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Subject: Report on Golf Carts

BACKGROUND: The City Council requested that staff identify the presence of golf cart usage in Orange City and determine the need for golf cart designations if necessary. Golf carts are useful in subdivisions with golf courses, college campuses, private RV resorts and gated communities like John Knox Village and Oakhurst subdivision. These areas are generally enclosed with easy access to adjacent businesses and facilities and should be considered on an individual basis. Golf carts were observed in the Orange City RV Resort and the surrounding area. The heavier golf cart traffic is during the winter months after our temporary residents arrive.

Florida Statute 316.212 (attached) authorizes municipalities to regulate the use of golf carts on certain roads within the municipalities. The statute requires designation of authorized roads considering factors such as roadway speed, volume of traffic and character of motor vehicles using the road or street. Golf carts accessing authorized roads must meet certain safety requirements. Many of our roadways are arterial or collector and may be unsafe for golf cart traffic.

Golf carts from Orange City RV Park traverse E. Graves, a designated arterial, to visit stores across from the RV Park. The authorized speed on E. Graves is 45 miles per hour. Staff observed vehicular traffic travelling west with speeds of 57 mph to a low speed of 35 mph. The westbound traffic view is somewhat limited because of the Interstate 4 overpass which may challenge the statutory provision of road character and speed.

The development of a city ordinance regulating golf cart usage would require road designations, signage, registration, safety inspection program and enforcement.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff does not recommend a city ordinance regulating golf cart usage.

ATTACHMENTS: Florida Statute 316.212

FINANCIAL IMPACT: (If regulations adopted) Administration of golf cart registration and decal issuance; Signage designating requirements; Inspection program; Selective traffic enforcement; Managing and processing violations

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the street or highway and is divided by that street or highway, provided that the governmental entity having original jurisdiction over such street or highway shall review and approve the location of the crossing and require implementation of any traffic controls needed for safety purposes. This subsection shall apply only to residents or guests of the mobile home park. If notice is posted at the entrance and exit of any mobile home park where residents of the park operate golf carts or electric vehicles within the confines of the park, it is not necessary for the park to have a gate or other device at the entrance and exit in order for such golf carts or electric vehicles to be lawfully operated in the park.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if authorized by the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection, a golf cart may be operated on a road that is part of the State Park Road System if the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less.

(5) A golf cart may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless the responsible governmental entity has determined that a golf cart may be operated during the hours between sunset and sunrise and the golf cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

(6) 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.

(7) A golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by any person under the age of 14.

(8) A local governmental entity may enact an ordinance regarding golf cart operation and equipment which is more restrictive than those enumerated in this section. Upon enactment of such ordinance, the local governmental entity shall post appropriate signs or otherwise inform the residents that such an ordinance exists and that it will be enforced within the local government's jurisdictional territory. An ordinance referred to in this section must apply only to an unlicensed driver.

(9) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a moving violation for infractions of subsections (1)-(5) or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (8), or punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as a nonmoving violation for infractions of subsection (6), subsection (7), or a local ordinance corresponding thereto and enacted pursuant to subsection (8).

History.--s. 2, ch. 83-188; s. 1, ch. 84-111; s. 2, ch. 88-253; s. 322, ch. 95-148; s. 4, ch. 96-413; s. 168, ch. 99-248; s. 7, ch. 2000-313; s. 6, ch. 2005-164; s. 3, ch. 2008-98.

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