

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: February 7, 2022

Topic:

Discussion, Possible Direction from Council regarding operating golf carts on City streets (HB 1281 [87R]), and Possible Action to Adopt, on First Reading,, Ordinance No. 2022-03, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, Amending Chapter 44 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tomball "Traffic And Vehicles", by Adding a New Article IX, "Regulation of Golf Carts", that Provides Regulations for the Operation and Maintenance of Golf Carts within the City; Providing a Penalty; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and, Providing an Effective Date

Background:

Recent changes in Texas law now allow golf carts and most off-highway vehicles to be operated on public roadways; however, their operation is restricted to certain conditions, and there are certain stipulations to make their operation on streets legal. The law also allows municipalities to relax or further restrict golf cart usage, provided that golf carts still operate within municipal boundaries and on a highway that has a posted speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour. Understanding that many residents in Tomball utilize golf carts to drive places other than to and from golf courses, the City government, as provided by the Texas Traffic Code, may examine a model of golf cart usage that makes sense for the residents of Tomball considering City design, projected growth, public safety, and traffic concerns.

Origination: Chief Jeff Bert, Tomball Police Department

Recommendation:

Adopt on First reading Ordinance No. 2022-03, or provide guidance.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Jeff Bert, Police Chief

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, specify Account Number: # _____

If no, funds will be transferred from account # _____ To account # _____

Signed Jeff Bert

Staff Member

Date

Approved by _____

City Manager

Date