



AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Executive

MEETING: Town Council – March 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Sunset of golf cart allowances on streets within the Town of Carolina Beach

BACKGROUND:

On November 10, 2008 the Police Chief presented an ordinance to allow golf carts on the streets in Carolina Beach. Since that time concerns with safety have continued to rise.

To attempt to address many of these concerns in 2017 The Town adopted:

1. Definitions for Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles
2. Clarifying language as to where Golf Carts were allowed
3. Ensured safety equipment (i.e. seat belts, headlights, taillights, turn signals) were required on Golf Carts
4. All NCDOT required safety equipment was installed prior to being able to register a golf cart in CB
5. Recognized state registered low speed vehicles and clarified regulations for the same.

After having the additional regulations from 2017 in place our public safety professionals continue to have significant concerns about maintaining public safety with golf carts on the streets.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Safety concerns with golf carts have risen as traffic continues to increase due to more residents and exponential growth of tourism. To address this safety concern and protect existing investments made in golf carts a sunset date of **December 31, 2025** is established by this proposed ordinance. From the date of adoption of this ordinance until **December 31, 2025** only golf carts owners that have received permits in the past may continue to renew their permit. No new permit applicants shall be allowed.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Adopt Ordinance 23-1199 that will Sunset of golf cart allowances on streets within the Town of Carolina Beach.

Enclosures:

1. Current Code
2. Proposed Ordinance