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TO: City Council and City Manager

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DATE: August 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Golf Carts crossing Exit 16 Overpass

- Allows Golf Carts to cross the overpass.

The Planning & Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS**

The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on a proposed Text Amendment to Article IX – Low-speed Vehicles and Golf Carts, Section 30-293 d. The proposed text amendment is to remove “, cross Interstate Highway 10 at the exit 16 overpass or”. The intent is to allow these vehicles to cross Exit 16 overpass of Interstate Highway 10. The Case File Number is 202500500.

In accordance with Article 9.10.6, the City Council shall have jurisdiction with respect to all Text Amendments and Rezoning. The Planning Commission shall review and submit a recommendation to the City Council on Text Amendments and Rezoning.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator, at prich@diamondhead.ms.gov or 228-242-1613.

ARTICLE IX. - LOW-SPEED VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS

Sec. 30-292. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

City means the City of Diamondhead.

Golf cart means a motor vehicle that is designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour and is equipped with the safety equipment as required under 49 CFR 571.500.

Governing authorities means the mayor and city council of the City of Diamondhead.

Low-speed vehicle means any four-wheeled electric or gasoline-powered vehicle that has a top speed greater than 20 miles per hour but less than 25 miles per hour and is equipped with safety equipment as required under 49 CFR 571.500.

(Ord. No. 2012-013, § 14-162, 9-4-2012; Ord. No. 2019-013, § 1, 4-16-2019; Ord. No. 2012-013.01, 4-16-2019)

Sec. 30-293. - Restrictions.

- (a) The mayor and city council may, in their discretion, authorize the operation of low-speed vehicles and golf carts only on public streets that are within the contiguous area within the city limits.
- (b) Any person operating a low-speed vehicle or golf cart on the public roads and streets under this chapter must have in his possession a valid driver's license or temporary driver's permit and proof of financial responsibility as required under MCA 1972, § 63-15-1 et seq.
- (c) Low-speed vehicles and golf carts may only be operated on Golf Club Drive or Kapalama Drive if the operator is traveling the shortest possible distance between his residence and the nearest other public road or street authorized for use by low-speed vehicles and/or golf carts, cart path or golf course cart path.
- (d) Low-speed vehicles and golf carts may not be operated on any road or street bearing signs indicating that low-speed vehicles and golf carts are not permitted, and they may not cross ~~Interstate Highway 10 at the exit 16 overpass or operated on Interstate Highway 10.~~ Those roads and streets where low-speed vehicles and golf carts are prohibited are marked on the map attached to Ord. No. 2012-013.01 as Exhibit "A."
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when operated by a person participating in a parade permitted by the city, low-speed vehicles and golf carts may be operated on the permitted route on the parade while participating in the parade.