

ORDINANCE 2017 / 11

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF
GOLF CARTS AT NIGHT ON DAUFUSKIE ISLAND**

WHEREAS, Act 246 of 2016 authorizes a County which meets certain criteria as set forth therein to enact an ordinance allowing for the operation of golf carts at night on designated portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County satisfies the criteria set forth in Act 246 of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County recognizes golf carts are an increasingly popular and efficient mode of local transportation in communities; and

WHEREAS this Council, which is charged with maintaining and preserving the health, safety and welfare of Beaufort County citizens, residents and visitors, has examined the possibility of, the advantages, disadvantages and safety risks associated with, extending golf cart use from daytime throughout the County to nighttime in designated portions of the County including municipalities and barrier islands; and

WHEREAS, after conducting this examination and after hearing from local residents, local communities throughout the County including representatives of municipalities, vendors of golf cart safety equipment and the Beaufort County Sheriff, this Council has deliberated and has concluded that nighttime golf cart use on Daufuskie Island is reasonable, appropriate and in the best interest of the residents and visitors to Daufuskie Island given the many qualities and characteristics of the island which make it unique including that Daufuskie is accessible only by water, that there are very few motor vehicles on the island, that golf carts are the primary mode of transportation on the island even in daytime and that there is virtually no automobile traffic on the island which could pose a danger to people operating golf carts at night.

NOW, THEREFORE, BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL, hereby amends Chapter 70 of its Code of Ordinances so as to include Article V, Section 70-100 which authorizes the

operation of golf carts at night on all public streets and roads on Daufuskie Island provided that such golf carts are equipped with working headlights and rear lights.

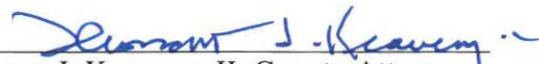
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after being approved by County Council.

DONE this 8th day of May, 2017.

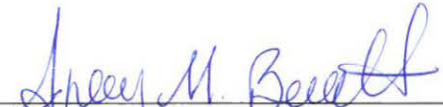
COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

BY: 
D. Paul Sommerville, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Thomas J. Keaveny, II, County Attorney

ATTEST:


Ashley M. Bennett, Clerk to Council

First Reading, By Title Only: March 13, 2017

Second Reading: April 24, 2017

Public Hearing: May 8, 2017

Third and Final Reading: May 8, 2017

Chronology

- Third and final reading occurred May 8, 2017 / 11:0
- Public hearing occurred May 8, 2017
- Second reading approval occurred April 24, 2017 / Vote 10:0
- Public Facilities Committee discussion and recommendation to approve ordinance on second reading occurred April 17, 2017 / Vote 6:0
- At the March 27, 2017 meeting, Council removed this item from the consent agenda (consideration of second reading) in order to allow additional discussion and recommendation by the Public Facilities Committee
- Public Facilities Committee discussion occurred March 27, 2017
- First reading, by title only, approval occurred March 13, 2017 / Vote 10:0
- Public Facilities Committee discussion and recommendation to approve ordinance on first reading occurred March 6, 2017 / Vote 7:0
- Public Facilities Committee Workshop discussion occurred January 30, 2017
- Public Facilities Committee Workshop discussion occurred December 13, 2016
- Public Facilities Committee discussion occurred September 19, 2016