

City of Diamondhead, MS
Request for Council Action

TO: Mayor/Council/City Clerk
FROM: Councilmember At-large Maher
DATE: 11/25/2025

Ordinance Resolution Agreement Info Only Work Session Other

AGENDA LOCATION: Consent Agenda Regular Agenda

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED 12/2/2025

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTIONS or ISSUE:

Request to have an Open meeting to discuss and change Gulf Cart registration ordinance found (Article IX, Sec 30-294. This is to improve the Safety and well being of Diamondhead residents when we start to open Gulf Cart usage in more areas of Diamondhead (ex. Crossing over I-10)
See attachment for suggestions for changes

REQUESTED BY:

Gerard P Maher

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Info Only Completed:

Attachment to RCA submitted by Councilman Gerard Maher for ordinance registration requirements change.

In the interest of public safety and well being, in order to insure Golf Carts are compliant with necessary safety devices such as brake lights, head lights , vehicle insurance the following are suggested changes to registration:

This is NOT changing The vehicle equipment and necessary paper work, that is UNCHANGED

This is to ensure each year, that golf carts on our roads will be accountable and have a proper address and proper insurance up keep. To do this all former permits will no longer be valid after July, 2026. New permits will be issued in 2026 for a suggested sum of \$20 per year with the ordinance change taking place on July 1st 2026. However, this first year of 2026, there will be a one time discounted price for people registering in the months prior to July 2026. That breakdown may look like this: \$5 registration fee if done in March and April, \$10 fee if registered in May, \$15 registration fee if done in June and then all registrations and renewal fees will be \$20 per year on the anniversary month of when first registered. These prices are suggestions and all prices are subject to City Manager with approval of City Council.

City Hall reception would issue the permits after applicant has filled out application stating that they are in compliance with all necessary provision of the code, that they present a driver license and proof of insurance and pay by check or money order the fee. The receptionist is not there to verify compliance, but to get the signed acknowledgment from applicant stating that they are compliant and given a copy of the ordinance concerning Golf Carts. Anyone when stopped by law enforcement for any reason and found to not be in compliance could be subject to significant fine and ticket for not being in compliance, not having permit on left rear bumper in addition to the reason they were stopped.