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Parking regulations, see Chapter 92

§ 70.01 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for a person to operate a golf cart upon the streets of Meadowlakes unless;
- (1) Such golf cart is being operated in a “safe manner;”
 - (2) The operator of the golf cart holds a valid driver’s license; or
 - (3) The condition exist that meet the combined situation of; 1) operator is an unlicensed person operating the golf cart “during daylight hours”, and; 2) operator is accompanied by a front seat passenger consisting of an adult 21 years or older, and; 3) meeting a further condition that such qualified adult holds a valid driver’s license. For purposes of this restriction; “during daylight hours” is defined as the above operation having wholly occurred within the interval between the time corresponding to 30 minutes before sunrise and the time corresponding to 30 minutes after sunset, local time.
- (B) “Safe manner” shall mean that such golf cart is operated so as to not violate the prohibitions of rules of the road contained in Titles 1, 6 and 7, of the Texas Transportation Code, save and except those sections that require the installation of safety equipment required for automobiles and other licensed vehicles save and except golf cart lighting requirements as defined in §70.01 (C) 2.
(Ord. 02-07, passed 4-2-02; Am. Ord. 2009-09, passed 2-9-10) Penalty, see § 70.99
- (C) Additional requirements and restrictions shall be in force as follows:
- (1) All privately owned golf carts, which operate on streets within the City, are required to display a reflective and numbered decal that shall be affixed to the front and rear of the vehicle, and furthermore owners are required to affix decals in conspicuous locations which are visible to an observer observing from the front and from the rear of the cart. The decals (2) shall be issued by the City, and affixed by the cart

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owner to allow unique owner identification of the golf cart when being operated on the streets of Meadowlakes. The effective date of enforcement of this requirement is April 15, 2010, after which time a person commits an offence if person operates a golf cart on streets within the City without such City issued decals so affixed. Ownership transfer of carts with existing City issued decals requires that the new owner register with the City within 30 days of transfer. City shall design the decal such that persons with normal vision can decipher decal assigned numbers at a minimum distance of 50 feet during daylight hours.

- (2) Golf carts are prohibited from operating during nighttime hours (nighttime hours as hereby defined includes operating within any portion of the time interval commencing 30 minutes after sundown and ending 30 minutes before sunrise local time), unless the golf cart has in use fully operational golf cart manufacturer's equipped headlamps, tail lamps and brake lamps (or after market lamps of equivalent illumination and functional performance).
- (3) Additionally, any nighttime operator of golf carts on streets within the City shall be required to possess a valid driver's license.
- (4) Cart shall be configured such that manufacture's standard seating provisions are provided for all intended passengers and when in use all passengers shall remain continually seated on standard provisioned seats anytime cart is underway.

(Ord. 2009-09, passed 2-9-10)

§ 70.02 UNLICENSED POWERED VEHICLES.

It shall be unlawful to operate the following vehicles on the streets within the city limits of the City of Meadowlakes:

(A) All-terrain vehicles, as defined in Section 663.001, Texas Transportation Code, except as authorized by Section 663.037, Texas Transportation Code.

(B) Neighborhood electric vehicles, as defined in Section 551.301, Texas Transportation Code, except golf carts, as defined in Section 502.0071, Texas Transportation Code.

(C) Motor Assisted Scooters, as defined in Section 551.301, Texas Transportation Code, except for those with a maximum rated speed of less than 16 mph.

The Meadowlakes Utility District (MUD), the Meadowlakes Property Owners Association (POA) and the Country Club of Meadowlakes (CCM) are exempt from this section and may operate the vehicles prohibited in this section provided that such vehicles are owned by the MUD, POA, or CCM and used for the monitoring, repair and maintenance of their respective utilities, property and facilities.

(Ord. 02-07, passed 4-2-02; Am Ord. 2005-06, passed 12-6-05; Am. Ord. 2007-04, passed 5-1-07) Penalty, see § 70.99

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§ 70.03 SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED.

(A) There shall be established vehicular speed limits on the streets of the city, vehicular speed limits consistent with the following requirements and restrictions.

(a) For all streets in Meadowlakes, the vehicular speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour, save and except requirements contained in § 70.04, Reduced Speed Areas.
(Ord. 92-8-11, passed 8-11-92; Am. Ord. 2006-16, passed 10-3-06)

(B) Speed limit signs shall be placed consistent with the above requirements. All speed limit signs shall be compliant with State of Texas Statutes, governing configuration and required sign locations within the city for such signs, in a manner to effect enforcement of the above requirement. The resulting sign location requirements shall be as specified in the Code of Ordinances Appendix.

(Ord. 85-12-14, passed 12-14-85; Am. Ord. 2006-16, passed 10-3-06) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.04 REDUCED SPEED AREAS.

(A) There shall be “Slow” signs placed 150 feet north of the entry gate, at the west and east approaches to the POA Park entry on Meadowlakes Drive, and at the west, east and south approaches to the POA Park on Mahan and Chaparral, in order to govern traffic movement with a posted speed limit of 20 m.p.h. at those named points and through those named “Slow” zones.

(B) All traffic shall proceed through the “Slow” signs not to exceed 20 miles per hour.
(Ord. 85-12-14, passed 12-14-85; Am. Ord. 00-04, passed 7-5-00; Am. Ord. 02-07, passed 4-2-02) Penalty, see § 70.99

(C) There shall be a restricted vehicular speed limit of 5 M.P.H. at, and in the immediate vicinity of, the Meadowlakes Security Gate. The speed limit shall apply to both the entrance and exit of Meadowlakes. Signage shall be placed in accordance with requirement contained in Appendix A §30 (H).

(Ord. 2007-11, passed 6-5-07)

(D) All vehicles entering Meadowlakes at the Meadowlakes Security Gate entrance via the inside lane of the street are required to be brought to a full stop by the vehicle operator and the vehicle operator may not proceed onward until acknowledged to do so by the Security Gate attendant. A stop sign shall be placed to the left of the inside lane at the Meadowlakes Security Gate attendant's duty station. A person that proceeds onward without being acknowledged to do so by the security gate attendant may be considered as having committed the act of criminal trespass on private property by the Meadowlakes P.O.A.

(Ord. 2007-11, passed 6-5-07) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.05 TRAFFIC SIGNS.

(A) Stop, yield, bump, no parking, park and slow signs will be placed in accordance with a master plan approved and amended from time to time by the City Council and on file with the City Secretary.

(B) Street crossing striping shall be placed on the roadway at each golf cart/golfer crossing.

(C) A “City of Meadowlakes” sign shall be erected near the entrance of the city.

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(D) It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, deface, or otherwise change any of the signs herein mentioned.
(Ord. 02-07, passed 4-2-02) Penalty, see § 70.99

§ 70.06 ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAFFIC LAWS.

The City of Meadowlakes, Texas extends by Ord. 01-09 (passed 10-2-01) the traffic rules that apply to public highways or streets as stated in the Texas Transportation Code, including but not limited to Titles 1, 6 and 7, the City of Meadowlakes, Texas, Code of Ordinances, including but not limited to Chapter 70: Traffic Rules, and Chapter 92: Parking; save and except those provisions of the Texas Transportation Code which would prohibit the use of golf carts on the streets within the City of Meadowlakes, Texas as presently permitted in § 70.01, Chapter 70, Traffic Rules, City of Meadowlakes, Texas, Code of Ordinances, which codes are adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully copied and set forth herein.
(Ord. 01-09, passed 10-2-01)

§ 70.99 PENALTY.

(A) Whenever in this title an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in this title the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, and no specific penalty is otherwise provided in this title, the violation shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500, provided, however, that no penalty shall be greater or less than the penalty provided for the same or a similar offense of the laws of the state.

(B) Each day a violation of this title continues shall constitute a separate offense.