



AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

PREPARED BY: Gloria Abbotts, Sr Planner

DEPARTMENT: Planning

MEETING: Town Council June 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Text Amendment to amend Chapter 16, Article II., Division 2., Sec. 16-79. – Sunset provision for golf carts on streets, for golf cart taxi businesses.

Applicant: Sherice Boyack

BACKGROUND:

In March 2023, the Town Council approved a sunset provision for golf carts on streets to comply with state statute and due to safety concerns because of the growth in tourism and residents in the Town. The ordinance states that existing golf carts that received a permit prior to July 1, 2023, are permitted to renew their golf cart permits until December 31, 2027. The Low-Speed Vehicle and Golf Cart definitions in the ordinance are not specifically for taxis but include all vehicles in Town.

The applicant, Sherice Boyack, is the owner and operator of Beach Adventure Taxi. She has applied for a text amendment to the existing sunset provision for golf carts on streets, specifically for her existing business. Beach Adventure Taxi is the only Town approved golf cart taxi business.

The applicant currently utilizes golf carts for her taxi business. She would like to add additional carts to her business to keep up with her business needs. Under the current ordinance, she is not permitted to add an additional cart. TRC discussed allowing additional permits for the approved business, but the sunset clause would still apply to meet state statute. The applicant understands that the sunset provision will still apply. After December 31, 2027 the applicant would have to convert to electric vehicles.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve or deny the text amendment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Adopt Ordinance 24-1227 for golf cart taxi businesses.