



## Request for Town Council Action

**Date:** July 17, 2023

**Submitted By:** Jamie Wynn, Deputy Town Attorney  
Tom Williams, Director Eng/PW  
Jim Tsurapas, Chief of Police

**Reviewed By:** Michelle Kivela, Town Manager

**Title:** **ORDINANCE NO. 5.06.42.3 - Second Reading**  
**A Bill for an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 7.03 of the Parker Municipal Code by the addition Thereto of a New Section 7.03.025 Concerning Golf Cars on Public Town Roadways**  
**Department: Town Attorney's Office, Jamie Wynn**  
**Police, Jim Tsurapas**  
**Engineering and Public Works, Tom Williams**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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On April 10, 2023, staff appeared before Town Council at a study session based on a citizen inquiry regarding the use of golf cars on Town roadways. As a result of this discussion, Town Council directed staff to draft a proposed ordinance regarding the operation of golf cars on public Town roadways. Staff returned to Town Council at a study session on May 22, 2023, with a draft of a proposed ordinance, as well as potential changes to two current ordinances, to ensure the current language was consistent with any potential changes if a new ordinance is adopted and added to the Municipal Code. These also relate to the use of golf cars on Town roadways and include necessary updates to the current ordinances based on some recognized deficiencies with the current ordinances.

This proposed Section 7.03.025 would be an addition to the Town Municipal Code which would allow the use of golf cars on Town roadways with specific restrictions and requirements related to the type of golf cars allowed, the equipment required for the use of a golf car on the specified Town roadways, and permitting requirements through the Parker Police Department.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Approve

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

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The Town's Municipal Code has not generally allowed the use of golf carts or off-highway vehicles, such as ATVs, on Town roadways, trails or sidewalks. Colorado state statute allows the Town to authorize and regulate the operation of golf carts and "off-highway vehicles" on its roadways. The Town Municipal Code identifies the exceptions where use, pursuant to a valid permit, is allowed.

Through this proposed ordinance, the Town Council can allow golf cars with specific required equipment and a valid permit to be used on certain limited Town roadways. The proposed ordinance details the safety equipment necessary on any golf car that may be allowed on the specified roadways, should there be a valid permit issued by the Parker Police Department after an inspection to confirm that the required equipment is present. The proposed ordinance also provides information regarding which roadways would be authorized for the use of golf cars, as well as other specific allowances and restrictions related to the use of such golf cars on those roadways.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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Staff time and expenses related to the inspection and permitting process and costs of materials for the issuance of permits may be offset, in part, by fees charged for the inspection and permitting process.

### **STRATEGIC GOAL(S)**

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DEVELOP A VISIONARY  
COMMUNITY THROUGH  
BALANCED GROWTH

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Ordinance No. 5.06.42.3

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

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I move to approve Ordinance No. 5.06.42.3 on second reading.