

Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District ("District") Golf Cart Policies and Recommendations

- A golf cart is a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.
- Pursuant to Charlotte County Ordinance No. 2017-035, individuals aged 14 years and older may operate a golf cart on the roads and streets within Babcock Ranch Community Phase 1A & Town Square and Babcock Ranch Community Phases 1B1 and 2A with the following speed limits:
 - Paved roads with a width of 15 feet or more: 25 miles per hour
 - Paved roads with a width of less than 15 feet: 20 miles per hour
 - Unpaved roads, regardless of width: 20 miles per hour.
- Individuals may not operate golf carts on unpaved trails.
- All 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.
- Any golf cart that is operated on District public roads or streets between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with functioning headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield
- Persons driving golf carts within the District shall comply with all applicable provisions of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, compliance with all traffic control devices.
- A violation of the ordinance is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318, Florida Statutes.
- The District recommends all golf cart operators obtain liability insurance and register golf carts with the District.
 - Registration:
 - The District requests that operators register golf carts by submitting the attached registration form.
 - Insurance:
 - Operators should obtain liability insurance insuring against personal injury and damage to property with limits of at least \$300,000 and provide a certificate of insurance, which must be renewed annually, with the District, Babcock Ranch Residential Association, Inc., Babcock Ranch Commercial Association, Inc. Babcock Ranch Town Operations, LLC, and Babcock Property Holdings, LLC, named as additional insureds.
 - Operators should provide such certificate of insurance to the District at the time of registration and refile updated certificates annually.
- Safety:
 - Passengers and drivers should keep all body parts inside the golf cart while it is in motion.
 - Passenger should have both feet planted firmly on the floor while the golf cart is moving.
 - Passenger should sit with right hip against right arm of the seat.

- Passenger should be aware of traffic conditions. A sharp, unexpected turn can throw a rider from the golf cart. On turns and fast straightaways, passenger should use right hand to grasp the right arm of the seat.
 - Regularly check for safe operation of brakes, lights, steering, turn signals, and tires. Make sure batteries are charged to good operating levels.
- Inspections
 - Periodic golf cart safety inspections are held by the District