

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, held on the 4th day of December, 2018 the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI DESIGNATING APPRVED NEIGHBORHOODS FOR OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC STREETS AND ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, House Bill 1653, incorporated herein and attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**, approved by the 2018 Session of the Mississippi Legislature, and signed into law by the Governor, provides for the City of Clinton to adopt regulations for the use of golf carts on certain public roads and streets; and

WHEREAS, the authority is limited to the operation of golf carts on public roads and streets that are within subdivided residential neighborhoods and the Olde Towne Historic District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to H.B. 1653, the City may impose such additional conditions and restrictions as the City deems appropriate and in the interest of the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the operation of golf carts within subdivided residential neighborhoods and the Olde Towne Historic District subject to certain conditions and restrictions as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the matters, facts and things recited in the above and foregoing Preamble to this Ordinance be, and they are hereby adopted as the official findings of the Governing Authority of the City of Clinton.

SECTION 2. That the Code of Ordinances for the City of Clinton, Mississippi be and the same is hereby amended to add the following Ordinance, to read as follows:

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS

Section 1. Definition. The following words and phrases, whenever used in this Article, shall have the meaning(s) ascribed to it in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

"Golf Cart" means a motor vehicle that is designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting and recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour and is equipped with a parking break, head lamps, tail lamps, seat belts, and front and rear turn signals.

Section 2. Areas and Manner of Operation

A. Location. Golf carts may not be operated on freeway/limited access roads, principal arterial streets or minor arterial streets as defined by the City's comprehensive plan, except for the crossing of these streets, in which case, the shortest traveling distance to do so shall be required. Golf carts may only be operated on public and private roads within residential neighborhoods and in the Olde Towne Historic District.

B. Operation.

1. Any golf cart operated from dusk through dawn must have working headlights and tail lights. Occupants in a golf cart must be in a seat and remain seated at all times while the golf cart is in operation.
2. Drivers are required to operate golf carts only in the outside lane of multi-lane streets and roads.

Section 3. License and Insurance Required. Any person operating a golf cart on City public roads and streets must have in his or her possession a valid driver's license, or temporary driver's permit and proof of financial responsibility, as required under Section 63-15-1, *et seq.*, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Section 4. Penalty. Violation of traffic laws or regulations of this Ordinance may result in issuance of traffic citations in the same manner as if the infraction occurred while operating a vehicle.

Section 5. Amendment. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reserve the right to amend the conditions and restrictions set forth in this Article.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days following adoption.

It shall be published according to law and shall be spread on the Minutes of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Clinton.


THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING ORDINANCE, after having been first reduced to writing and no request being made by the Mayor or any members of the Board of Aldermen that the Ordinance be read by the City Clerk before any vote was taken, was introduced by Alderman PERRITT, seconded by Alderman BARNETT and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Alderman Garrett: AYE
Alderman Ellis: AYE
Alderman Martin: AYE
Alderman Barnett: AYE
Alderman Perritt: AYE
Alderman Cossitt: AYE
Alderman Cashion: AYE

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Ordinance was declared passed and adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, on this the 4th day of December, 2018.


Philip R. Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:


Russell L. Wall, City Clerk

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