

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-2-90 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE, WITHIN THE CITY OF GOOSE CREEK, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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 City Council of Goose Creek 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 City Council of the City of Goose Creek, 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.

SECTION 3. NIGHTTIME OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS

A. Golf carts may be operated at night within the city limits only if equipped with working headlights and taillights.

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).

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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 City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED and ordered by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Goose Creek, South Carolina, in Council duly assembled, that this Ordinance is approved and ordered.

INTRODUCED the 8 day of July, 2025.

DONE this 12 day of August, 2025



Mayor Gregory S. Habib

Attest:


Kelly J. Lovette, MMC, City Clerk

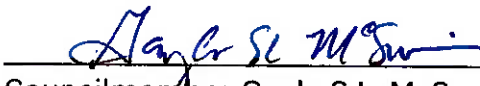
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Councilmember Christopher Harmon



Councilmember Gayla S.L. McSwain



Councilmember Hannah J. Cox



Councilmember Melissa Enos