

ORDINANCE NO. 689

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE 655 AND 569; DELETING GOLF CART REGISTRATION AND ACCOMPANING REFERENCES TO REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Mexico Beach believes there is little public benefit to register golf carts;

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance 569, City of Mexico Beach, Florida, is hereby amended as follows :

Chapter 70. Golf Carts

Section 70.03. Authorization to Operate Golf Carts within the City of Mexico Beach.

Golf carts meeting the definition set forth in Section 70.01 above and properly equipped meeting restrictions in Section 70.02 above, may be operated on those streets designated for cart usage.

a. Permitted Designated Streets

1. All city streets located within the jurisdiction of the City of Mexico Beach, except for US Highway 98 (State Route 30).
2. All city streets located within subdivisions which traffic is enforceable providing they are approved for use by the subdivisions Homeowners Association and a written agreement has been entered with the City of Mexico Beach for traffic enforcement on subdivision streets. Any notice to rescind this use will be providing in writing.
3. Golf carts operating on 15th Street must display a slow vehicle triangle sign visible from the rear of the golf cart.

b. Non-permitted Streets.

1. Golf carts will not be permitted for use on US Highway 98 (State Route 30).
2. No golf cart is permitted along the right of way of US Highway 98 (State Route 30).
3. No golf cart is permitted to ride on private property except that property owned by the same individual as the golf cart or without written consent of the owner. If the owner is present

on property where a golf cart is being used, they are permitted to give verbal consent.

- c. The City of Mexico Beach shall provide signage designating streets or other areas where golf carts may be operated.
- d. Golf carts are not permitted to operate on city maintained side-walks located along US Highway 98.
- e. Violations of this section may be cited using the code enforcement citation. Fines for violation shall be \$50.00. Failure to pay citation within 30 days shall result in, an additional late fee of \$25.00, and the violator may be found in civil contempt issued a notice to appear before the Special Master. The Notice to Appear shall serve as legal notice of the violation and the date of appearance must be more than 30 days after notice is given.
- f. Section 70.04. Hours of Operation. Golf carts will only be permitted on City streets from daylight hours. Golf carts for not permitted for operation on city streets during darkness. During times of fog, smoke, rain, and low light conditions golf carts must be equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield. The City of Mexico Beach strongly recommends placement of reflective devices or reflective tape on the sides of all golf carts. Violations of this section may be cited using the code enforcement citation. Fines for violation shall be \$50.00. Failure to pay citation may result in the violator being found in civil contempt and being issued a notice to appear before the Special Master. The Notice to Appear shall serve as legal notice of the violation and the date of appearance must be more than 30 days after notice is given.
- g. Section 70.05. Compliance with Traffic Laws. Golf carts shall comply with all applicable local and state traffic laws, and may be cited for traffic violations in the same manner as motor vehicles. Drivers of such golf carts must have a valid driver license. Violations of this section may be cited using the code enforcement citation. Fines for violation shall be \$50.00. Failure to pay citation may result in the violator being found in civil contempt and being issued a notice to appear before the Special Master. The Notice to Appear shall serve as legal notice of the violation and the date of appearance must be more than 30 days after notice is given.

Section 2. Codification: It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, and it is hereby ordained the provisions of this Ordinance become and be made a part of the City Code of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida; that the Sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; that the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section", "Article", or other appropriate wording.

SECTION 3. Conflict. All ordinances or regulations in conflict with the provisions herein are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Severability. It is the intent of the City Council that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

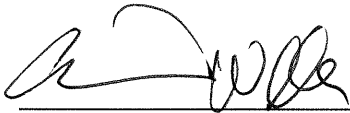
SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective, December 12, 2017.

FIRST READING November 14, 2017.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION December 12, 2017.

City of Mexico Beach

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Welle', written over a horizontal line.

Adrian Welle, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. A. Cathey', written over a horizontal line.

William A. Cathey, Mayor