

**ORDINANCE NO. 20200810-1**

**STATE OF TEXAS §**

**CITY OF WOODVILLE §**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON THE STREETS AND ROADS WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDRIES OF THE CITY OF WOODVILLE, TEXAS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, SECTION 551.401 AND 551A.001 AS AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODVILLE TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.**

That the City of Woodville, Texas, by adding the ordinance "Golf Carts" to read as follows:

**GOLF CARTS**

**Definition**

A Golf Cart has the meaning assigned by the Tex. Transportation Code, § 551.401. Further, golf cart means a motor vehicle with not less than three wheels designed by the manufacturer primarily for transporting persons on a golf course without regard to the mode of propulsion or any modifications made to the body, chassis, or any portion of the golf cart by any person. Golf carts specifically exclude go-carts, neighborhood electric vehicles, off road vehicles, utility vehicles, and all terrain vehicles, as defined by the Tex. Transportation Code.

**SECTION 2. PERMITTED USE WITHIN CORPORATE BOUNDARIES**

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- a) Golf Carts may be operated within the corporate city limits on streets with a posted speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour. However, golf carts are not permitted to be driven on state highways 69, 190, or 287 regardless of the speed limit.
  - b) Operation under this subsection must comply with all traffic and safety laws of the Texas Transportation Code.

d) Golf Carts operated under this section must have all minimum safety equipment as required by the Texas Transportation Code including headlamps, tail lamps, reflectors, a parking brake, mirrors, and a slow-moving vehicle emblem has a reflective surface designed to be clearly visible in daylight at a distance of at least 500 feet, is mounted base down on the rear of the golf cart at a height from three to five feet above the road surface, and is maintained in a clean, reflective condition. If at any time the Transportation Code is amended to require any additional safety equipment, operators must comply by adding the required safety equipment.

e) Golf carts must be registered and inspected by the City in order to obtain a sticker permit. The cost of said inspection shall be \$10.

g) A person operating a golf cart on a city street within the corporate city limits must be in compliance with state law pertaining to financial responsibility.

### **SECTION 3. UNLAWFUL OPERATION AND USE**

- (a) It is an offense for any person to operate a golf cart on a public highway or city street within the corporate city limits:
- (1) Without a valid driver's license;
  - (2) With a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour
  - (3) By failing to comply with the equipment and other requirements set forth in this section
  - (4) By failing to move to the right and yield the right-of-way to motor vehicles or otherwise impeding the flow of traffic.
- (b) It is an offense for any person, while operating a golf cart and;
- (1) While the golf cart is in motion, to fail to remain seated or to fail to require every occupant of the golf cart to remain seated in a seat designed to hold passengers; or
  - (2) To allow any occupant of the golf cart to ride in the lap of the operator or any other occupant.
- (c) It is an offense for the owner of a golf cart to allow any person to operate said golf cart in a manner that violates this section
- (d) It is an offense for any person to operate a golf cart on or use a golf cart to cross highway 69,190, or 287, regardless of speed.

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### **SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE**

Any previously adopted ordinances, and any subsequent amendments to them, which are in conflict with this ordinance, are all hereby repealed.

### **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

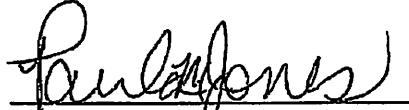
It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Woodville that if any phrase, sentence, section or paragraph of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remainder of this ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of the unconstitutional or invalid phrase, sentence, section or paragraph.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION**

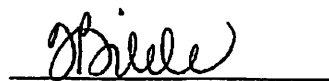
This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage by the City Council and publication. The City Secretary is hereby directed to give notice hereof by causing the caption of this ordinance to be published in the official newspaper of the City of Woodville.

**APPROVED and PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** of the City of Woodville,  
Texas this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

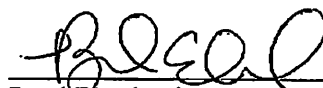
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Paula M. Jones, Mayor  
City of Woodville, Texas

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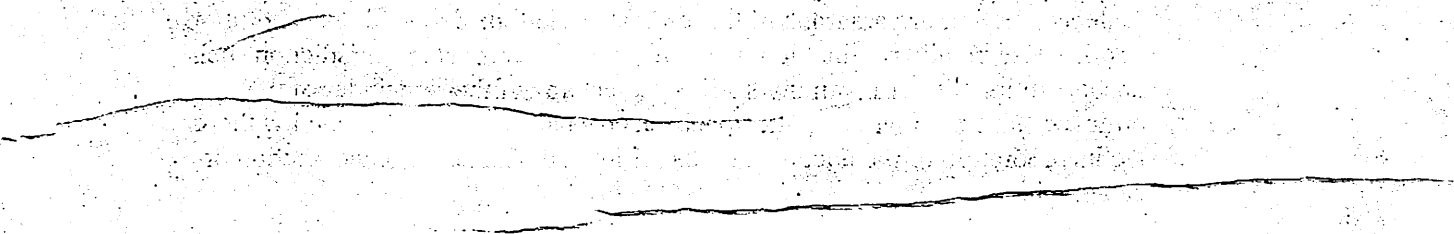
  
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Terri Bible, City Secretary  
City of Woodville, Texas

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

  
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Brad Elrod, City Attorney  
City of Woodville, Texas



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