

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 19 OF THE PEACHTREE  
CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES - MOTORIZED CARTS - TO DELETE  
SECTION 19-30 THROUGH SECTION 19-36 AND TO ADD NEW  
SECTION 19-30 THROUGH 19-37 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of same, that Section 19-30 through 19-36 of the Peachtree City Code of Ordinances be deleted and new such sections 19-30 through 19-37 be added to read as follows:

**SECTION 19-30: Findings, Definition.**

The local governing body finds that all public streets and paved recreational paths located within its territorial boundaries and under its jurisdiction are designed and constructed so as to safely permit the use thereof by regular vehicular traffic and also the driving thereon of motorized carts, except as stated elsewhere in this Ordinance. "Motorized carts" are defined as those electric and gasoline powered pleasure carts, commonly called golf carts. These are the only "carts" authorized for use under this article.

**SECTION 19-31: Registration/Inspection Certification.**

**(a) Electric Carts**

It shall be the duty of every owner of an electric motorized cart that is operated over the recreation paths and streets of Peachtree City to register the cart with the City of Peachtree City not later than September 1, 1993, or within ten (10) business days of the date of purchase, whichever is sooner. Two numerical decals shall be issued upon registration and a record of each electric cart number, along with the name and address of the owner, shall be maintained by the Police Department. The decals must be affixed to the sides of the cart in such a manner as to be fully visible at all times. The registration fee for electric carts shall be \$10.00 and the registration shall be effective until such time as the cart is sold or otherwise disposed of. Upon the occurrence of a sale of the cart to another resident of Peachtree City, the registration must be transferred to the new owner within ten (10) business days of the change in ownership at a cost of \$5.00. If the registration is not transferred within ten (10) business days, a \$20.00 penalty will be applied in addition to the \$5.00 transfer charge and the cart shall be considered an unregistered cart after the ten (10) business day period.

**(b) Gasoline Carts**

The registration and transfer of ownership of gasoline carts shall be in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section except that the initial registration shall be effective for two years or until such time as the gasoline cart is sold or disposed of. The following additional requirements shall be adhered to in the registration of gasoline carts:

1. Every two years the cart must be inspected by a Peachtree City golf cart dealer holding a valid Peachtree City business license and said dealer must certify that the noise and exhaust levels emitted by the gasoline cart meet the standards for such emissions as shall be published by the City from time to time. Said certification must be presented to the City of Peachtree City within ten (10) business days following the end of each two year period, and the registration shall be renewed for an additional two year period at no charge. If said certification is not presented within ten (10) business days the gasoline cart shall be considered an unregistered cart.
2. All gasoline carts purchased on or after September 1, 1993 must have a dealer certification in order to be registered, and after September 1, 1995, no gasoline powered cart may be registered, renewed or transferred without dealer certification.

(c) Rental Carts

Cart dealers and distributors, as well as other commercial establishments, may rent carts to the public for use on the recreation paths and streets of Peachtree City. Each such establishment renting carts shall be required to register each such rental cart in accordance with Section 19-31 (a) and (b) and shall maintain a written record of each person who rents each cart. Renters shall be required to furnish positive identification, shall be provided a copy of this ordinance to read and must be at least sixteen years of age. The registration fee and transfer fees and regulations shall be the same as those in 19-31 (a) and (b) above.

SECTION 19-32: Operation Regulations.

- (a) Those persons who are sixteen (16) years of age and older may drive a motorized cart on the recreation paths and/or streets of Peachtree City.
- (b) Those persons who are fifteen (15) years of age but not yet sixteen (16) years of age may drive a motorized cart on the recreation paths and/or streets of Peachtree City if they are accompanied in the front seat by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age who holds a valid motor vehicle drivers license.
- (c) Those persons who are twelve (12) years of age but not yet fifteen (15) years of age may drive a motorized cart on the recreation paths and/or streets of Peachtree City if they are accompanied in the front seat by a parent or legal guardian who holds a valid motor vehicle drivers license.

- (d) No person under the age of twelve (12) shall be permitted to drive a motorized cart on the recreation paths and/or streets of Peachtree City under any circumstances.

SECTION 19-33: Recreation Path Users-Authorized

Authorized users of recreation paths and sidewalks are as follows:

Hip Pocket Concrete Path (Sidewalk-four feet wide)

1. Pedestrians
2. Non-motorized vehicles
3. Roller skaters, roller bladers and skateboarders (daylight only).
4. Bicycles

Asphalt recreation paths (eight feet wide)

1. Pedestrians
2. Non-motorized vehicles
3. Roller skaters, roller bladers and skateboarders (daylight only)
4. Registered electric powered golf carts
5. Registered gasoline powered golf carts
6. Emergency and authorized maintenance vehicles
7. Bicycles

SECTION 19-34: Prohibited uses of recreation paths.

1. Automobiles and trucks (except authorized maintenance vehicles)
2. Motorcycles
3. Street and trail motorized bikes or vehicles
4. Minibikes and mopeds
5. Horses
6. Go-carts
7. Unregistered electric powered golf carts
8. Unregistered gasoline powered golf carts

SECTION 19-35: Hazardous activities and special rules.

Recreation paths are for transportation and public recreation by the various groups of permitted users. No individual or group shall engage in hazardous activities on the paths. Such hazardous activities, and the special rules pertaining to them, include, but are not limited to the following.

- (a) Racing of any form, except for special events approved by the City.
- (b) Blocking of public access, except for special events approved by the City.

- (c) None of the prohibited uses in Section 19-34 shall use the path system or the bridges and/or underpasses therein for any purpose whatsoever.
- (d) Pedestrians, skaters and permitted vehicles shall not loiter or park on recreation path bridges or in underpasses.
- (e) Normal rules of the road shall apply to the recreation paths. For instance, when approaching oncoming path users, each user shall move to his right side of the path. Passing shall be on the left side of the path.
- (f) Pedestrians should be given due consideration and reasonable right of way by other users of the recreation paths to ensure them safe passage.
- (g) A warning or announcement shall be given by operators of golf carts and other users of the recreation paths, such as bicyclists and skaters, when approaching pedestrians from the rear. Said warning or announcement may be verbal, but it is recommended that bicyclists and golf cart operators equip their vehicles with a warning device such as a horn or bell. Each user of the recreation paths shall be considerate of the safety and welfare of other users and dangerous conduct will not be tolerated.
- (h) All laws and ordinances relative to alcohol and the use thereof, including open container laws, which apply to traffic on the streets of the City also apply to the recreation paths.
- (i) All litter shall be deposited in the receptacles provided along the recreation paths or retained by the path user for proper disposal later. Littering on the recreation paths shall be subject to twice the fines and penalties as littering on the streets.

#### SECTION 19-36: Liability

Each person using the recreation paths is liable for his or her own actions. Liability insurance coverage varies and each person operating a golf cart on the recreation paths and public streets should verify their coverage.

#### SECTION 19-37: Penalties

- (a) Any person who violates the terms of this ordinance, except Sections 19-32 (b), (c) and (d), shall be punished as provided in Section 1-8 of the City Code of Ordinances except that any fine for a littering offense shall be doubled.
- (b) Any violation of Sections 19-32 (b), (c) or (d) shall be charged against the registered owner of the golf cart and all fines and penalties shall be levied against the registered owner of the golf cart, as follows:

First Offense - A fine of not less than \$250.00

Second Offense - A fine of not less than \$500.00

Third Offense - If a third offense is committed within one year of conviction for a second offense, the minimum fine shall be \$1000.00, and the registered owner's golf cart registration shall be revoked. Said registered owner or family member cannot thereafter register a golf cart for use in Peachtree City for a period of two years following a third conviction.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby deleted in their entirety.

Done, Ratified and Passed this 20th day of May, 1993.

Effective Date: May 21, 1993

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