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Dear Fishers Islanders:

There are many benefits to Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) operating on Fishers Island – they take up less parking space, are electric, and generally slow the speed on the roads, which has been an ongoing safety concern. The sudden increase and varied use of non-registered golf carts this summer has necessitated that FIDCO put a policy in place requiring certain safety standards on its roads, as outlined below. Please be reminded that the main road and the dirt roads past the Gatehouse are all private roads, owned and maintained by FIDCO.

Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) Policy

A LSV is defined under New York law as a **limited use automobile which has a maximum performance speed of greater than 20 miles an hour**, but not greater than 25 miles an hour. All such vehicles shall comply with the safety standards established in 49 C.F.R. 571.500.

- In order to operate a LSV on FIDCO roads, it must meet all requirements of applicable law, be registered with the DMV, and have a License Plate on the back. In addition, each LSV must:
- Be driven by a licensed driver with a valid Driver’s License,
- Be operated only during Daylight hours, and
- Have a FIDCO sticker affixed to the windshield or front bumper

For clarification, traditional golf carts not registered as a LSV may not be used for personal use on FIDCO roads – unless playing golf east of the Fishers Island Club, by FIDCO, or by Fishers Island Club staff conducting routine or maintenance operations. Additionally, all operating rules of the road must be followed – including passing only in designated areas and with a clear line of sight, and car seats must be used and meet the same standards as those in cars and passenger vehicles (in other words, not on laps).

FIDCO supports the responsible use of LSVs on the East End – but that means we are relying on each of you to adhere to this policy. Additionally, please be reminded that FIDCO reserves the right to revoke East End access from anyone who speeds or otherwise violates NYS laws for private roads, the FIDCO guidelines governing Stickers and Guest Passes, or the Rec. Path rules. **Please Slow Down**, and help us all have a safe and happy summer.

Thank you,

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