

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.S**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY, PROHIBITING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana Revised Statute 32:299.4 authorizes municipalities, such as the City of Hammond, to pass local ordinances authorizing the operation of golf carts on streets within its borders; and

**WHEREAS**, Although golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used as a vehicle on public streets, roads or highways, golf carts are commonly operated in the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the city desires to establish a policy to promote the health, safety and welfare of persons operating golf cart(s) within the city and to protect the safety of their passengers and the other users of public streets, the adoption of a golf cart ordinance is necessary to provide for local operation of golf carts on city streets and to address the interests of public safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Hammond as follows:

A. The Code of Ordinances for the City of Hammond, Chapter 20, be amended by adding the following new sections:

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**CHAPTER 20  
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

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**ARTICLE IV. GOLF CARTS**

**Sec. 20-74. Definitions.**

The term “golf cart” shall mean an electric or gas powered four-wheeled vehicle originally intended for use off-road on golf courses and other green spaces or intended for personal transportation whose maximum speed is twenty-five miles per hour. Golf carts shall not include lawn mowers, tractors, four-wheelers, UTV’s, ATV's and go-carts.

### **Sec. 20-75. Operation of Golf Carts.**

(a) A golf cart may only be operated upon any street or road within the City of Hammond that has a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.

(b) All operators of golf carts and their passengers must be observant of, and attentive to, all traffic laws, as well as the safety of themselves, other motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the personal and real property of others.

(c) The operation of golf carts shall comply with all applicable local and state traffic laws. Owners and operators of golf carts may be ticketed for traffic violations in the same manner as any other motor vehicle.

(d) Any golf cart operated on a city street shall have liability insurance with the same minimum limits as required by the provisions of La. R.S. 32:900(B).

(e) No person shall operate a golf cart on a city street without a valid driver's license.

(f) Golf carts shall not be operated on a city street between the hours of 12am-6am.

(g) No person shall operate or park a golf cart upon a bicycle path, sidewalk, sidewalk area, or other area not designated for motor vehicle use or not specifically designated for golf cart use.

(h) No person shall operate a golf cart in any subdivision which has a regulation or covenant prohibiting the use of golf carts and that subdivision will be responsible for the enforcement of its regulation or covenant preventing the use of golf carts in that subdivision.

### **Sec. 20-76. Required Equipment; Registration.**

(a) All golf carts operated on city streets shall be equipped with efficient brakes, a reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear of the golf cart. All golf carts shall also be equipped with headlamps, front and rear turn signal lamps, tail lamps, and brake lamps.

(b) All golf carts operated on city streets shall be registered with the state of Louisiana through the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, as an off-road vehicle and shall display a decal issued by the office of motor vehicles.

(c) All golf carts operated on a city street must be registered with the City of Hammond police department. Proof of registration shall be carried in or on the cart at all times and shall be in the form of a decal sticker, and shall be renewed by the owner every two years. The fee for

such registration shall not exceed \$75.00. Registration will be valid for two years from the date of registration.

(d) Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the City in the future from prohibiting the operation of any golf cart on any street under its jurisdiction if the City determines that such prohibition is necessary for the safety of the motoring public.

(e) The city may revoke any registration permit issued by the city for any reason necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of the city, the motoring public, or for other traffic control purposes.

(f) In addition to any legal law enforcement authority of the city, any golf cart permit issued by the city may be revoked if there is any evidence of material misrepresentation made in the permit application, if liability insurance has been revoked, suspended, or expired, or if there is other evidence that the permitted golf cart cannot be safely operated or lacks the necessary requirements provided for under state law.

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B. The effective date of this ordinance shall be \_\_\_\_\_ days after final adoption.

The above and foregoing ordinance having been duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Hammond City Council.

On motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and Second by \_\_\_\_\_ the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the following roll call vote:

**Votes:** Kip Andrews ( ) Carlee White Gonzales ( ) Devon Wells ( ) Sam DiVittorio ( ) Steve Leon ( )

**WHEREFORE** the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

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Kip Andrews  
President, Hammond City Council

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Honorable Pete Panepinto  
Mayor, City of Hammond

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Lisa Cockerham  
Clerk, Hammond City Council