

ORDINANCE NO. 1629

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO GOLF CARTS TO INCORPORATE THE MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GOLF CART DRIVERS AS MANDATED BY STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH:

SECTION 1. From and after the effective date of this ordinance, Section 22-108(a) of the City's Code of Ordinances relating to Golf Carts is amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlined**, deleted text ~~struckthrough~~):

Sec. 22-108. - Operation requirements and penalty.

It shall be unlawful to operate a golf cart on any City street unless:

- (a) ~~The operator is at least 14 years of age~~ **The operator is at least 18 years of age or over and possesses a valid form of government-issued photographic identification, or the operator is under 18 years of age and possesses a valid learner's driver license or valid driver license;**
- (b) The golf cart is operated in accordance with State or City traffic regulations;
- (c) Such operation does not obstruct or interfere with normal traffic flow;
- (d) The golf cart carries no more passengers than the number for which the golf cart was designed to carry; and
- (e) The golf cart is installed with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices on both the front and rear.

A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318, Florida Statutes.

(Ord. No. 980, § 2, 9-8-05; Ord. No. 1398, § 2, 2-23-2017)

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. CODIFICATION. The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include and publish in electronic format the provisions of this Ordinance within the Panama City Beach Code of Ordinances, and unless a contrary ordinance is adopted within ninety (90) days following such publication, the codification of this Ordinance shall become the final and official record of the matters herein ordained. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.


SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 14th day of September, 2023.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: 
Mark Sheldon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynne Fasone, City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 14th day of September, 2023.


Mark Sheldon, Mayor

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