

West Hampton HOA Vehicle Use Policy

Adopted: 2/25/2026

Purpose

This policy has been adopted by the West Hampton Homeowners Association (HOA) to clearly define the expectations for the operation of motor vehicles, golf carts, and micro-mobility machines, and other low speed vehicles within the community. These guidelines aim to promote resident safety, protect privacy, preserve property, and support a peaceful neighborhood environment.

While this policy does not create enforcement obligations beyond existing law or HOA authority, it reflects the community's good faith effort to promote safe behavior and establish a written record of expectations in the event of disputes or incidents.

1. Adherence to Florida Law

All operators of motor vehicles, golf carts, scooters, bicycles, e-bikes, and similar devices are expected to comply with all applicable laws and licensing requirements under the State of Florida. This includes—but is not limited to—laws regarding age, licensure, right of way, and use of public and private roads and walkways.

2. Community Speed Limits

Regardless of vehicle type, all vehicles must be operated at or below 15 miles per hour (15 mph) while within the community, including on all roads, driveways, easements, and shared access areas.

This speed limit is established to promote safety for residents, guests, pets, and pedestrians, and applies equally to full-sized vehicles, golf carts, and micro-mobility devices.

3. Use of Sidewalks and Pathways

Micro-mobility devices (such as electric scooters and e-bikes) must not be operated on sidewalks unless traveling at pedestrian speed (typically under 5 mph) and yielding to foot traffic.

These devices should always be used with regard for safety, noise, and the comfort of pedestrians.

4. Operation Near Homes and Common Areas

Operators of golf carts and micro-mobility devices are expected to avoid use near the perimeters of private residences, including windows, lanais, patios, or pool areas. This is to ensure resident privacy and peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

Parking or operating vehicles immediately adjacent to pool cages, lanai walls, or other homeowner structures is discouraged unless necessary for emergency or service-related purposes.

Use of these vehicles should remain within designated easements, roadways, and common areas, and should avoid landscaped areas or any surfaces not intended for vehicular use.

5. Parking and Storage

Vehicles must be parked in appropriate spaces. The following are prohibited:

- Parking golf carts or scooters on grass, landscaping, or sidewalks
- Blocking access to walkways, mailboxes, fire lanes, or driveways
- Charging electric scooters or bikes using community-provided power sources

6. Community Liability

The HOA disclaims any liability for injury, damage, or loss that may occur as a result of:

- Use of any vehicle or device in violation of Florida law or this policy
- Use of unregistered or unauthorized vehicles
- Negligence, recklessness, or intentional misuse by any resident or guest

By operating any vehicle within the community, residents and guests agree to hold harmless the HOA from any claims, damages, or losses resulting from such use, regardless of whether the user is the vehicle's owner or not.

7. Positive Community Outcomes

The goal of this policy is not to limit freedom of movement, but to support:

- A safe and peaceful neighborhood for pedestrians and families
- Preservation of privacy and comfort for all residents
- Protection of HOA property and landscaping
- A reduced risk of injury, conflict, and property damage

8. Policy Review

This policy may be updated from time to time by the Board of Directors based on changes in law, incidents within the community, or evolving safety needs.

Resident Acknowledgment Form

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the West Hampton HOA Vehicle Use Policy. I agree to comply with all expectations outlined herein and to operate any vehicle I own or control in accordance with the policy and applicable law.

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return to BOD@westhamptonhoa.com