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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA:

## Sec. 164-8. Operation of Low-Speed Vehicles

(b) **Authorization to operate low-speed vehicles.** Low-speed vehicles may be operated within the Town limits where the posted speed limit is thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, this does not prohibit a low-speed vehicle from crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(d) **Hours of operation.** Low-speed vehicles may be operated at any time.

(e) **Compliance with traffic laws.** Low-speed vehicles shall comply with all local and state traffic laws, and may be ticketed for traffic violations in the same manner as motor vehicles.

(f) **Enforcement.** The Town of Howey-in-the-Hills shall have the authority to enforce the provisions set forth herein and applicable traffic laws, provided however, that the enforcement of additional rules and regulations established by communities in which they are operating shall be the sole responsibility of said communities.

## **Sec. 168-9. Operation of Golf Carts on Public Town Roads**

### **(a) Definitions.**

(i) *"Golf Cart"*. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, a "golf cart" is defined as a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per hour.

(ii) *"Public Town Road"* shall mean any thoroughfare maintained by the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills that is commonly used for vehicular traffic.

(b) **Authorization to operate golf carts.** Golf carts may be operated within the boundaries of the Town on designated Public Town Roads for golf cart usage. Such signage will reference this ordinance as required by the Florida Statutes.

(c) **Equipment and minimum standards.** All golf carts operated shall meet the minimum equipment standards established by Florida Statutes. Golf carts that are operated before sunrise or after sunset must be equipped with headlights, brake lights, rear view mirror, turn signals, and a windshield.

(d) **Registration.** Golf carts shall be registered with the Howey-in-the-Hills Police Department. Persons registering a golf cart shall have a valid bill of sale proving ownership or sign an affidavit indicating ownership. Registration shall be for a 12 month period and renewed prior to or on the last day of the 12 month period. Cost of registration and renewal shall be \$25.00 payable to the Town and will be used to maintain the Town's streets and signage for golf carts. A sticker shall be provided at registration and placed on the rear area of golf cart in clear plain site for easy reading.

(e) **Hours of operation.** Golf carts meeting the equipment standards established in subsection (c) above for operation before sunrise or after sunset may be operated at anytime during the day or night. Golf carts that do not meet these additional standards shall only be operated during the hours between sunrise and sunset.

(f) **Compliance with traffic laws.** Golf carts shall comply with all applicable local and State traffic laws, and may be ticketed for traffic and parking violations in the same manner as motor vehicles.

(g) **Operation.** Drivers of a golf cart must possess a valid driver's license within the United States. The number of occupants of a golf cart cannot exceed the number of seats. No person may stand while the golf cart is in motion.

(h) **Enforcement.** The Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Police Department shall have the authority to enforce the provisions set forth herein and applicable traffic laws.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

**Section 3. Codification.** The amendments in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be codified and made part of the official Code of Ordinances of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval as a non-emergency ordinance at two regular meetings of the Town Council.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, by the Town Council of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

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Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Brasher, CMC  
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGALITY for use and reliance by the  
Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida,  
only.

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Heather Blom-Ramos  
Town Attorney

First Reading held April 9, 2012  
Second Ready and Adoption held May 14, 2012  
Advertised April 25, 2012