

McBRIDE HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION GOLF CARTS USE
Statement Approved by the Board of Directors
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Some homeowners have raised concerns about golf carts on McBride Hills Association roads. The matter was brought up at the last annual meeting and was discussed at the April 29, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.

There is no mention of using golf carts on McBride Hills roads in the Association covenants, but *Florida Statutes* sections 316.212, 316.2125, 316.2126, and 316.008 provide some guidance and a legal basis for the use of golf carts on Florida roads.

The *Florida Statutes* clarify the use of golf carts with regard to age of operators (must be at least 14), must have appropriate safety equipment, must obey traffic and speed signs, etc., but their application is less clear in the case of McBride Hills because:

- McBride Hills Association is one of three different homeowner associations in this development and operators may not know which homeowner association is the one in which they are driving;
- The roads in McBride Hills are privately owned and not owned by the state or a municipality;
- McBride Hills has NOT formally declared itself to be a golf cart “community.”
- McBride Hills Association members individually own to the center of the roads so as people drive on the roads they are crossing different properties and easement rights of ingress and egress.

Members of the McBride Hills Association, Inc. may want to review the appropriate sections of *Florida Statutes* regarding this issue.

The Board suggests, however, that if individual property owners are concerned about the age of the driver, reckless driving, speeding, having inappropriate safety equipment on the golf cart, liability issues, etc., they should speak directly to the golf cart owner/driver. If this effort is ineffective then call the Leon County Sheriff's Office at 606-3300 to report the incident.