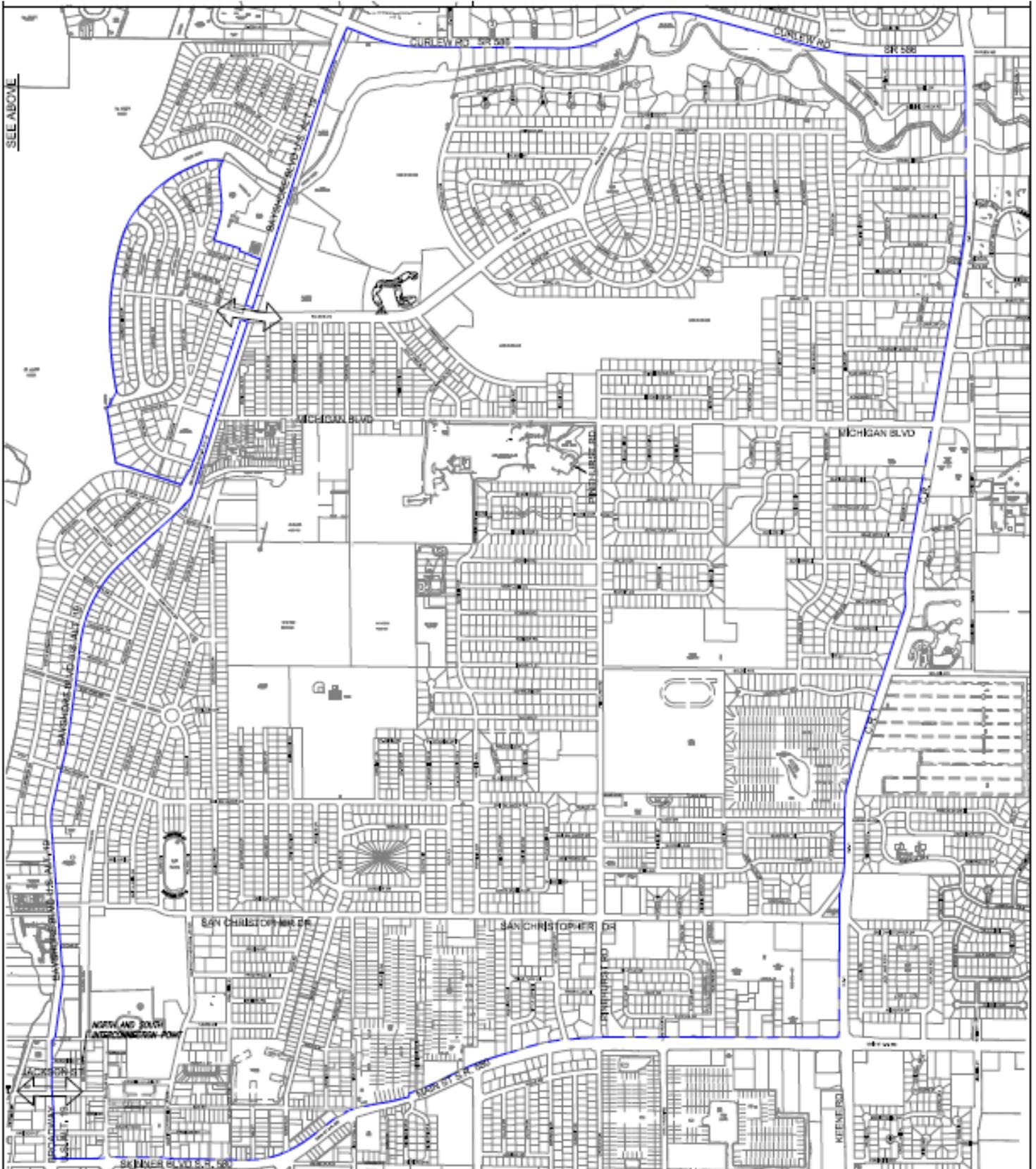

Julie Ward-Bujalski
Mayor

ATTEST:


Denise Kirkpatrick
City Clerk

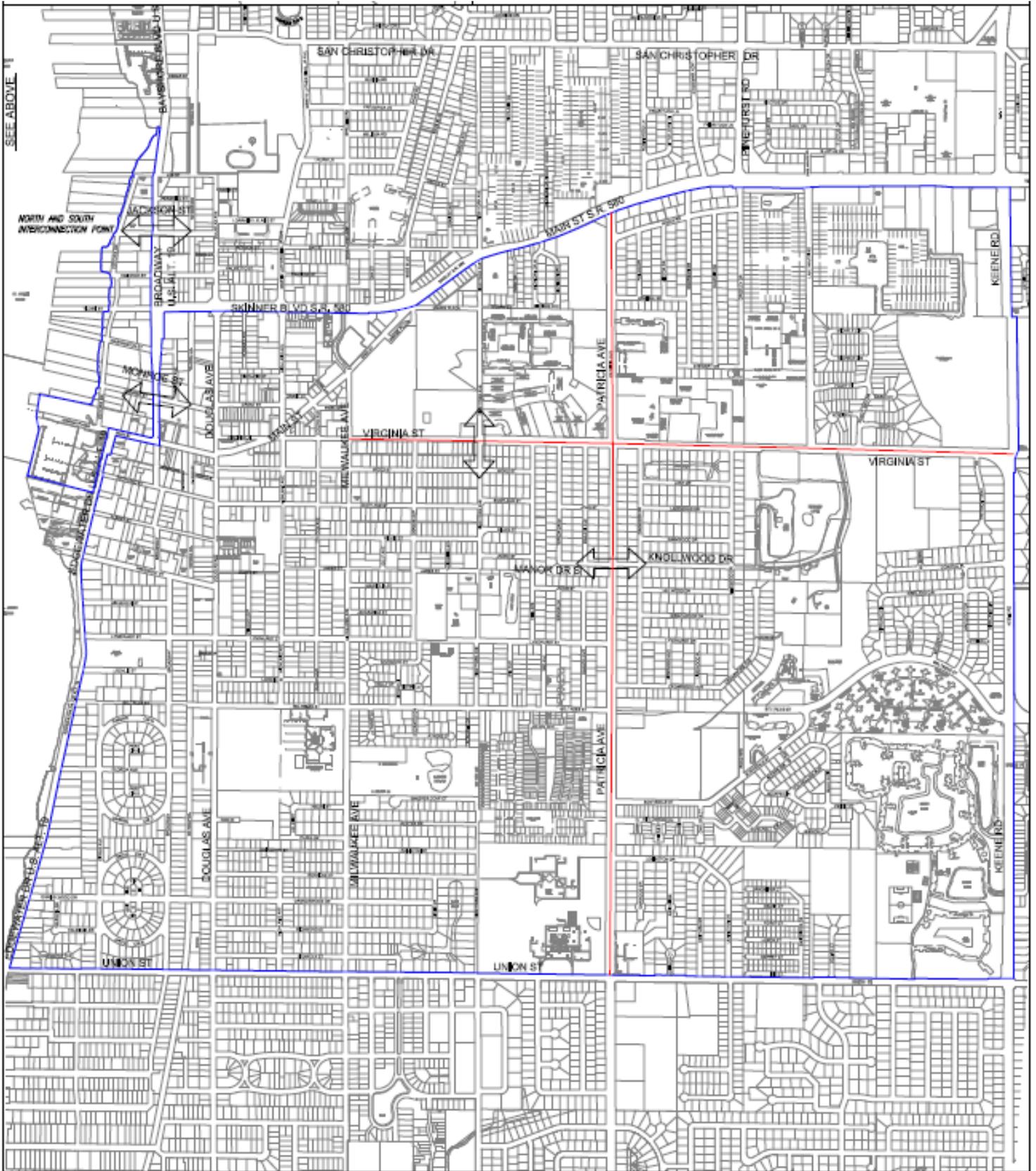
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NORTH SIDE GOLF CART ZONE

- LEGEND
- NORTH SIDE GOLF CART BOUNDARY
 - ALLOWED CROSSINGS



SOUTH SIDE GOLF CART ZONE

- LEGEND**
- SOUTH SIDE GOLF CART BOUNDARY
 - SOUTH SIDE GOLF CART NON ACCESS (CROSSING ONLY)
 - ↔ ALLOWED CROSSINGS

