

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2025

*Briton S. Williams, Mayor*  
*Kevin W. Toole, Councilmember – Mayor Pro Tem*  
*Dennis C. Briatico, Councilmember*  
*David B. Buck, Councilmember*  
*Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember*  
*John M. Felak, Councilmember*  
*Robert L. Freitas, Councilmember*

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **STUDY SESSION**

The Study Session of November 24, 2025 for the City Council of the City of North Augusta, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Williams at 6:00pm and also streamed online for public viewing at the City Facebook page: “City of North Augusta – Public Information” and City YouTube page: “City of North Augusta Public Information.”

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meetings was sent out by email to the current maintained “Agenda Mailout” list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meetings was also posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

Members present were Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Briatico, Buck, Carpenter, Felak, Freitas, and Toole.

Also in attendance were J.D. McCauley, Assistant Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Chief Junior Johnson, Public Safety; James Sutton, Director of Public Services; Kayla Ferguson, Manager of Human Resources; and Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology.

### **ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Assistant Administrator McCauley led Council’s discussion of items for the December 1, 2025 regular meeting. **(See Attachment #1)**

### **ITEM 2. DEPARTMENT DETAILS:**

Assistant Administrator McCauley stated that the department details were provided for their information. **(See Attachment #2)**

**ITEM 3. MAYOR'S MATTERS:**

(A) **FOCUS ITEM(S):**

- i. Sewer Capacity Overview - Public Services Presentation

Public Services Director Sutton presented an overview on the City's Sewer Capacity. **(See Attachment #3Ai)**

- ii. Golf Cart Regulations - Public Safety Presentation

Chief Johnson presented on Golf Cart Regulations. **(See Attachment #3Ai)**

- (B) Mayor Williams will share reflections and announcements related to current City events and opportunities

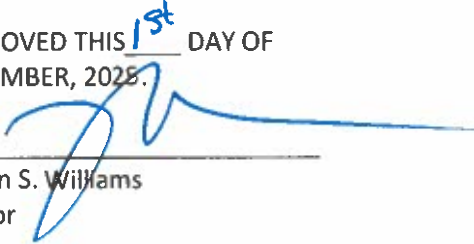
Mayor Williams highlighted on the following:

- Palmetto Peach Half Marathon – November 29 from 8:00am – Noon at SRP Park
- Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 2 at Calhoun Park, starts at 5:00pm
- Christmas Parade Downtown – December 7 at 3:00pm
- Winter Whirl Announcement – Ice Skating at the Sharon Jones Amphitheater – Video Link:
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16e5dJo7VTwGRzcrJT8l8ow-PnkXA1-LK/view?usp=sharing>

Mayor concluded the meeting by asking Councilmembers and staff what they are thankful for.

The Study Session adjourned at 7:05pm.

APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 2020.

  
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Briton S. Williams  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jamie Paul  
City Clerk



**PUBLIC POWER HOUR**

December 1, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

**DRAFT AGENDA: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

December 1, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

The Public Power Hour and City Council meeting will be streamed for public viewing online at:

- “City of North Augusta – Public Information” on [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com)
- “City of North Augusta Public Information” on [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

*CITIZEN COMMENTS: Citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council on each item listed on this agenda. The Mayor will call for comments prior to Council’s discussion. Speakers shall give their name and address in an audible tone of voice. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza at the entrance for speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.*

*CITIZEN ASSISTANCE: Individuals needing special assistance or sign interpreter to participate in the meeting, please notify the Administration Department 48 hours prior to the meeting.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Regular City Council Meeting minutes of November 17, 2025
- Study Session minutes of November 24, 2025

**5. PERSONNEL:**

- a. Employee of the Quarter – October, November, and December 2025 – TBD

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. PUBLIC SAFETY: Ordinance No. 2025-30 To Regulate the Operation of Golf Carts within the City of North Augusta Including Nighttime Use – First Reading**

**7. ADMINISTRATION: Resolution No. 2025-38 Authorizing the Entering into of a Contract with the Public Defender of the Second Judicial Circuit for the Provision of Indigent Representation in the Municipal Court**

**8. PARKS & RECREATION: Resolution No. 2025-39 Relating to the Department of Parks & Recreation Department; Authorizing Grant Applications to the State of South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department for Federal Funding Assistance to Support Projects Submitted under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program as Provided in the LWCF Act Of 1965, As Amended**

9. **CITY COUNCIL: City of North Augusta City Council Meeting Schedule and Notice for January 2026 through December 2026**
10. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)**
11. **PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**
  - A. **Citizen Comments:** *At this time, citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council regarding matters not listed on the agenda. Speakers shall give their name and address for the records. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza for speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.*
  - B. **Council Comments**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

## DEPARTMENT DETAILS

*for November 24, 2025*



### **FINANCE:**

- Cycle 1 due date is December 4
  - Bills were mailed timely on November 7
- Cycle 2 due date is December 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Bills were mailed timely on November 24

### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- See the following page for the Employment Opportunities list
- 2025 Employee Recognition Luncheon – Details Attached

### **ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Riverside Village Road Closures
- Walnut Lane Boardwalk Repairs
- Stormwater Detention Facility Maintenance

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

- No Board of Zoning Appeals meeting in December
- Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and staff will have their required in-service training on December 3

### **PUBLIC SERVICES:**

- Report will be covered on Focus Item #3ai

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- This past Thursday, Public Safety hosted a flood disaster tabletop exercise.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION:**

- Youth Basketball Program- 744 registered participants
- Riverview Park Activities Center Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays Thursday, Nov. 27-Sunday, Nov. 30
- Palmetto Peach Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K. Saturday, Nov. 29, 8am-12pm.

### **TOURISM:**

- “Faith in Action”: Explore North Augusta Podcast release on Tuesday, November 25
- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 2 at 5:00pm (Lookaway Inn & Calhoun Park)
- Visit Explore North Augusta’s Website or download the Explore North Augusta App for more details and upcoming events:
  - <https://explorenorthaugusta.com>



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **Billing Clerk – Finance**

Grade: 11  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$21.24 - \$25.49/hour  
Closing Date: 11/30/2025

### **Center Coordinator – RVP Activities Center**

Grade: 8  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$18.25 - \$21.90/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Communications Technician I – Public Safety**

Grade: 10  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$20.24 - \$24.29/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Customer Service Rep II – Finance**

Grade: 9  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$19.24 - \$23.09/hour  
Closing Date: 11/30/2025

### **Environmental Systems Operator IV – Water Production**

Grade: 15  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$25.23 - \$30.28/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Firefighter – Public Safety**

Grade: 4  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.25 - \$17.11/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Grounds Worker III – Parks & Recreation**

Grade: 7  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.25 - \$20.70/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Heavy Equipment Mechanic I – Sanitation**

Grade: 9  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$19.24 - \$23.09/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Public Safety Officer – Public Safety**

Grade: 16  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$24.54 - \$29.45/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Sanitation Worker I – Sanitation**

Grade: 4  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.25 - \$17.11/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Utility Technician – Public Utilities**

Grade: 9  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$19.24 - \$23.09/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Vehicle Operator I – Sanitation**

Grade: 6  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$16.25 - \$19.50/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

# EMPLOYEE *Luncheon*

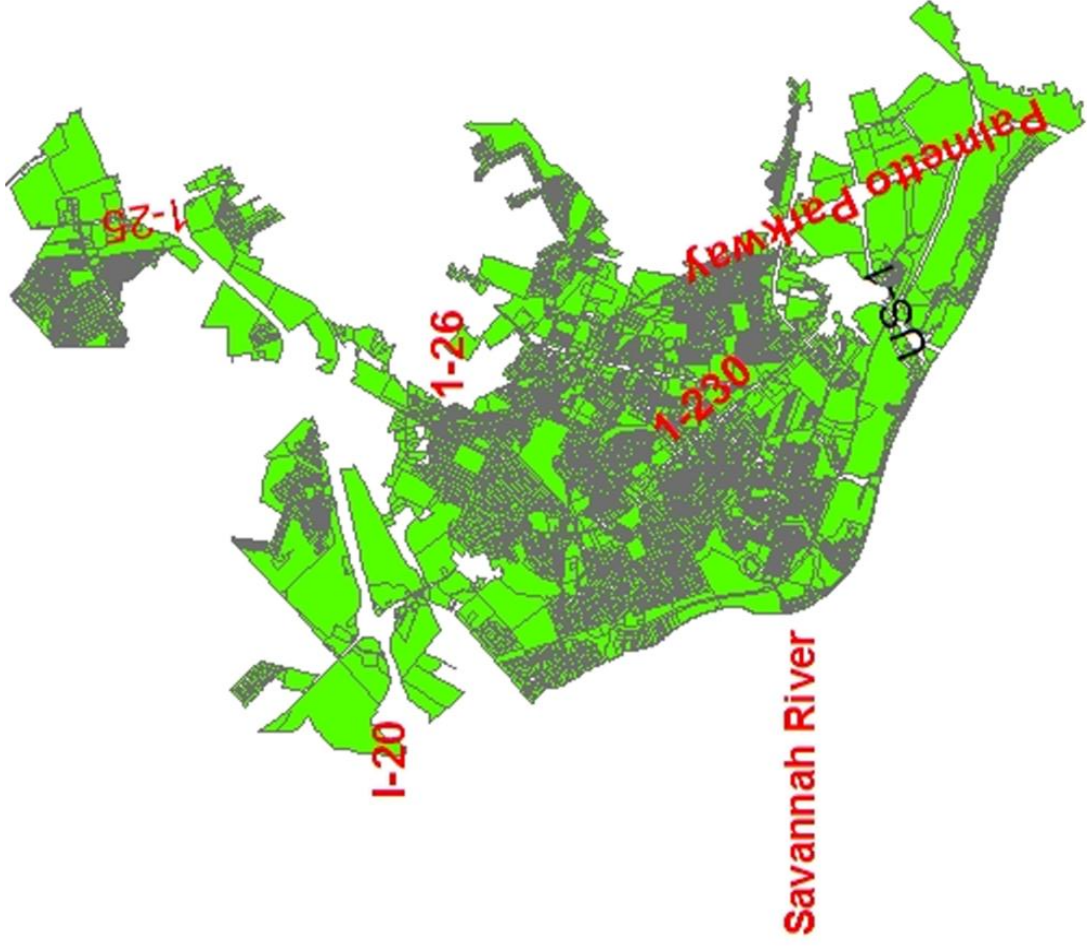
Wednesday, December 10  
12 pm - 1 pm  
(food served 11:30 am - 1:30 pm)

Palmetto Terrace  
100 Georgia Avenue



# Wastewater Collection System

# Service Area 23.5 Square Miles



# Asset Inventory

- Customers 11,858
- Pipeline 1,264,876/LF
- Manholes 3,417
- Lift Stations 22



# Infrastructure Improvement Projects Probable Cost \$8,805,307

- Carolina Springs Lift Station
- Crestlyn & Lynnhurst Subdivisions
- Industrial Park
- Interceptors

Lift Station Replacement



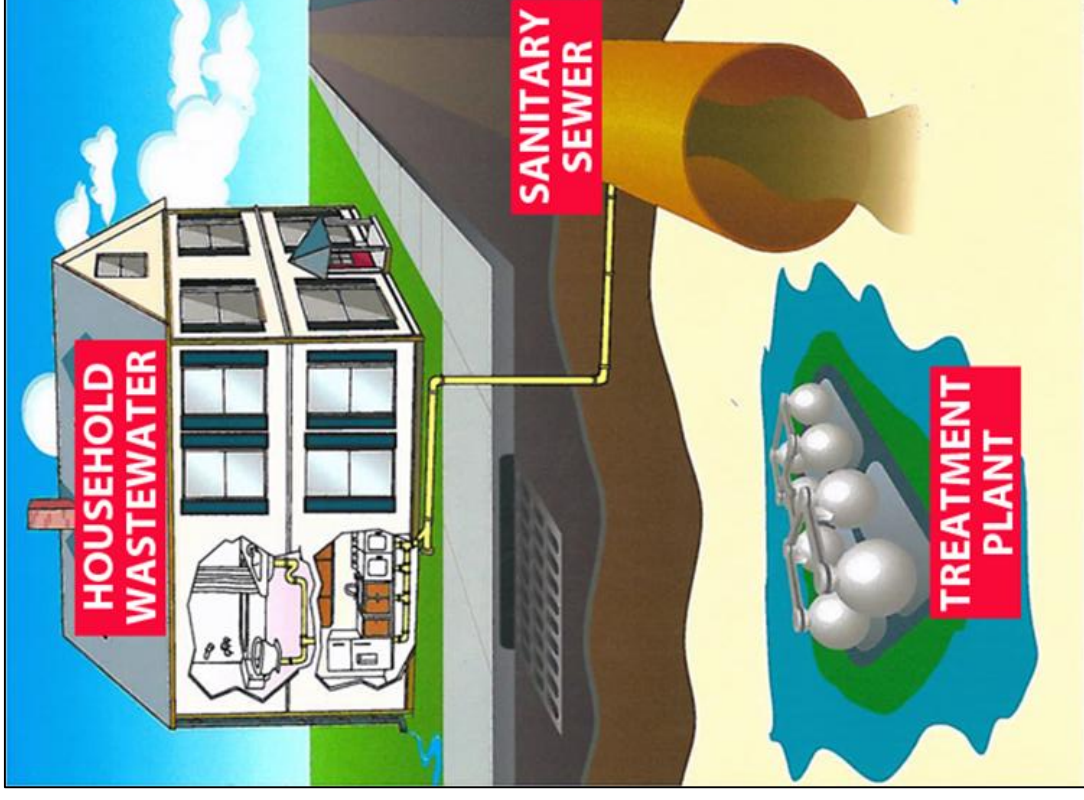
Pipe Relining



Manhole Relining



On an average day 4,875,330 gallons of wastewater is collected from residential, commercial, industrial customers, Edgefield County and conveyed through a network of pipes to the Aiken County Public Service Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant.



## Purchased Capacity

North Augusta's Purchased Wastewater Treatment Capacity 8,672,000 Gallons per Day

### Customer Type

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Municipal Facilities
- Residential
- Utility Agency

# Allocated Capacity

North Augusta's Allocated Treatment Capacity 6,462,000 Gallons per Day

## Process

- City Approved Development Plan
- ACPSA Approved Capacity
- South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) Approved Permit

## Example - Allocated Capacity

- Bluegrass Infrastructure
- Rushing Waters Phase III
- The Hive
- Walnut Grove Section 13 & Townhomes

## Reserved Capacity

North Augusta's Allocated Treatment Capacity 1,497,000 Gallons per Day

### Process

- City Approved Development Plan
- ACPSA Approved Capacity
- **SCDES Pending Permit**

### Example - Reserved Capacity

- Alidade Master Plan, Phased Development
- Carolina Lakes Master Plan, Phased Development

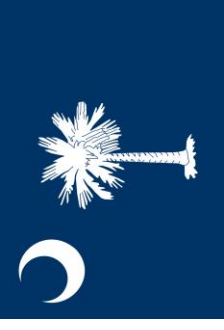
# Wastewater Treatment Capacity Summary

	(Gallons per Day)
North Augusta Purchased Capacity	8,672,000
Allocated Capacity	6,462,000
Subtotal	2,210,000
Reserved Capacity	1,497,000
Unallocated Capacity	713,000

# Aiken County Public Service Authority Summary

- SCDES Capacity Audit 2024-2025, Agency Capacity Adjustments
- Approved Residential per Unit Capacity Allocation from 300 to 275/GPD
- Plant Expansion from 20/MGD to 26/MGD (Estimated Completion 2028 – 2029)
- Future Capacity Cost Increased from \$0.48 to \$ 10.89 per Gallon
- ACPSA Joint Utility Committee – Future Capacity Requirements Beyond Plant Expansion

# Questions

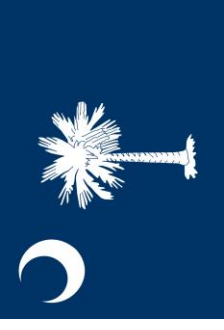


# Golf Cart Ordinance

November 24, 2025



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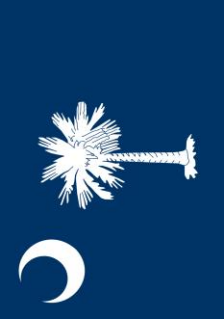


## Purpose

- Provide background on State law change related to golf carts
- List out state requirements
- List out allowed changes
- List out what other cities have done
- Receive guidance from council on ordinance direction



# Golf Cart Ordinance



## Background

- State Legislature passed 56-2-90, Operating a golf cart on a public highway.
- Effective May 22, 2025
- Established rules that apply state-wide
- Allowed for Municipalities or Counties to adjust portions of the law.

# Golf Cart Ordinance



## State Requirements

- All golf carts must have permit decal and registration certificate from the Department of Motor Vehicles.
  - Must have proof of ownership, proof of liability insurance, and pay a \$5 DMV fee.
- Driver must be 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- The following must be in their possession when operating the golf cart
  - The registration certificate, proof of liability insurance, and driver's license.
- Each golf cart passenger under the age of 12 must wear a seatbelt when operated on a roadway.

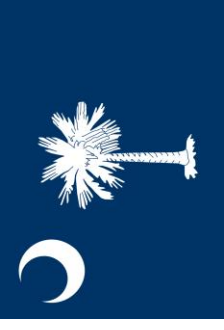
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## Allowed Changes

- A municipality may set the following:
  - Hours, methods, and locations of golf cart operations (Golf carts may be operated only on a highway where the speed limit is 35 mph or less)
  - Permit the operation of golf carts at night (Golf carts must be equipped with working headlights and taillights, and Golf carts may be operated only on a highway where the speed limit is 35 mph or less)

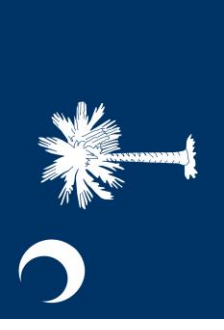
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## Allowed Changes

- Permit operation on the shoulder of primary highways, secondary highways, streets and roads, designate separate golf cart paths for the purpose of golf cart transportation.
- Municipality must obtain necessary approvals to create golf cart paths.
- The golf cart path must be separated from the traffic lanes by a hard curb or parking spaces or separated from the traffic lanes by a distance of four feet or more.

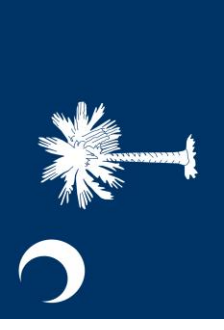
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## Take No Action

- All state requirements covered earlier apply
- Operated during daylight hours
- Only on a secondary highway where the speed limit is 35mph or less
- Operated within four miles of an address
- Cross a highway at an intersection where the speed limit is 35 mph or less
- Alcohol violations apply to a golf cart just as they do a vehicle(DUI, Open container, etc.)

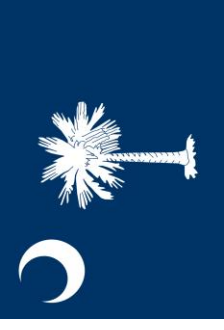
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## Other Municipalities

- Tega Cay allows for all night operation
- Goose Creek allows for all night operation
- Conway allows for operation until 11pm
- North Myrtle Beach allows golf carts from sunup to sundown
- Source: Post and Courier

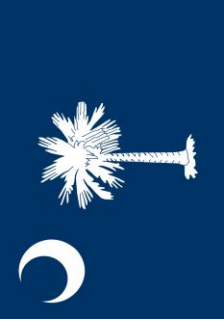
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## Recommendations

- Language in ordinance that meets all state requirements
- Permit operation only on secondary highway with a speed limit 35 mph or less
- Golf carts may cross streets or highways at intersections even if the cross street has a higher speed limit
- Operation is permitted within 4 miles of the address of registration

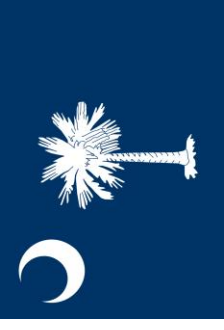
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## Recommendations

- Golf carts may be operated after sunrise to 11pm if the golf cart is equipped with the following:
  - Headlights, taillights, brake lights, reflectors(front, rear, and sides), and a rear facing mirror
  - Nighttime operation is prohibited during conditions of poor visibility unless the vehicle is equipped with a functional windshield and wipers.
  - The city may restrict nighttime golf cart operation in specific areas through signage or future ordinance amendments.

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## Recommendations

- Additional provisions:
  - Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks, bike paths, the Greenway, or unpaved trails.
  - Golf carts may not be operated in public parks off roadways or pedestrian malls unless expressly permitted by city signage.
  - Golf carts are prohibited on private property without permission from the property owner.
- Fine for violations is \$100 (same as state statute)



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# Council Discussion