

**Ordinance No. [2025-\_\_\_\_]**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-2-90 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE,**

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina General Assembly has enacted Section 56-2-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, empowering municipalities to regulate the operation of golf carts within their jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Moncks Corner desires to permit the operation of golf carts under safe and controlled conditions, consistent with state law;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE:**

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted in Section 56-2-90(C) of the South Carolina Code to regulate the hours, methods, and locations of golf cart operation, including daytime and nighttime use.

**SECTION 2. DAYTIME OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS**

A. Golf carts may be operated only on secondary highways or streets with a posted speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour (mph) or less. A permitted golf cart may cross a highway or street at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five miles per hour (mph).

B. All golf cart operators must meet the following conditions as required under Section 56-2-90:

1. Be at least sixteen (16) years of age;
2. Display a valid SCDMV registration sticker on the front windshield;
3. Have in their possession while operating:
  - A valid State of South Carolina golf cart registration certificate;
  - Proof of liability insurance in accordance with Section 38-77-140 of the South Carolina Code;
  - A valid driver’s license.
4. Must obey all applicable traffic laws;
5. Remain within 4 miles of the address listed on the registration certificate;
6. May not operate on sidewalks, bike paths, or unpaved trails;
7. May not be operated in inclement weather where visibility is reduced unless equipped with windshield wipers and appropriate weather protection.

**SECTION 3. NIGHTTIME OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS**

A. Golf carts may be operated at night within the Town limits only if equipped with working headlights, taillights, a rear-view mirror or side mirrors, brake lights, and turn signals

B. Golf carts may be operated only on secondary highways or streets with a posted speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour (mph) or less. A permitted golf cart may cross a highway or street at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five miles per hour (mph).

C. All golf cart operators must meet the following conditions as required under Section 56-2-90:

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- A valid State of South Carolina golf cart registration certificate;

• Proof of liability insurance in accordance with Section 38-77-140 of the South Carolina Code;

• A valid driver’s license.
4. Must obey all applicable traffic laws;
5. Remain within 2 miles of the address listed on the registration certificate;
6. May not operate on sidewalks, bike paths, or unpaved trails;
7. May not be operated in inclement weather where visibility is reduced unless equipped with windshield wipers and appropriate weather protection.

**SECTION 4. PASSENGER SAFETY**

All passengers must be seated while the golf cart is in motion. Each golf cart passenger under the age of twelve (12) must wear a fastened seat belt or be properly restrained in a car seat or booster seat attached by a seatbelt.

**SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

Violation of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or both, at the discretion of the municipal court.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY**

Should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its second reading and approval by the Town Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** and ordered by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled, that this Ordinance is approved and ordered.

ENACTED IN REGULAR MEETING, the 19th day of August, 2025.

First reading: July 22, 2025

Second Reading and Public Hearing: August 19, 2025

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Thomas J. Hamilton, Jr Mayor

Council:

ATTEST:

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Marilyn M. Baker, Clerk to Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Jim Brogdon, Town Attorney

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