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Subject/Topic Golf cart ordinances

Message

I am a golf cart owner in TR, number

The only issue I have a problem with is "operation after dark". I use my cart to visit in-laws and come home from the beach (nite events). There are quite a number of carts there

You require full lighting on carts to be licensed by the city, there are bicycles on city streets all night, I understand the midnight restriction because of bar closing time. We don't need any change to this ordinance.



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Subject/Topic Golf carts
Message

Good morning, I received my utility bill with the newsletter indicating there may be some changes to the golf cart rules. First, sadly I see this city council and local government continue to fail to understand how to make a town robust. Two Rivers is a dwindling town and the only thing it has going for it is location. Yet we are scrutinizing something like golf carts that are most likely driven by tourists. Two Rivers is not my primary residence. I purchased a second home here 5 years ago but to be honest some of the decisions this city council makes are asinine. We also purchased a golf cart 3 years ago and keep it in two rivers and use as our primary transportation between our place and the beach and many local businesses. Perhaps city council should start focusing on more impactful things like speeding on 42 in Two Rivers. Or how about people not clearing their sidewalks timely after a snow storm or how about the trashy yards all around town. Or we could go further how about glass bottles on the beach and dogs on the beach when it's posted they aren't supposed to be. Shall I go on??? As you can see you likely have a few irritated residents with the golf carts and most likely this is from someone who has an ATV or side by side who is trying to get golf carts banned. Focus on something worthwhile instead of trying to ruin the few things you actually have going for you in this town.



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Subject/Topic Updating Golf Cart Regulations for Safety Reasons
Message

Adding my voice to the record. I am not against golf carts as a whole. However, from the perspective of safety on our city streets - for all users - pedestrians, drivers of all vehicles and passengers, I would very much appreciate Council making a concerted effort to add additional safety language to existing policy:

Golf carts were created in the 1930s, but gained popularity in the 50s. They were designed to allow people with mobility impairments to play golf and get around the course.

Over time, they became a cheaper alternative to buying a full-sized car. The industry exploded when hundreds of states and cities legalized golf carts in urban centers. In 2020, golf carts are a billion-dollar industry that's expected to grow on pace with the retiring baby boomers.

Since permitting golf carts on public streets and roadways, the number of golf cart crashes and DUIs has exploded. At present, there are more than 15,000 golf cart crashes per year and that number is expected to dramatically increase, year over year, for at least the next ten years.

Golf carts are fundamentally unsafe when used on city streets. They're not designed to go faster than 12-15 miles per hour. They struggle to make right angles at intersections and often tip over in a U-turn.

The lack of seatbelts provides no protection against a crash and the seat-side handholds often throw passengers from the vehicle and into the road.

There's no quick cure for this. Golf carts may be permitted to drive on public roads, but they are not designed for that purpose. Even if someone is an excellent golf cart driver, they are still at risk of being struck by traditional motor vehicles and from rolling over. Because golf cart safety features are essentially non-existent, even a 15-MPH tap from an SUV will total the golf cart and inflict serious injury on its passengers. Golf carts aren't meant to keep up with 35-45 mile per hour speed limits. When drivers try to push their physical limits, the vehicle's center of gravity is working against them. While a golf cart may feel like a vehicle, it in no way offers similar protections during an accident. Jane Lynott, a senior policy advisor for AARP and transportation specialist pointed out that individuals in a golf cart are at risk similar to bicyclists. In a golf cart, you are far less protected in the event of a collision than drivers and passengers in highway-suitable vehicles. Few golf carts offer full coverage, which means you are not behind doors or windshields. You are vulnerable to the elements. Many golf carts do not come with seatbelts or local laws do not require seatbelts to be worn during operation. Also, golf carts cannot offer the same safety features as larger vehicles including standard airbags.

I advocate for ensuring all golf carts are equipped with the following for safety reasons:

- Headlamps
- Stop Lamps
- Turn Signal Lamps
- Taillamps
- Reflex Reflectors
- Parking Brakes
- Rearview Mirrors
- Windshields
- Seatbelts
- Vehicle identification numbers

Additionally, I would like you to consider:

- Golf carts must be registered and insured
- Drivers must have valid driver's license
- Golf carts must only be operated between sunrise and sunset
- Golf carts are only allowed to operate at top speed (20-25 mph) to be compliance with existing prevailing speed and speed limits on authorized roads

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you take this constructive feedback in earnest and take the appropriate time to consider the safety and well-being of all constituents. Sometimes that means making the tough decision vs the popular decision.

Regards,

Kathy Dahlke

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Message

As an owner of a golf car I would like to take a moment to address the counsel on this subject. The regulations are pretty straightforward in my travels I see golf cars being operated in a safe manner. The perceived notion that golf cars are weaving in traffic and operating in the parking lanes doesn't hold up. Golf cars are supposed to yield to over taking traffic but sometimes there are cars parked and you have to go until you find an open and safe spot to get over. Other than that not much else to say don't fix what isn't broken. Thank you for your time. Calvin H Hoppa
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