

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: February 15, 2022

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
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Council Action Requested:

Consideration of Items Relating to Golf Carts:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 74 Of The City Code Entitled “Streets And Sidewalks” To Regulate The Operation Of Golf Carts On Public Streets, Roads, And Highways Within The City Where The Speed Limit Is 35 Miles Per Hour Or Less

Ordinance Amending Article XI Of Chapter 78 Of The City Code Regulating The Operation Of Golf Carts For Hire

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation
Strategic Objective: Ensuring Safe Transportation
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

There are two ordinance revisions proposed, both of which are related to the regulation of golf carts. The ordinance revisions were prompted by an inquiry to City staff from Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist. Due to an upcoming major construction project, the driveway currently used by golf carts to transport employees, patients and visitors within its hospital footprint will be unavailable. The hospital was seeking clarification regarding the ability for the golf carts to cross or travel along the adjacent City streets as a result of the blocked driveway. Article XI of Chapter 78 only allows for golf carts to be operated on streets in the central business district and central industrial district, and only then as golf carts for hire.

There is also an exception for golf carts driven directly across the street from one part of a golf course to access another part of the golf course. Similarly, staff considered the ability to operate a golf cart to transport employees, patients, or visitors to or from the primary campus of a hospital and surrounding parcels of land that support the operations of the hospital to be a useful tool.

Committee Action:

Committee	_____	Action	_____
For	_____	Against	_____

Remarks:

Accordingly, staff has prepared two ordinances:

- (1) The first ordinance revision is to Article XI of Chapter 78 of the City Code, which adds language to Article XI to clarify that it only applies to the regulation of golf carts for hire, and deletes language that relates to the operation of golf carts in general.
- (2) The second ordinance adds Article XIV to Chapter 74 of the City Code, to formally set forth the general regulation of golf carts on City streets, and further adding the ability for hospitals to operate golf carts on City streets within their footprint.