

Laguna Woods Village, Laguna Woods TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The following Traffic Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced and are applicable to all **PEDESTRIANS** and persons operating **MOTOR VEHICLES** or **BICYCLES** on any real property owned or governed by the Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods (*Resolution 90-03-39 dated April 1, 2003*); United Laguna Hills Mutual (*Resolution 01-07-48 dated May 8, 2007*); Third Laguna Hills Mutual (*Resolution 03-07-60 dated June 19, 2007*); or Laguna Woods Mutual No. Fifty (*Resolution M50-03-10 dated April 17, 2003*).

1.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1 The term "MOTOR VEHICLE" as used herein is a vehicle that is self-propelled, other than a self-propelled wheelchair, invalid tricycle, or motorized quadricycle when operated by a person who, by reason of a physical disability, is otherwise unable to move about as a PEDESTRIAN.
- 1.2 The term "IN LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE" as used herein means on any real property owned or managed by the Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods or the Mutual Corporations.
- 1.3 The term "RESIDENT" as used herein means any member or legal occupant living in the Laguna Woods Village Community.
- 1.4 The term "EMPLOYEE" means a person who is employed by the Managing Agent either on a full time or part time basis.
- 1.5 The term "GOLF CART" means a MOTOR VEHICLE having not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, having an unladed weight of less than 1300 pounds, which is designed to be and is operated at no more than 15 mph and designed to carry golf equipment and no more than two persons.
- 1.6 The term PEDESTRIAN means any person who is afoot or who is using a means of conveyance propelled by human power other than a bicycle. PEDESTRIAN also includes any person operating a self-propelled wheelchair, invalid tricycle, or motorized quadricycle, and by reason of physical disability, is otherwise unable to move about as a PEDESTRIAN.
- 1.7 The term BICYCLE means a device, upon which any person can ride, propelled exclusively by human power through a belt, chain, or gears and having one or more wheels.

2.0 APPLICABILITY OF REGULATIONS:

- 2.1 Except as otherwise stated herein, Division 11, Rules of the Road and Division 12, Equipment of Vehicles of the most current California Vehicle Code and all amendments or revisions thereto apply IN LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE to all PEDESTRIANS and persons operating MOTOR VEHICLES or bicycles.

2.2 The exception to Section 2.1 is no driver's license is required to operate a GOLF CART IN LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE.

3.0 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Any applicant for a business pass or domestic pass who intends to operate a MOTOR VEHICLE IN LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE shall be required to present a valid Drivers License prior to issuance of the pass.

3.2 Any person operating a MOTOR VEHICLE IN LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE shall be required to have a valid driver's license in their possession when operating said MOTOR VEHICLE and is further required to present such license to any member of the Security Division upon request.

3.3 Issuance by the Security Division personnel of a RESIDENT or EMPLOYEE decal will be contingent upon presentation of the following:

3.3.1 Current vehicle registration listing the Laguna Woods Village RESIDENT as owner. If the Laguna Woods Village RESIDENT is not listed as the owner, a letter from the RESIDENT stating that the vehicle is for the exclusive use of the RESIDENT must accompany the registration.

3.3.2 Current RESIDENT or EMPLOYEE identification card.

4.0 AREAS OF AUTHORIZED USE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

4.1 Except as provided in Sections 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 9.3 and 9.5, no MOTOR VEHICLE or bicycle shall be operated IN LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE except on streets, cul-de-sacs, driveways, and designated parking areas designed for such use.

5.0 SPEED LIMITS:

5.1 The maximum speed limit on all Laguna Woods Village streets is 25 miles per hour (MPH), unless otherwise posted.

5.2 The speed limit in all Laguna Woods Village cul-de-sacs, driveways, and parking areas is 15 MPH, unless otherwise posted.

6.0 USE OF HEADLIGHTS:

6.1 All MOTOR VEHICLES approaching and/or entering any Laguna Woods Village gate shall utilize low beam headlamps.

7.0 PARKING:

7.1 MOTOR VEHICLES may only be parked in clearly marked spaces designated for such purpose or against a curb or sidewalk designated as a limited parking area as outlined in Section 7.2. At no time may a MOTOR VEHICLE be parked with any portion of the MOTOR VEHICLE on a sidewalk.

- 7.2 For the purpose of identifying parking limitations, the following curb markings shall be applicable:
- A. RED CURB: NO PARKING
 - B. GREEN CURB: NOT TO EXCEED 10 MINUTES
(Unlimited parking in Green Zone with Handicapped Placard)
 - C. WHITE CURB: LOADING AND UNLOADING ONLY
 - D. YELLOW: COMMERCIAL LOADING AND UNLOADING ONLY
 - E. UNPAINTED: PARKING PERMITTED UNLESS POSTED
- 7.3 No camper, motor home or trailer of any sort, as defined in the California Vehicle Code shall be parked IN LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE except for the purpose of loading or unloading and not for a continuous period greater than six (6) hours. Parking for longer periods of time shall be confined to designated Recreational Vehicle Storage Areas.
- 7.4 Exceptions to Section 7.3 may be granted by the Laguna Woods Village Security Division Watch Commander on a case-by-case basis. ***If the Watch Commander approves a vehicle for overnight parking, the vehicle must be removed before 12 noon the following morning.***

8.0 GOLF CARTS

- 8.1 GOLF CARTS shall follow all the provisions of the California Vehicle Code and the regulations listed in the Security Division Traffic Regulations. A vehicle decal is required since this is the only method of identifying a GOLF CART.
- 8.2 Driving a GOLF CART on a sidewalk shall be permissible only from the point of origin to the nearest driveway or place of exit to the street.
- 8.3 While driving a GOLF CART on a walkway or sidewalk the driver of the GOLF CART shall yield the right-of-way to all PEDESTRIANS and shall not, under any circumstances, travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the safety of all PEDESTRIANS on the sidewalk.
- 8.4 Maintenance MOTOR VEHICLES, when utilized by the managing agent for the purpose of providing maintenance services to Laguna Woods Village Corporations, shall be permitted to travel on sidewalks, lawns, and walkways as necessary to efficiently provide such maintenance services. Maintenance MOTOR VEHICLES shall not be operated at such a speed as to pose a hazard to PEDESTRIANS and, unless unavoidable, due to emergency maintenance, said MOTOR VEHICLES shall not be parked so as to block any normal PEDESTRIAN right-of-way, i.e., sidewalk, walkway, or carport.
- 8.5 MOTOR VEHICLES used for newspaper delivery shall not be driven on sidewalks, walkways, or lawns.

8.6 Any non-resident driving a GOLF CART must be age 16 years or older and be accompanied by a RESIDENT.

9.0 BICYCLES (NON-MOTORIZED):

9.1 All provisions of the California Vehicle Code pertaining to operation of a BICYCLE shall apply within the confines of Laguna Woods Village, Laguna Woods.

9.2 Any BICYCLE owned by a Laguna Woods Village RESIDENT may be registered with the Laguna Woods Village Security Division.

9.3 Riding a BICYCLE on the sidewalk is permitted only from the point of origin to the nearest driveway or place of exit to the street. BICYCLES may be used on sidewalks to deliver newspapers. They are not permitted on lawns.

9.4 BICYCLES may not be ridden within the confines of Clubhouses or manors. BICYCLES must be walked in internal corridors, sidewalks, and breezeways.

9.5 While riding a BICYCLE on a sidewalk, the rider shall yield the right-of-way to all PEDESTRIANS and shall not, under any circumstances, travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the safety of all PEDESTRIANS on the sidewalk.

10.0 PEDESTRIANS IN ROADWAYS:

10.1 Every PEDESTRIAN upon a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway so near as to constitute an immediate hazard.

11.0 REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS:

11.1 The driver of any MOTOR VEHICLE or BICYCLE involved in any accident that causes death or injury to any person shall immediately stop and notify the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Laguna Woods Village Security Division of their identity and the particulars of the accident.

11.2 The driver of any MOTOR VEHICLE or BICYCLE involved in any accident resulting in damage to property, including a MOTOR VEHICLE, shall identify themselves to the owner or individual in control of said property, if present, and they shall notify the Laguna Woods Village Security Division of their identity and the particulars of the accident.

12.0 ENFORCEMENT:

12.1 Enforcement of these Traffic Regulations shall be the responsibility of the Laguna Woods Village Security Division unless otherwise designated by law. Security Officers shall issue Notices of Violation for violations of these regulations. Records of traffic violations shall be kept for three years. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall establish

penalties for violations of these regulations. Penalties may be greater for repeated violations within a three-year period.

12.2 RESIDENTS - MOVING, HANDICAPPED PARKING, AND FIRE HYDRANT PARKING VIOLATION

12.2.1 Following a Notice of Violation for a moving, handicapped parking, or fire hydrant parking violation, a RESIDENT shall be sent a letter notifying him/her of the hearing date. This letter shall be sent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing date. If the RESIDENT chooses to attend the hearing he/she shall notify the Security Division at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

12.2.2 Handicapped parking violations shall be dismissed with presentation to the Security Division of a handicapped placard and placard identification card that were valid at the time of the violation

12.2.3 TRAFFIC HEARING COMMITTEE

12.2.3.1 The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall set up a Traffic Hearing Committee to hold hearings on traffic violations. Traffic hearings shall be held in closed session. The Traffic Hearing Committee shall act for the Board and all decisions shall be final.

12.2.3.2 At the hearing, the Traffic Hearing Committee shall hear testimony from those RESIDENTS who choose to attend and from the Security Officers issuing the Notices of Violation. If the Security Officer cannot be present, the Traffic Hearing Committee may reschedule the hearing for that violation or dismiss the violation. After each hearing the Traffic Hearing Committee shall render a decision. For those RESIDENTS that choose not to attend the hearing, the Traffic Hearing Committee shall make its decision based on the Notice of Violation.

12.2.3.3 Within Ten (10) days following the hearing a letter shall be sent to all violators stating the decision of the Traffic Hearing Committee. If the Traffic Hearing Committee finds the RESIDENT is guilty of the violation, the letter shall inform him/her of the penalty and give him/her the choice of paying it or attending Traffic School. Traffic School is available once during any three-year period. If the RESIDENT chooses to attend Traffic School, the violation shall be deleted from his/her record upon successful completion of the course.

12.2.3.4 Minutes of the proceedings shall be taken at all Traffic Hearing Committee hearings.

12.2.4 TRAFFIC SCHOOL

12.2.4.1 Laguna Woods Village Traffic School shall be a four-hour class covering traffic safety and designed for Laguna Woods Village drivers.

12.2.4.2 Certified teachers or instructors shall teach the Laguna Woods Village Traffic School in Laguna Woods Village.

12.2.4.3 The class size shall be limited to a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of twenty-five (25) persons who shall each pay, prior to attending the class, a fee of \$20.00.

12.2.4.4 The Laguna Woods Village Security Division shall issue each attendee who satisfactorily completes the class a certificate of completion.

12.2.5 RESIDENTS - PARKING VIOLATIONS

12.2.5.1 Following a first Notice of Violation for a parking violation (other than handicapped or fire hydrant), a letter notifying the RESIDENT of the violation shall be sent by the Security Division.

12.2.5.2 For any subsequent violations within a three-year period, the procedure shall be the same as for a moving violation.

12.3 EMPLOYEES - ALL VIOLATIONS

12.3.5 A copy of any Notice of Violation issued to an EMPLOYEE of the managing agent shall be forwarded to his/her Division Director and Human Resources.

12.3.6 Penalties for traffic violations shall be determined by Human Resources Policies and Procedures, and by the Division Director.

12.4 NON-RESIDENTS - VIOLATIONS

12.4.1 Following a Notice of Violation for a moving, handicapped parking, or fire hydrant parking violation, the Security Director shall notify the violator that he/she has been assessed a penalty in accordance with the current monetary penalty schedule.

12.4.2 Following the first Notice of Violation for any other parking violation, the Security Director shall send the violator a warning

letter. For all subsequent violations occurring within three years, the Security Director shall notify the violator that he/she has been assessed a penalty in accordance with the current monetary penalty schedule.

12.4.3 Violations by newspaper carriers shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Security Director and the General Manager, and shall be subject to review by legal counsel.

12.5 MONETARY PENALTIES

12.5.1 All monetary penalties shall be in accordance with the latest monetary penalty schedule approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

12.5.2 Payments of traffic penalties shall be mailed or presented to the Laguna Woods Village Security Division. Checks shall be made payable the Golden Rain Foundation.

12.6 TOWING POLICY

12.6.1 The Security Department has been authorized by the Boards of Directors to enforce the traffic rules of this Community, in all common areas, in compliance with the vehicle code section 22658, which may result in the towing of a vehicle at the vehicle owner's expense. The Security Department is authorized to tow abandoned, stored and/or inoperable vehicles after requesting compliance to remove the vehicle, if no compliance is made within 15 days of written or verbal notification, the vehicle will be subject to tow.

12.6.2 Vehicles parked in a no parking zone, parked in handicapped spaces without a proper placard, vehicles parked in front of fire hydrants and vehicles blocking entrances and exits may be towed immediately at the registered owner's expense.