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SUBJECT: Golf Cart Rules

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Hello Neighbors,

The subject of golf carts on our streets has come up at recent WMA meetings, not to mention many messages to me from homeowners who have had a close call with a golf cart, especially after dark, so it's well past time we addressed legitimate issues that homeowners have raised. And since it seems golf carts are more popular than ever and the number of them has increased over the last couple of years, it is time to set some basic rules that we hope will not take away from the fun, but make the ride safer not only for the operator, also for passengers, and for everyone in the neighborhood who shares the road with them.

Although it is parents or guardians responsibility to make sure a child operates the cart safely and also the parents or guardians responsibility to make sure passengers are safe when they are on the cart, the WMA feels that it is time to take some actions so there is clarity of policy going forward and everyone knows what will be expected from every golf cart owner.

Parents, you should, if you haven't already, have a conversation with your child, or children, about how to operate your golf cart safely on our streets.

Here are the rules that we will require to be followed going forward, as operators and owners alike.

1. No one under the age of twelve (12) will be allowed to drive or be the operator of a golf cart.
2. No golf cart will be allowed to carry more passengers than it has seats (e.g., if a cart has seating for 4 occupants, only 4 occupants will be allowed to ride that cart.)
3. No child will ride on the cart in such a way that puts them in danger of falling off, or being thrown from the cart (e.g., standing on seats or hanging off the side or back of the cart.)
4. No golf carts will be allowed to operate on the streets after dusk if the cart is not equipped with working headlights and tail lights. There must be some type of reflective material affixed to the rear of the cart that can not be blocked by rear seat passengers.
5. The cart owner will be responsible for keeping the cart in good working order, not only the lighting system, but to include brakes, tires, seats, seat belts and horns if so equipped. Think of it the same as you would the car you put your family in when you're taking a trip, or just going to Walmart. You want that car safe. The same standards of safety you apply to your car should apply to the golf cart you are letting your child drive on our streets, out of your sight, possibly including a sibling, other family member, or a neighbor's child, as a passenger.

6. The operator of every golf cart, adults included, must adhere to the rules of the road. The operator must drive in the lane designated for that direction of travel, obey the posted speed limit of 20 MPH, and if equipped on the cart, use a signal for turning off one street to another, and when safely possible, the operator should yield to cars and trucks.

We, as officers of the WMA, are not trying to take away from the enjoyment this brings to children and adults alike, because Wyndale is the ideal neighborhood for such activity, but as more carts show up in the neighborhood, this is a necessary step to ensure that your children are safe, passengers are safe, drivers have fewer concerns about having close calls with carts, and we also must keep in mind there are cars and trucks that come to Wyndale, day and night, that may not be aware there are golf carts on our streets and not be as mindful of them when navigating the neighborhood.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please reach out to us. We will discuss and hopefully answer any question or concern you have, whether a cart owner or driver who shares the road with them.

Respectfully,

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