

## **TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE MARTIN DOWNS WEST VILLAGES AND CRANE CREEK**

### **A. PURPOSE & SCOPE:**

These Traffic Regulations are adopted by the signatories below for the safety and security of the residents and guests of Martin Downs West Villages and Crane Creek. These Traffic Regulations are intended to apply to all roads within the West Villages and Crane Creek. Each signatory homeowners association may adopt additional regulations covering roads within their jurisdiction. These Traffic Regulations replace all previously adopted traffic regulations.

### **B. STATE LAW:**

All Motor Vehicle Laws of the State of Florida must be observed at all times. All motor vehicle operators must have a current and valid drivers license.

### **C. APPROVED MOTOR VEHICLES:**

Only the following listed vehicles are authorized to use the roadways in the West Villages and Crane Creek.

1. Motor vehicles (automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles) which are properly registered with the State of Florida or with another jurisdiction;
2. Golf carts properly registered with Martin Downs Property Owners Association, Inc. (MDPOA). After sundown golf carts must use headlights and brake lights; and
3. Golf course maintenance vehicles operated by employees of Martin Downs Country Club (MDCC).

All other motorized vehicles are prohibited from using the roads within the West Villages and Crane Creek.

### **D. NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS:**

Non-motorized vehicles (i.e. bicycles, scooters, strollers, etc.) and pedestrians are also authorized to use the roadways in the West Villages and Crane Creek. After sundown the use of lights and/or reflective material is encouraged for safety.

### **E. MDPOA REGISTRATION:**

1. All residents of the West Villages and Crane Creek must register their motor vehicles with MDPOA in order to obtain gate access;

2. All non-resident members of MDCC and employees of MDCC must register their motor vehicles with MDPOA in order to obtain gate access;
3. Resident owned golf carts must be registered with MDPOA. Registration includes the signing by the resident of a Financial Responsibility Agreement. Failure to register a resident golf cart is a violation of these Traffic Regulations and may result in the resident's loss of barcode entry privileges for his/her motor vehicle(s);
4. Golf carts belonging to MDCC must also be registered with MDPOA and will be subject to a Financial Responsibility Agreement signed by MDCC; and
5. Golf course maintenance vehicles will be subject to a Financial Responsibility Agreement signed by MDCC.

**F. GATE ACCESS:**

Access to the roads within the West Villages and Crane Creek is controlled by MDPOA Security personnel. The rules governing access are contained in the written Post Orders which are kept and maintained at the Martin Downs Boulevard Gate. A barcode control system is utilized to facilitate access to the West Villages and Crane Creek. The use of the barcode access system is a privilege which may be suspended or terminated for violation of these Traffic Regulations.

**G. SPEED LIMIT:**

The posted speed limit within the West Villages and Crane Creek is thirty (30) miles per hour.

**H. TRAFFIC SIGNS:**

All approved motor vehicles must obey all posted stop signs and any other posted traffic sign.

**I. RIGHT OF WAY:**

Motor vehicles (automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles) have the right of way over golf carts, golf course maintenance vehicles, bicycles, non-motorized vehicles, and pedestrians.

**J. ACCIDENTS:**

All accidents must be immediately reported to MDPOA Security.

**K. ENFORCEMENT:**

These Traffic Regulations shall be enforced by MDPOA Security. Violators will be reported to MDPOA which shall maintain a data base for all violations. Violators may lose barcode access privileges. Guests and commercial vehicles that violate these Traffic Regulations may be denied further access to the West Villages and Crane Creek. MDPOA currently contracts with Martin County Sheriff's Office to hire patrol vehicles and personnel who have the authority to stop any vehicle violating these Traffic Regulations or Motor Vehicle Laws of the State of Florida and to issue appropriate citations to the driver. All citations will be reported to MDPOA and be considered a violation of these Traffic Regulations.

**L. LOSS OF BARCODE ACCESS:**

For violation of these Traffic Regulations, a violator with barcode gate access will be subject to the following penalties:

First Violation – a warning that another violation within 12 months will result in suspension of barcode access privileges;

Second Violation within 12 months – suspension of barcode access privileges for 7 days;

Third Violation within 12 months - suspension of barcode access privileges for 30 days; and

Subsequent Violations within 12 months - suspension of barcode access privileges for 180 days.

Upon suspension of barcode access privileges, a vehicle may only use the visitor's lane at the Martin Downs Boulevard gate.

A violation and penalty letter will be sent by MDPOA to the offending violator.

**M. OTHER VIOLATION PENALTIES:**

For violation of these Traffic Regulations, guests and commercial vehicles may be barred from further access to the West Villages and Crane Creek for a period of time to be determined by MDPOA.

**N. APPEALS:**

Appeals from penalties assessed for violation of these Traffic Regulations shall be to the Executive Committee of MDPOA.

**O. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

These Traffic Regulations shall go into effect on June 1, 2006.

The above Traffic Regulations approved by the Executive Committee of Martin Downs Property Owners Association, Inc. on the 11th day of May, 2006.

S/ Dennis Rohan, President

The above Traffic Regulations approved by the West Villages Presidents Council on the 11th day of May, 2006.

S/ Ken Klein, Chairman

The above Traffic Regulations approved by the Crane Creek Property Owners' Association, Inc. on the 11th day of May, 2006.

S/ Donald Coon, President

The above Traffic Regulations approved by the Martin Downs Country Club, Inc. on the 22nd day of May, 2006.

S/ Sam Hager, President