

OSCEOLA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION & TRANSIT

GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC ROADS

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Purpose:

The operation of golf carts on or along Osceola County roads and sidewalks is prohibited unless supported by an engineering study and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to citizens who wish to request the use of golf carts on County roads within their community, and to establish a uniform procedure for reviewing and processing such requests.

Application:

An application must be submitted to Osceola County Transportation & Transit to initiate the request. The application can be requested in person, via phone or email, or downloaded from the Osceola County Transportation & Transit web site as provided below. The completed application can be returned through the same means.

<https://www.osceola.org/agencies-departments/transportation-transit/services.stml>

Osceola County Transportation & Transit
Attn.: Traffic Engineering
1 Courthouse Square, Suite 3100
Kissimmee, FL 34742
P: (407) 742-0552
traffic@osceola.org

The applicant must be a homeowner (not renter) of a self-contained community or, if the community is governed by a homeowners association (HOA), an officer or board member of the HOA.

Petition:

A petition showing community support must be collected by the applicant. If the applicant is a HOA, the HOA shall utilize their own records to provide the contact information of the affected residents; otherwise, the County will coordinate with the applicant to determine the names and addresses of the affected residents, based on the street identification provided in the application. The petition must include the signatures of:

- a. at least 51% of the residents of a self-contained community
- or
- b. at least 51% of the members of a homeowner's association.

Only one signature is allowed per household and the signatories are required to be homeowners, NOT renters.

Golf Cart Study and Fee:

Upon verification of the petition, Osceola County Transportation & Transit shall conduct a traffic engineering study to determine if golf carts may safely travel on or cross the public roads based on the speed, volume, and character of the vehicle traffic using the effected roads. The results of the study and finding of the traffic engineer shall be final and not appealable.

A study fee will be assessed to the applicant. The fee will vary based on the complexity of the study, but will not exceed \$6,500.00. An estimate of the fee will be provided to the applicant prior to the study, at which time, the applicant can choose to either cancel the request at no charge, or move forward.

Study Fee: \$6,500.00 maximum.

The study fee is non-refundable, regardless of the outcome of the study, and shall be paid to Transportation & Transit prior to beginning the study.

The study will typically include, at a minimum, the following:

- A. Study limits - Identification of study area shall be limited to those platted and recorded within the community, neighborhood, or park listed in the application.
- B. Historical crash data - Historical crash data shall include, at a minimum, three (3) years and include all identified major roadways within the study area as determined by a registered professional engineer.
- C. Spot Speed Study - Spot speed studies shall be performed to adequately capture the general driving behavior of the study area. Location and period of study shall be determined by a registered professional engineer but shall not be less than 1-hour or 30 data points; whichever occurs first.
- D. Golf Cart Operation Warrant Analysis - Completion of the Osceola County Golf Cart Operation Warrant Analysis for the study area shall accompany the study.
- E. Recommendations – The end result of the study will be a recommendation for or against golf cart operation within the study community. Recommendations to allow golf cart use will be accompanied by an assessment on whether nighttime operation will be permitted, designation of the roads where golf cart use is permitted or prohibited, and the locations and layouts of the golf cart signs.

Final Actions:

The scope of a final action is limited to approval, approval with conditions, or denial of the application.

An application that is approved by Transportation & Transit will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for final approval and implementation through the adoption of a County Ordinance.

The Ordinance shall clearly identify the limits and boundaries of approval, and provide operator safety criteria and enforcement information. Osceola County approved static sign panels shall be installed by the County to clearly designate the limits of enforceable action. The cost of the signs and labor to install the signs will be borne by the applicant.

Installation of the static sign panels shall be performed and completed within 60 days of the Ordinance being adopted and payment is received.

If an application is denied, the applicant must wait a minimum of one-year from the date of the previous study before submitting another application and petition; however Transportation & Transit reserves the right to reject repeat applications should it be deemed that conditions in the neighborhood have not substantially changed to warrant the use of golf carts on County roads.



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Application for Golf Carts on Public Roads

Part 1 – Applicant Information

Applicant must be a homeowner (not renter) of a self-contained community or, if the community is governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA), an officer or board member of the HOA

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Applicants Phone Number: _____

Applicants Email Address: _____

Is Applicant a Homeowners Association? _____

Name of community, street, subdivision or HOA (if applicable): _____

Part 2 – Street Identification

Identify street or streets where the use of golf carts is requested. A map identifying the requested streets can be submitted in lieu of a written listing: _____

Part 3 – Signature

I am a homeowner (not renter) of a self-contained community or an officer or board member of the HOA. I hereby swear that the information provided is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Petition for Golf Carts on Public Roads

Petition requirements:

- Only one signature per household
- Signatories are required to be homeowners, not renters
- Signatures of at least 51% of the affected homeowners are required for a successful petition

Name of community, street, subdivision, or HOA: _____

Number of homes: _____

Number of signatures required (51% of all homeowners) _____

I am in favor of having the roads in this community designated for golf cart usage pursuant to Florida Statutes:

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