



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

To: Mayor Craft, Members of the City Council, City Administrator Steve Griffin

From: Sgt. Josh Coleman, Gulf Shores Police Department

Date: April 5, 2021

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**Subject:** Amend Golf Cart Ordinance

**Issue:** Consider citizen request to allow operation of golf carts on certain city streets

**Recommendation:** Approve amendment to Golf Cart Ordinance allowing for authorized operation of golf carts on certain city streets.

The original ordinance (Ordinance No. 1835 dated March 27, 2017) was written in consultation with the city attorney and residents of Craft Farms. It followed a change in Alabama State Law allowing municipalities to pass such ordinances. While the initial ordinance covers streets within Craft Farms, additional appropriate city streets may be added as shown in Ordinance No. 1983 dated July 13, 2020, allowing cart operation in Martyn Woods Subdivision.

Cart operations are limited to streets that have a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less, have been specifically designated as streets where cart operation is allowed, and to the hours between sunrise to 10:00 p.m. only. Carts must have numerous items of safety equipment including seat belts and each will be inspected by police personnel prior to authorized operation. Cart designated streets will be marked as such by the Street Department.

**Previous Council Action:** Original Adoption of Ordinance No. 1835 – Golf Cart Ordinance and amendment of Ordinance to add certain streets within Martyn Woods Subdivision (Ordinance No. 1983 dated July 13, 2020)

**Related Issues:** None

**Budget Implication:** Minimal

**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance

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