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**RE: All Non-registered Vehicles on Public Roadways
Persons Under Age 16 Operating Motor Vehicles**

Dear Member,

Several members of your Woodhaven Lakes Property Owners Association have contacted the Board (WPOAB) with concerns and complaints regarding unlawful vehicles on our public roadways. The drivers of said vehicles are under the age of 16 which further magnifies the seriousness of this violation.

Your Board has the duty and responsibility *“to provide a means for the promulgation and enforcement of all regulations necessary to the governing of the use and enjoyment of such parks, lakes, recreational facilities or other amenities...as may be enjoyed by the Association”*(Article VI b and c, in part), that is, all members and their guests. In light of this responsibility, and in the spirit of being good neighbors, it is our duty to inform you of information of which you may not be aware:

1. All non-registered motorized vehicles are illegal on public roadways in the state of Alabama. This includes go-carts, atvs, golf carts, and dirt bikes. If you do not have a state of Alabama registration for your motorized vehicle, it is not legal on public roadways. (Source: Alabama Highway Patrol)
2. Section 32-5-64 of the Code of Alabama states *“Any person under the age of 16 years who shall drive or operate any motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be dealt with as provided by the juvenile laws of this state;”* Further, *“Any owner or person in charge of any motor vehicle who permits any child under the age of 16 years to operate such motor vehicle upon the public highways of this state...shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished as provided by Section 32-5-311.”*

There have been accidents with injuries, countless near collisions, damage to county property, intrusion on private properties, and abuse of Woodhaven common areas. There has been understanding and cooperation by the majority of Association members. However, some illegal activity continues.

This letter is sent to your attention since there are still vehicles recorded and reported on public roadways, in common areas, and driven by minors. We trust, as Association Members, concerned parents, and law abiding citizens you will want to take immediate action where necessary. If we can be of any assistance in supporting your response, please do not hesitate to contact any member of your Board.

Please note that Association members are encouraged to record any illegal activity and report that activity to either the Jefferson County Sheriff (205) 325-1450, or Blount County Sheriff (205) 625-4127. As volunteers serving your WPOAB, it is our responsibility to do all we can to maintain a peaceful, enjoyable community for every Woodhaven member, and we stand with you to realize that goal. We cannot accomplish this for our community without your help.

Sincerely,

Dawn Armstrong, President
Woodhaven Property Owners Association Board

Bob Finch, Vice President

*Pitch in to keep our community
Clean & Safe*



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