

ORDINANCE NO. __-____
CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 11-2017 TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS
ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN THE CITY.**

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature passed House Bill 1774, attached as Exhibit “A” hereto, during the 2017 regular session; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1774 allows the legal use of golf carts on selected public roads and streets within the City of Pascagoula as long as certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pascagoula desires to authorize lawful operation of golf carts on selected public roads and streets within city limits; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017, the City Council for the City of Pascagoula adopted Ordinance No. 11-2017, allowing the use of golf carts on selected public roads and streets within city limits; and

WHEREAS, to promote the safety and welfare of the community as it pertains to the use of golf carts, the City Council for the City of Pascagoula hereby amends Ordinance No. 11-2017 as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PASCAGOULA AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Chapter 82, Article VIII is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 82-425. Definitions. The following term and phrase, when used in this chapter, shall have the meaning 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-five (25) miles per hour and is equipped with a parking brake, head lamps, tail lamps, seat belts, and front and rear turn signals.

Sec. 82-426. Areas of City of Pascagoula where golf carts may be used; requirements for drivers of golf carts; operation of golf carts; and violation of traffic laws.

- (1) Golf carts may not be operated on urban interstate highways, urban freeways and expressways, urban principal arterial streets or urban minor arterial streets as defined by the City's comprehensive plan except for the crossing of these streets, in which case the shortest travelling distance to do so shall be required.
- (2) Drivers are required to operate golf carts only in the outside lane of multi-lane streets and roads, when applicable.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.

Sec. 82-427. Registration requirements for golf carts.

Every low-speed vehicle and golf cart to be operated on a public road or street shall be required to register the vehicle with the City of Pascagoula. Cost for the registration shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) to cover the costs of administration, payable to the Pascagoula Police Department. Upon registration a decal shall be provided that must be displayed on the left rear fender of the vehicle. The registration shall remain valid for as long as the registering owner owns the low-speed vehicle or golf cart. The owner or operator of a low-speed vehicle or golf cart operating on City public roads or streets without a properly displayed decal shall

be fined \$100.00.

SECTION 2. The amendment to this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2021.

The above Ordinance was introduced in writing by Mayor Demetropoulos, seconded for adoption by Councilman _____, and received the following vote: Mayor Demetropoulos voted “___”, Councilman ___ voted “___”, Councilman ___ voted “___”, Councilman ___ voted “___”, Councilman ___ “___”, Councilman ___ voted “___”, and Councilman ___ voted “___”.

Passed this the ___ day of _____ 2020.

APPROVED:

/s/
Steve Demetropoulos, Mayor

/s/
Karen Kennedy, City Clerk