



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: November 5, 2024
From: Larry Schwartz, City Attorney
Item: Revised Special Purpose Vehicles Ordinance
Incorporating Golf Carts

Purpose: An Ordinance authorizing the operation of Special Purpose Vehicles including golf carts, work-site vehicles, micro-utility trucks, and all-terrain vehicles, on the streets within the corporate limits of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas; providing for related matters, including registration and penalties for violation thereof, thus repealing Ordinance No. 2023-03-4576. **(Roll Call Vote)**

Background:

On March 21, 2023, The City of Arkansas City Governing Body approved Ordinance No. 2023-03-4576, which authorized the operation of worksite utility vehicles, micro utility trucks, all-terrain vehicles, and special purpose vehicles on the city streets, within the corporate limits of the City of Arkansas City, providing for related matters, including penalties for violation thereof.

However, this ordinance along with the Kansas State Statute did not warrant or provide specific allowances for golf carts. A few citizens and local businesses have since come forward requesting the city staff and the governing body consider adding provisions for and permitting the use of golf carts within the city limits of Arkansas City, Kansas. This subject was entertained by public discussion in previous meetings which brought positive feedback and ideas.

City Attorney Larry Schwartz and City Clerk Tiffany Parsons have worked diligently to ensure that the revamped ordinance aligns with current city process and state law, or otherwise is well defined and transparent when exempting out of state statute. All-terrain vehicles (ATV's) remain considered for special event use only and will be allowed by permit with approval from the Police Department. The new ordinance does repeal all previous ordinances put in place, including Ordinance No. 2023-03-4576.

Commission Options:

1. Approve the Ordinance
2. Disapprove the Ordinance
3. Table the Ordinance for further discussion

Fiscal Impact:

Amount: Publication Cost

Attachments: Ordinance Draft

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager