

**ORDINANCE No. 2025-52**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 44, CREATING ARTICLE VIII, TITLED “GOLF CARTS”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Doral (“City”) finds it in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to permit and regulate the operation of golf-carts devices within City rights-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statute §316.003(29) defines golf carts as “a motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes”; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statute § 316.212, provides municipalities with authority to permit and regulate the use of golf carts on municipal rights of way; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is known for its prestigious and varied golf courses; and

**WHEREAS**, in similar communities throughout the State, the use of golf carts have expanded to use on municipal roads, as an option to the use of automobiles for short distance commutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Mayor and Council find that it is in the City’s best interest to adopt an Ordinance that will allow the use of golf carts on municipal rights of way.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

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**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**Section 2. Amending Chapter 44, Creating Article VIII**

**CHAPTER 44 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**ARTICLE VIII. Golf Carts**

**Sec. 44-406. Legislative intent.**

It is the intent of this article to permit and regulate the use of golf carts within the designated streets of the City, during non-restricted hours by drivers who possess a Florida learners or permanent driver's license, or are over the age eighteen, operating golf carts which have passed a safety inspection and registered with the City.

**Sec. 44-407 Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Designated streets.* All streets within the City except NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NW 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and NW 25<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Golf cart.* A motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes as defined in F.S. ch. 316.003(29).

*Permit.* An official authorization designating that the golf cart to which the authorization is affixed meets the requirements of state law and the City's Code.

*Slow moving vehicles.* Any vehicle designed for use and speeds less than 25 miles per hour.

**Sec. 44-408 Authorized use.**

- (a) Drivers possessing a learners or permanent driver's license may operate golf carts which have been inspected and issued permits by the city on all designated streets within the city.
- (b) A permit to use a golf cart on a designated street does not permit entry onto private property or semi-private property, including retail parking lots, private roads or common areas in condominiums. Access to these areas may be regulated by the property owners and/or property managers.

**Sec. 44-409 Prohibited use.**

The operation in the City of any golf cart in the following manner or under the following conditions is prohibited:

- (1) Without a valid, current learners or permanent driver's license;
- (2) During hours between sunset and sunrise without being equipped with headlights and a windshield;
- (3) Without a valid, current permit issued by the City's Police Department and affixed to the golf cart in a conspicuous location;
- (4) In violation of state or county traffic regulations;
- (5) Anywhere on the roadway surface of NW 87th Avenue, NW 97th Avenue, NW 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue or NW 25<sup>th</sup> Street, except to cross those thoroughfares at marked intersections or intersections regulated by a traffic signal.
- (6) On the parks, bicycle paths, sidewalks, or swales of the City;
- (7) Parking in violation of posted regulations;
- (8) Obstructing or interfering with normal traffic flow; and
- (9) Carrying more passengers than those for which the golf cart was designed.

**Sec.44-410. Inspection.**

- (a) Each golf cart owner shall sign an affidavit as approved by the City acknowledging that their golf cart complies with the City'
- (b) Upon submission of an affidavit conforming with paragraph (a), and payment of a \$50.00 permit fee, the golf cart permit applicant will be issued a tag that will be affixed in a conspicuous location on their golf cart and shall be renewed on an annual basis.

**Sec. 44-411 Required equipment.**

A golf cart must be equipped with:

- (1) Efficient brakes;
- (2) Reliable steering apparatus;
- (3) Safe tires;
- (4) Rear view mirrors;
- (5) Red reflectorized warning devices, both in the front and the rear;
- (6) Rear stop lamps meeting the minimum standards of F.S. § 316.234(1);
- (7) Turn signals meeting the minimum standards of F.S. § 316.234(2); and
- (8) Safety belts.

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**Sec. 44-412 Slow moving vehicles.**

Golf carts meeting the definition of slow moving vehicle must also have a "SMV" triangular emblem attached to the golf cart pursuant to Metro-Dade Ordinance No. 71-94.

**Sec. 44-413. Operators.**

Drivers must hold a current and valid learners or permanent driver's license in order to operate a golf cart upon the streets of the City.

**Sec. 44-414 Traffic laws.**

- (a) Operators of golf carts using designated streets within the City are required to observe all traffic laws as if they were operating any other motor vehicle.
- (b) While traveling on designated streets, operators and passengers of golf carts must comply with applicable state law as to the requirements and usage of safety belts and child restraint equipment.
- (c) Owners and operators of golf carts shall comply with applicable state law pertaining to insurance requirements.

**Sec. 44-415 Enforcement.**

- (a) The City's Police Department shall be responsible for enforcing this article.
- (b) A fine of \$250.00 shall be assessed for each violation of this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Conflicts.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same, are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any section, subsection, clause of provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

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**Section 5. Incorporation into the Code.** It is the intention of the Mayor and the City Council, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Doral, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions.

**Section 6. Effective Date** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by the City Council on second reading.

The Prime Sponsor for this Ordinance is Councilman Rafael Pineyro.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	_____
Vice Mayor Digna Cabral	_____
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	_____
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	_____
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED on FIRST READING this 10 day of December, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on SECOND READING this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CONNIE DIAZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

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GASTESI, LOPEZ, MESTRE & COBIELLA, PLLC  
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