



Heritage Landing Community Notice UPDATED Charlotte County Ordinances on Public Roads for Golf Carts and E-Bikes

Dear Residents,

During our CDD meeting on March 11th, the Board discussed the need to ensure that all residents were made aware of the recent changes to both the golf cart and E-bikes ordinance from Charlotte County since our roads are public.

Charlotte County approved an update to its golf cart ordinance on **February 25, 2026**, [revising the rules for golf carts and clarifying where they may be operated](#). Because our community's roads are public, these rules apply within our neighborhood.

We also want to clarify that **Florida's Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV) statute did not change** of which there are many in the community. LSVs continue to be regulated under [Florida Statute §320.01\(42\)](#), which defines an LSV as a **four-wheeled vehicle capable of speeds greater than 20 mph but not more than 25 mph**, and therefore treated as a **motor vehicle** under state law.

Below is a summary to help all residents understand the differences and the rules that apply.

Golf Cart

- Designed for golf course use
- **Not capable of exceeding 20 mph**
- No registration, no insurance, no license plate
- Operators must be **14 years or older**
- Florida Statute 316.212 requires only **basic safety equipment**, depending on time of day:
 - **Daytime operation**
 - **No special equipment is required** beyond what the manufacturer provides.
 - **Night operation** is allowed; the golf cart must have:
 - Headlights
 - Brake lights
 - Turn signals
 - A windshield

Low-Speed Vehicle (LSV)

- Capable of **20-25 mph**
- Considered a **motor vehicle**
- Must have:
 - **License plate**
 - **Registration**
 - **Insurance**
 - **DOT-approved safety equipment** (seat belts, lights, mirrors, etc.)

- Driver must hold a **valid driver's license**
- Any vehicle classified as an LSV under §320.01(41) must comply with all federal safety standards. It requires **every LSV** to have:
 - **Headlamps**
 - **Front and rear turn signals**
 - **Tail lamps**
 - **Stop lamps (brake lights)**
 - **Reflex reflectors**
 - **Parking brake**
 - **Rearview mirrors** (interior or exterior)
 - **Windshield**
 - **Seat belts** for each designated seat
 - **Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)**

Where Can These Vehicles May Be Driven?

Golf Carts

- Only on **public roads officially designated for golf cart use** by Charlotte County, currently Heritage Landing does not have this designation.
- Roads must be designated **by County resolution** or through an approved **plat/re-plat**
- Golf carts may **not** be driven on any other public roads
- Deputies now have a uniform, objective rule: If it can exceed 20 mph, it is not a golf cart.

LSVs

- May operate on **any public road with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less**
- Must follow all standard motor-vehicle laws

In addition, Charlotte County has also adopted updated rules on February 10, 2026 for [electric bicycles and other micromobility devices](#). We want to share the key points to help everyone stay safe and informed.

Below is a summary to help all residents understand the rules that apply.

E-bikes

- **What's Allowed**
 - E-bikes (all classes) shall mean the term "electric bicycle" as defined in Florida Statute 316.003
 - E-bikes may be used on **public streets** and **bike lanes** within the community.
 - E-bikes may be used on **sidewalks**, but riders must follow the **15 mph speed limit**.
- **Where E-Bikes Are Not Allowed**
 - County **trails, greenways, and greenbelts**
 - Any **CDD-owned recreation areas or paths** where posted restrictions apply
- **Safety Requirements**
 - Riders **16 years old and younger** must wear a helmet.
 - Riders must **yield to pedestrians** and use an audible signal when passing.
 - Between dusk and dawn, e-bikes must have a **white front light** and **red rear light**.

Enforcement

These rules will be enforced by the **Charlotte County Sheriff's Office**.

Our Commitment

The CDD will continue to promote safe use of golf carts, LSV's and E-bikes throughout the community. We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep our roads and sidewalks safe for all residents.

If you have questions about these rules or where they apply, please contact District Management.

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