

1 Introduced January 24, 2023, by Councilman  
2 Burgoyne, seconded by Councilman DiSanti

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4 **Item No. 23-01-3462**

5 **ORDINANCE NO. 4117**

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7 An ordinance to amend Chapter 27, Article V of the city's Code of Ordinances  
8 to authorize, under specific conditions, the operation of golf carts upon certain city roads  
9 and streets.

10 WHEREAS, pursuant to state law (La. R.S. 32:299.4), the operation of golf  
11 carts upon public roads and streets is prohibited except when the relevant governing  
12 authority has designated streets for the operation of qualified carts; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the city council desires to authorize, under specific conditions, the  
16 operation of golf carts upon certain city roads and streets.

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18 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the city council that it does hereby  
19 amend the city's Code as follows:  
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22 1. The title of Article V of Chapter 27 of the Code is amended to read:  
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24 **ARTICLE V. – MOTORCYCLES AND MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES; GOLF**  
25 **CARTS**  
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- 27 2. Section 27-110 of Article V of Chapter 27 of the Code, previously reserved, is  
28 added to read:  
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30 **Sec. 27-110. – Golf Cart - Definitions.**

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32 A *golf cart* means an electric four-wheeled vehicle originally intended for use  
33 off-road on golf courses and other green spaces whose maximum speed is  
34 twenty-five miles per hour. The *term golf cart* shall not include lawn mowers,  
35 tractors, four-wheelers, ATV's, go-carts, or other motor propelled carts.  
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4 A *reflective triangle* is a “slow moving vehicle” sign that is mounted to the  
5 rear of the golf cart and is clearly visible at all times. The reflective triangle  
6 must be a minimum of 12 inches by 12 inches.  
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- 8 3. Section 27-111 of Article V of Chapter 27 of the Code, previously reserved, is  
9 added to read:

10 **Sec. 27-111. – Use of a Golf Cart on City Roads and Streets; Limited**  
11 **Authorization.**  
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13 The operation of any golf cart on the public roads and streets of the city is  
14 prohibited except under the following circumstances, in which case it is  
15 authorized:

- 16 (a) The golf cart is equipped with the following minimum and functioning  
17 motor vehicle safety equipment: a seatbelt for each passenger, efficient  
18 brakes (including a parking brake), horn, reliable steering apparatus, safe  
19 tires, rear view mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in both the front  
20 and rear of the vehicle (to include a reflective triangle on the back of the  
21 golf cart), front and rear turn signal lamps, tail lamps, brake lamps,  
22 headlamps, and vehicle identification number or serial number; and
- 23 (b) The golf cart is being operated by a person with a valid driver’s license;  
24 and
- 25 (c) The golf cart operator is covered by a policy of liability insurance, with  
26 respect to the golf cart, with at least the minimum amounts as required by  
27 the provisions of La. R.S. 32:900(B); and
- 28 (d) The golf cart is registered with state of Louisiana through the Department  
29 of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, as an off-road  
30 vehicle and displays the requisite decal issued by the office of motor  
31 vehicles; and
- 32 (e) The golf cart is registered with the city and displays the requisite decal  
33 issued by the City of Slidell or its designee; and  
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- 35 (f) Except as may be otherwise provided in section 27-113(e), the golf cart is  
36 being operated exclusively on a public road or street with a speed limit of  
37 twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less, and if said public road or street is  
38 multi-lane in the direction traveled, the golf cart is being operated on the  
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4 outside lane, except when preparing to turn left; and

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6 (g) Occupants of the golf cart are seated and buckled, the number of  
7 passengers in the golf cart does not exceed the amount for which the golf  
8 cart was designed, and no passenger is riding on the lap of any other  
9 passenger.

10 4. Section 27-112 of Article V of Chapter 27 of the Code, previously reserved, is  
11 added to read:

12 **Sec. 27-112. – Registration of golf cart with the city.**

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14 (a) Prior to initial registration of a golf cart with the city, the cart must pass  
15 inspection by the City of Slidell or its designee.

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17 (b) Registrations shall be issued on a biennial basis from, at the earliest, July  
18 1 of an odd-numbered year through June 30 of the next odd-numbered  
19 year, except that the first registration period for those registering on or  
20 before July 1, 2023, shall be the date of registration through June 30,  
21 2025, and any renewal registration may be obtained up to sixty (60) days  
22 prior to expiration of the then current registration.

23 (c) A biennial registration fee of \$100.00 shall be payable at the time of  
24 registration and for each renewal period thereafter. Registrations obtained  
25 for a registration period for which there is less than one (1) year  
26 remaining in the biennial period may be obtained for \$50.00

27 (d) Registrations are non-transferable and non-assignable. Any new golf cart  
28 owner must obtain his or her own city registration if he or she intends to  
29 operate the golf cart on public roads or streets within the city.

30 (e) The city may refuse to issue a city registration for a golf cart, or it may  
31 revoke a previously issued registration, if the golf cart or the owner of  
32 same is involved in two or more violations of the golf-cart related  
33 provisions of this article within a one-year period. Said denial or  
34 revocation shall be effective for up to one year.

35 (f) The City of Slidell administration may develop, implement, and update,  
36 from time to time as may be necessary, forms and processes to carry out  
37 the provisions of this section and may set the implementation date for the  
38 first registration period. The City of Slidell administration may also  
39 designate the location on the golf cart on which a registration decal must

4 be displayed.

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6 5. Section 27-113 of Article V of Chapter 27 of the Code, previously reserved, is  
7 added to read:

8 **Sec. 27-113. – Golf Carts; Additional Provisions.**

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10 (a) Golf carts may only be parked in the same manner and at the same  
11 places designated for parking of motor vehicles or in parking spaces  
12 specifically designated for golf carts.  
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14 (b) Operators of golf carts shall be subject to the provisions of La. R.S.  
15 32:299.4, as amended, and the rules and regulations for golf carts  
16 promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and  
17 Corrections.  
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19 (c) Operators of golf carts shall be subject to all traffic, open container, and  
20 alcohol and drug laws of the city and the state of Louisiana to the same  
21 extent as an operator of any other vehicle on the roads and streets of the  
22 city.  
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24 (d) The public roads and streets of the city do not include city sidewalks,  
25 parks, or trails. Golf carts are not allowed to be operated on public  
26 sidewalks, parks, or trails in the city.  
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28 (e) Golf carts may not be operated on state or federal highways or on any  
29 other roadway with a speed limit in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per  
30 hour (each a "Restricted Roadway"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, at a  
31 signal-controlled intersection, golf carts may cross from a city road or  
32 street that has a speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less,  
33 over a Restricted Roadway running perpendicular to that city road or  
34 street, to directly connect with a contiguous, far side city road or street  
35 that has a speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less.  
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37 (f) License, insurance, and registration information must be in immediate  
38 possession of the operator of the golf cart.  
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40 (g) Any person who operates, or rides upon, a golf cart within the city  
assumes the risk of such activity. The regulation by the city of golf cart  
operations on city roads and streets, as set forth in sections 27-110, *et*  
*seq.*, is not a determination by the city that any such operations are safe  
or advisable. The city has no liability and assumes no liability, under any

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4 theory, for permitting golf carts, in conformity with state law, to be  
5 operated on its public roads and streets.

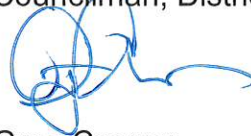
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7 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if one or more of the provisions of this  
8 ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity  
9 shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed  
10 and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any  
11 constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this ordinance that validates  
12 or makes legal any provision of this ordinance that would not otherwise be valid or legal,  
13 shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.  
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18 This ordinance shall take effect on the 15th day of June, 2023.

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20 **ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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23 Kenny Tamborella  
24 Vice President of the Council  
25 Councilman, District E

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28 Greg Cromer  
29 Mayor

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32 Thomas P. Reeves  
33 Council Administrator

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