



TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES  
**GOLF CART  
REGISTRATION**

## 5 Easy Steps for Golf Cart Registration with the Town

### Step 1

Ensure that your golf cart meets all safety standards pursuant to Town Code Section 39-50. Use the Safety Checklist on page 5 as a guide.

### Step 2

Insure your golf cart. Insurance for your golf cart may be purchased by contacting your homeowner's insurance company or automobile insurance company.

### Step 3

Complete the Golf Cart Permit Application **and** Affidavit. These documents may be found on the Town's website at [www.miamilakes-fl.gov/golfcart](http://www.miamilakes-fl.gov/golfcart) or by visiting Town Hall at 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014.

### Step 4

Bring your completed Golf Cart Permit Application, Notarized Affidavit, Proof of Insurance, Valid Driver's License, and one-time \$50 application fee to the Building Department at Town Hall.

### Step 5

Affix your Town issued Golf Cart Registration Permit to the rear fender of your Golf Cart.



For more information or to register your golf cart, please contact the Town of Miami Lakes  
Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at (305) 364-6100 or  
visit the Town's website at [www.miamilakes-fl.gov](http://www.miamilakes-fl.gov).



## Golf Cart Permit Application

6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014  
 Phone: 305.364.6100 | Website [www.miamilakes-fl.gov](http://www.miamilakes-fl.gov)

|                     |  |                          |  |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Date:               |  | Driver's License Number: |  |
|                     |  |                          |  |
| Owner's First Name: |  | Owner's Last Name:       |  |
|                     |  |                          |  |
| Address:            |  |                          |  |
|                     |  |                          |  |
| Telephone Number:   |  | E-mail Address:          |  |
|                     |  |                          |  |

**Permittee acknowledges the following:**

- Golf carts are defined, (F.S. 320.01(22)) as a “motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour”.
- Golf carts may **not** be operated on streets, roads, or portions as designated and in accordance with Florida Statute 316.212 between the hours of sunset and sunrise unless equipped with headlights and a windshield.
- Operators must possess a valid state-issued driver’s license, to operate a golf cart upon streets and roads within the Town limits.
- Golf carts 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 at all times while operated on the designated streets or roads.
- Operators must comply with applicable State law as to the requirements and usage of safety belts and child restraint equipment while operating on the designated streets or roads.
- Operators of golf carts using designated streets or roads within the Town are required to observe all traffic laws as if they were operating any other motor vehicle.

The following roads have not been authorized for golf cart use except to cross those thoroughfares at marked intersections of intersections regulated by a traffic signal:

- NW 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- NW 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**GOLF CART SAFETY CHECKLIST**

For all golf carts operated on designated streets and roads pursuant to this ordinance shall at minimum be equipped with the following:

| MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS  | YES | NO |
|---|-----|----|
| Properly functioning brakes.  |     |    |
| Rear stop/brake lamps   |     |    |
| Properly functioning steering apparatus   |     |    |
| Safe tires  |     |    |
| Rear view mirror(s)   |     |    |
| Florida Department of Transportation approved lap safety belts for the driver and all passengers. |     |    |
| Reflectorized warning devices in the front and the rear of the golf cart.                         |     |    |
| Turn signals  |     |    |
| Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) Triangular Emblem affixed to Cart (if applicable)                       |     |    |

**HOLD HARMLESS.** Any person operating a golf cart on any designated streets, roads, rural parkway easements or multimodal paths does so at his/her own risk and must operate such vehicle with due regard for the safety and convenience of other motor vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The Town in designating certain city streets and roads, for the operation of golf carts, extends such operating privileges on the express condition that the operators of any golf carts under this ordinance undertakes such operation at their own risk and assumes sole liability for operating the vehicle on the designated streets, roads, rural parkways or multi-modal paths and by such operation agrees to defend, release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Town, its officials and employees for and regarding any and all claims, demands, or damages of any nature whatsoever arising from such operation by any person.

**Liability insurance required.** Any operator of a golf cart on the designated streets, roads, rural parkway easements or multi-modal paths shall be covered by motor vehicle or other liability insurance that includes operation of the golf cart insuring the owner and/or operator against loss from liability for bodily injury, death, and property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle of not less than the limits described in Section 324.021(7), Florida Statutes, as may be amended.

\_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**For Staff Use Only**

|                                      |                                    |  |           |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| _____ \$50.00 Registration Fee       | _____ Golf Cart Permit Application |  |           |
| _____ Copy of Valid Driver's License | _____ Golf Cart Permit Affidavit   |  |           |
| _____ Copy of Insurance Information  | Permit Issued:                     |  | Permit #: |



# Golf Cart Permit Affidavit

6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014  
Phone: 305.364.6100 | Website www.miamilakes-fl.gov

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who being duly sworn by me, on oath, deposes and says:

1. I am the owner of a golf cart.
2. I have received, read and am familiar with the provisions of the Town of Miami Lakes Code 39-50 (Ordinance 22-293)
3. I hold a current driver's license.
4. I am completing this Golf Cart Permit Affidavit in order for the golf cart to be permitted for use in the Town of Miami Lakes.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ YES, I certify that the golf cart that is being registered meets all requirements for such vehicles in State law and specifically those detailed in Florida Statutes including but not limited to, those contained in Chapter 316, State Uniform Traffic Control" and the Town of Miami Lakes Code Section 39-50.
  - a. Properly functioning brakes.
  - b. Turn signals.
  - c. Properly functioning steering apparatus.
  - d. Safe tires.
  - e. Rearview mirrors.
  - f. Safety belts for the driver and all passengers.
  - g. Reflectorized warning devices in the front and the rear of the golf cart.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the above statements are true and correct. I understand that the penalties for perjury may consist of a fine or imprisonment or both.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MIAMI DADE

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.

Personally Known: \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

## 16 Golf Cart Safety Tips

1. Never drive recklessly or joy ride. Drive courteously. Obey all vehicle traffic laws and rules of the road.
2. Never drive intoxicated or under the influence of any drug or narcotic.
3. Avoid distractions while operating the golf cart just as you would in an automobile. Be safe and attentive – avoid talking, texting, or reading while driving, reaching for objects, applying makeup, or eating.
4. Golf carts should be equipped with seat belts for driver and all passengers. The driver and all occupants should utilize available seatbelts anytime the vehicle is in use.
5. Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats.
6. Drivers and passengers should keep all body parts (arms, legs, feet) inside cart while vehicle is in motion, except when signaling a turn.
7. Do not allow anyone to ride standing in the vehicle or on the back platform of the vehicle. Do not put vehicle in motion until all passengers are safely seated and wearing their seat belt.
8. Operate the vehicle from the driver's side only.
9. Always use hand signals to indicate your intent to turn due to the small size and limited visibility of the turn signals on a golf cart.
10. Check blind spots before turning. When making a left-hand turn, yield to the thru traffic lane and merge into that lane before turning left.
11. Carefully turn and look behind golf cart before backing up.
12. Avoid sharp turns at maximum speed and drive straight up and down slopes to reduce the risk of passenger ejections and/or rollover. Avoid excessive speed, sudden starts, stops and fast turns.
13. Reduce speed due to driving conditions, especially hills or other inclines or declines, blind corners, intersections, pedestrians, and inclement weather.
14. Do not leave keys in golf cart while unattended and make sure the parking brake is set.
15. Always yield to pedestrians and be cognizant of motor vehicles.
16. Use extreme caution in inclement weather. Although a golf cart may shield you from the rain, it may not protect you from a lightning strike.

# Town of Miami Lakes Golf Cart Prohibited Streets



**Prohibited Streets**  
**NW 57th Avenue**  
**NW 67th Avenue**  
**NW 87th Avenue**

# Town Code Section 39-50

## Sec. 39-50. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this article to permit and regulate the use of Golf Carts within the Designated Streets of the Town, during non-restricted hours by licensed drivers operating Golf Carts which have passed a safety inspection.

## Sec. 39-51. Definitions

**Designated Streets.** All streets within the Town except NW 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Golf Cart.** A motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes as defined in Florida Statutes Chapter 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 Town Code.

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

## Sec. 39-52. Authorized Use

- (a) Licensed drivers may operate Golf Carts which have been inspected and issued Permits by the Town on all Designated Streets within the Town.
- (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. 39-53. Prohibited Use.

The operation in the Town of any Golf Cart in the following manner or under the following conditions is prohibited:

- (1) Without a valid, current 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 Town Police Department and affixed to the Golf Cart in a conspicuous location.

## Sec. 39-53. Prohibited Use. (continued)

- (4) In violation of State or County traffic regulations.
- (5) Anywhere on the roadway surface of NW 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue or NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 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 Town.
- (7) Parking in violation of posted regulations.
- (8) Obstructing or interfering with normal traffic flow.
- (9) Carrying more passengers than those for which the Golf Cart was designed.



### **Sec. 39-54. Inspection.**

- (a) Each Golf Cart shall be inspected by the Town annually.
- (b) Upon submitting a completed Permit application, proof of insurance and the payment of a \$50.00 application fee, the Town Police Department will schedule an inspection to ensure that the required equipment is installed and operating properly.
- (c) The application fees will be deposited into the General Operating Funds of the Town.
- (d) The Town shall issue a Permit to a Golf Cart which passes the inspection. The Permit shall include a registration number and be displayed in a conspicuous location on the Golf Cart.

### **Sec. 39-55. 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).
- (8) Safety belts.

### **Sec. 39-56. 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. 39-57. Operators.**

Drivers must hold a current, valid driver's license in order to operate a Golf Cart upon the streets of the Town.

### **Sec. 39-58. Traffic laws.**

- (a) Operators of Golf Carts using Designated Streets within the Town 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. 39-59. Enforcement.**

The Town Police Department shall be responsible for enforcing this article.