

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

1. 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.
2. Pursuant to Charlotte County Ordinances, individuals aged 14 years and older may operate a golf cart only on designated roads and streets within the Babcock Ranch Community Phase with the following speed limits:
  - a. Paved roads with a width of 15 feet or more: 25 miles per hour
  - b. Paved roads with a width of less than 15 feet: 20 miles per hour
  - c. Unpaved roads, regardless of width: 20 miles per hour.
3. Golf carts may only be operated on designated roads within Babcock Ranch.
4. Individuals may not operate golf carts on sidewalks, bike lanes or unpaved trails.
5. The minimum age to legally operate a golf cart in the State of Florida is 14 years old.
6. 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.
7. Any golf cart that is operated on District roads between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with functioning headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield
8. 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.
9. A violation of the Charlotte County ordinance is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318, Florida Statutes.
10. The District recommends all golf cart operators obtain liability insurance and register golf carts with the District.
  - a. Registration:
    - i. The District requests that operators register golf carts by submitting the attached registration form.
  - b. Insurance:
    - i. 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.
    - ii. Operators should provide such certificate of insurance to the District at the time of registration and refile updated certificates annually.
11. Safety Recommendations:
  - a. Passengers and drivers should keep all body parts inside the golf cart while it is in motion.
  - b. Passengers should have both feet planted firmly on the floor while the golf cart is moving.
  - c. Passengers should sit with their right hip against the right arm of the seat.

- d. Passengers 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.
- e. Regularly check for safe operation of brakes, lights, steering, turn signals, and tires. Make sure batteries are charged to good operating levels.

12. Parking:

13. Golf carts may only park in designated parking spaces.

14. Golf carts may not park on sidewalks.

15. Golf carts may not block entrances to any building.

16. Be considerate, two (2) golf carts can fit in one parking space.

17. Inspections

- a. Periodic golf cart safety inspections are held by the District.

**BABCOCK RANCH COMMUNITY INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT  
Golf Cart Registration Form**

NAME:

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ADDRESS:

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HOME TELEPHONE:

CELL PHONE:

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EMAIL ADDRESS:

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GOLF CART MANUFACTURER:

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MODEL:

MODEL YEAR:

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INSURANCE CARRIER:

POLICY NUMBER:

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POLICY EXPIRATION DATE:

INSURANCE CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

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**ACCEPTANCE:**

I acknowledge receipt of golf cart registration decal and that the above information is true and correct and agree to assume full responsibility for the operation of my personal golf cart and also agree to accept full responsibility for liability that may arise from ownership and operation by both myself and others that I have authorized to operate the golf cart.

**I have liability insurance insuring against personal injury and damage to property with limits of at least \$300,000 and provide a certificate of insurance, which will be renewed annually, with the Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District, the Babcock Ranch Residential Association, Inc., Babcock Ranch Commercial Association, Inc., Babcock Ranch Town Operations, LLC, and Babcock Property Holdings, LLC, named as additional insureds.**

**I agree to hold Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District, the Babcock Ranch Residential Association, Inc., Babcock Ranch Commercial Association, Inc., Babcock Ranch Town Operations, LLC, and Babcock Property Holdings, LLC, or any other associations, corporations, or partnerships involved in the development or operation of the Babcock Ranch Community harmless for liability arising out of the operation of my golf cart.**

I agree to fully comply with the Florida Statutes regarding the operation of golf carts and Charlotte County Ordinance No. 2017-035 regarding the use of my golf cart on designated roadways.

I agree to maintain the golf cart in safe operating condition with the following minimum equipment:

1. Brakes
2. Brake lights
3. Headlights
4. Steering apparatus
5. Safe tires
6. Rearview mirror
7. Front and rear red reflectorized warning devices
8. Turn signals
9. Windshield

I understand that I have willingly provided all the information requested above and that it may be used by the District for various purposes. **I also understand that by providing this information that it may be accessed under public records laws.** Nothing herein shall be considered as a waiver of the Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District's sovereign immunity or limits of liability beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability which may have been adopted by the Florida Legislature in Section 768.28 Florida Statutes or other statute.

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Signature of Owner (Legal Guardian if Minor)

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Date

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND INSURANCE CERTIFICATE TO:**

Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District

Attn: Community Manager

42911 Lake Babcock Drive

Babcock Ranch, Florida 33982

Telephone: (941) 676-7191