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TO: City Council

FROM: Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager



DATE: November 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Possible Changes to Golf Cart Ordinance to be Considered at
January 16, 2023 Council Meeting

In follow-up to discussion at the October 24 City Council work session, the City Council agreed to include on the January 16, 2023 Council meeting agenda consideration of certain amendments to Section 8-9 of the City's Code of Ordinances, pertaining to golf carts. Such changes would be to address safety concerns expressed by Council members, based on their personal observations and feedback from the public.

In the interest of advising the public of the nature of the changes that will be discussed and possibly acted upon at that January 16 meeting, I agreed to bring a summary back to the Council at the November 7 meeting, based on the Council's October 24 discussion.

I understand those possible changes to be the following:

1. Consider prohibiting golf carts from operation on certain high-traffic streets in the City, except to cross. This would be in addition to the current prohibition on operating them on streets with speed limits over 35 mph. Examples of such additional streets might include Forest Avenue, Lincoln Avenue and 22nd Street.
2. Consider a prohibition on unsecured rear-facing passengers in the rearmost seat of the golf cart, or a prohibition on rear-facing passengers age 12 or under in rearmost seat.

These are what I understand to be the two primary safety concerns identified by a majority of Council members at the October work session.

Following discussion on Monday night, please consider a motion affirming or modifying this list of possible changes, so we can properly advise the public.