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ST. JOHNS FOREST MASTER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
GOLF CART AND LOW SPEED VEHICLE (LSV) REGULATIONS AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The following document is a clarification of existing documents, rules and policy regarding Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles for use in the St. Johns Forest Community.

The operation of a Golf Cart or Low Speed Vehicle (LSV) on Association property is prohibited unless it is in full compliance with the licensing and safety requirements outlined here.

Florida Statutes §316.212, §316.2122, §320.01(22) and §320.01(41) set forth requirements for the lawful operation of Golf Carts and Low Speed vehicles on Florida roadways. Florida law incorporates into its standards, compliance with the safety standards of Title 49 §571.500 of the Code of Federal Regulation. Article 15, Section 2 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements for St. Johns Forest, specifically prohibits the operation of vehicles not licensed for street use on the Association property. Consequently, unless a Golf Cart or Low Speed Vehicle is licensed for street use it cannot be driven on Association property.

To lawfully operate a Golf Cart or Low Speed Vehicle on Association property, the vehicle must be licensed with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles which requires:

- Registration;
- Title;
- Proof of insurance;
- Valid driver's license or state issued photographic identification (per St. Johns County Ordinance 2018-42 (6.K.)); and,
- Be of age fourteen (14) or older (per St. Johns County Ordinance 2018-42 (6.G.))

In order to obtain licensing with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the vehicle must be equipped with the following safety equipment:

- Headlamps;
- Front and rear turn signals;
- Stop lamps;
- Tail lamps;
- Reflex reflectors, red - one each side and one on the rear;
- Exterior mirror on the driver side and an interior rear-view mirror or exterior mirror on passenger side;
- Parking brake;
- Windshield;
- Seat belt for each designated seat; and a,
- Vehicle identification number (VIN).

When converting a Golf Cart to a low-speed vehicle licensed for street use, an owner should refer to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for all additional requirements to make that conversion.

Please comply with all vehicle use restrictions, speed limit signs and other traffic control devices of the Community and drive safely.