

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Patrick A. Thomas, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: May 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.44 of the Temecula Municipal Code Regarding Golf Carts on City Roadways

PREPARED BY: Nick Minicilli, Senior Civil Engineer

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council introduce an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44 OF TITLE 10 OF THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN STREETS AND CROSSINGS FOR THE JOINT USE OF GOLF CARTS AND VEHICLES AND ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON SUCH STREETS, AND FINDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE: An amendment to Chapter 10.44 of the Municipal Code to define and locate golf cart use and crossings in the City.

BACKGROUND: Staff received a request from the Trails / Open Space Ad Hoc Subcommittee to consider creating a safer existing golf cart crossing on Rainbow Canyon Road at the Temecula Creek Inn due to a paving project that will be occurring in 2023. As part of the crossing safety review, staff read the City's current golf cart ordinance and determined that revisions should be made due to the antiquity of the ordinance and the absence of golf cart crossings listed in the ordinance. Staff recommends revising Chapter 10.44 of the Temecula Municipal Code. The current ordinance has one chapter, Chapter 10.44.010 which designates streets in the Temeku Hills golf course area that allows golf carts to utilize city streets jointly with vehicles. The proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 10.44 would revise sections of Chapter 10.44.010 and add a new Chapter 10.44.020 for general golf cart crossings on city streets.

The current 10.44.010 ordinance reads as follows:

10.44.010 Honors Drive, Temeku Drive and Royal Birkdale Drive.

- A. The city council does hereby find, determine, and declare that:
1. Honors Drive from Margarita Road to Tee Drive, Temeku Drive from Tee Drive to La Serena Way and Royal Birkdale Drive from Meadows Parkway to Temeku Drive, are streets within the jurisdiction of the city and, for the purposes of this section, shall be collectively referred to as the “streets.”
 2. The streets are located adjacent to and provide access to the Temeku Hills Golf Course. Further, the streets are located between the golf course and the place where golf carts are parked or stored. The street is within one mile of the golf course.
 3. The streets are within and bounded in part by a real estate development offering golf facilities.
 4. The streets are designed and constructed so as to safely permit the use of regular vehicular traffic and also the driving of golf carts on the streets.
- B. Pursuant to the authority of Vehicle Code Section 21115 the city council hereby designates the streets as streets for the combined use of vehicles and golf carts.
- C. Pursuant to the authority of Vehicle Code Section 21115, the following rules and regulations are hereby enacted for the use of vehicles and the use of golf carts on the street. It is unlawful for a vehicle or golf cart to be operated in violation of the following rules and regulations, which shall have the force of law:
1. A white line of six inches in width shall be painted on Honors Drive from Margarita Road to Tee Drive and Temeku Drive from Tee Drive to La Serena Way at a distance of fourteen feet from the centerline so as to designate an area for vehicular traffic and a separate area for golf cart traffic. A white line of six inches in width shall be painted on Royal Birkdale Drive from Meadows Parkway to Temeku Drive at a distance of eleven feet from the centerline so as to designate an area for vehicular traffic and a separate area for golf cart traffic.
 2. Vehicles shall travel in the designated fourteen foot travel lanes closest to the centerline on Honors Drive from Margarita Road to Tee Drive and Temeku Drive from Tee Drive to La Serena Way and shall not travel in the area designated for golf carts unless necessary for an emergency. Vehicles shall travel in the designated eleven foot travel lanes closest to the centerline on Royal Birkdale Drive

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3. Golf carts shall travel in the designated eight foot lane between the white line and the edge of the roadway. Golf carts shall not travel in the vehicular lane.
4. The posted speed limit for vehicles traveling on the streets shall be twenty-five miles per hour.
5. The speed limit for golf carts traveling on the portion of the streets designated for golf carts shall be twenty-five miles per hour.
6. Golf cart crossings shall be permitted across the streets at the locations designated in Table 10.44.010A, incorporated herein as though set forth in full.
7. Golf cart crossings shall conform to the plans and the signage requirements set forth in Table 10.44.010B, incorporated herein as though set forth in full.
8. If a golf cart is operated on the streets during darkness, the golf cart shall be subject to the provisions of Vehicle Code Section 24001.5 regarding equipment. (Ord. 18-05 § 1; Ord. 01-09 § 1)

Table 10.44.010A
Proposed Golf Cart Crossings

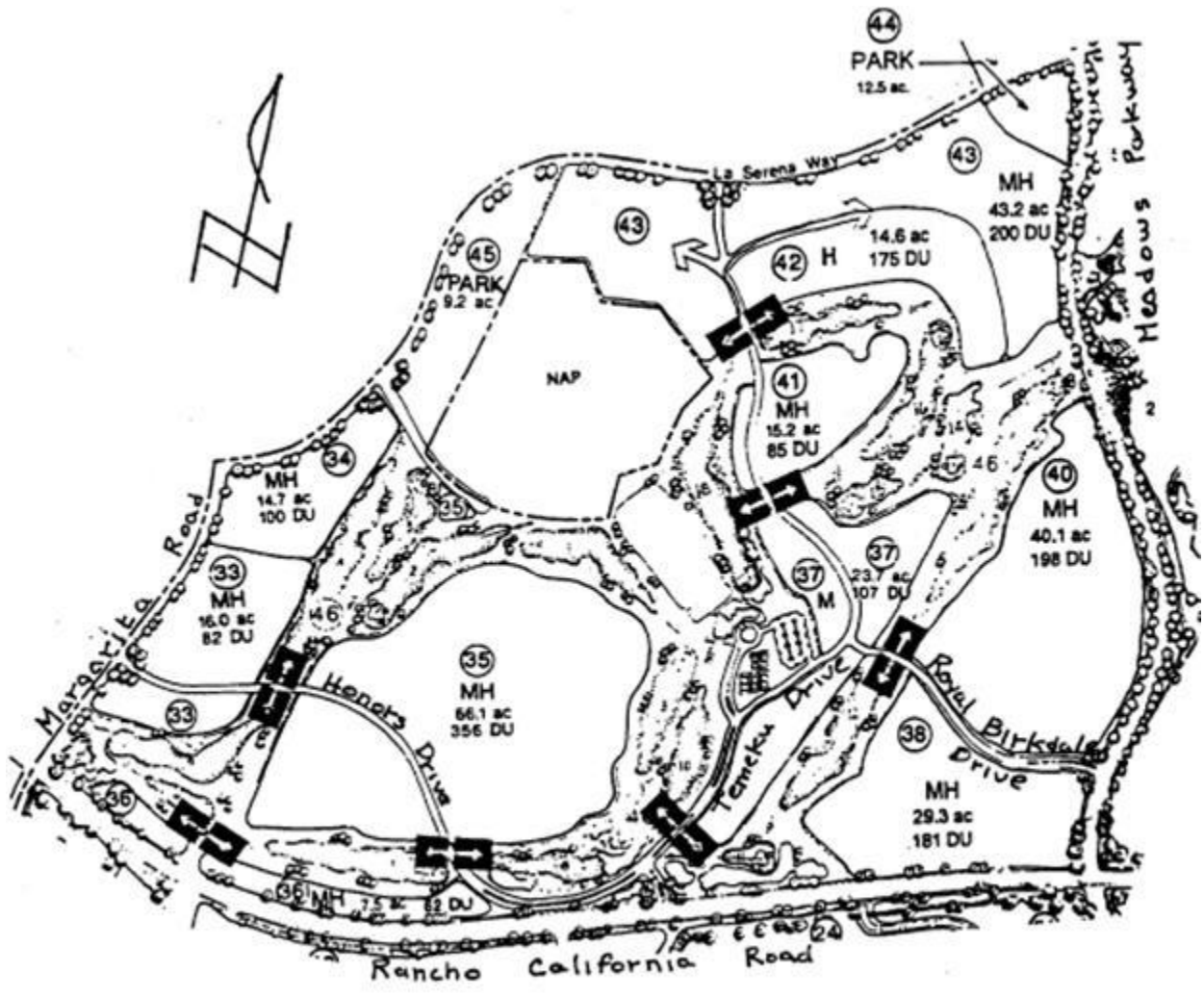
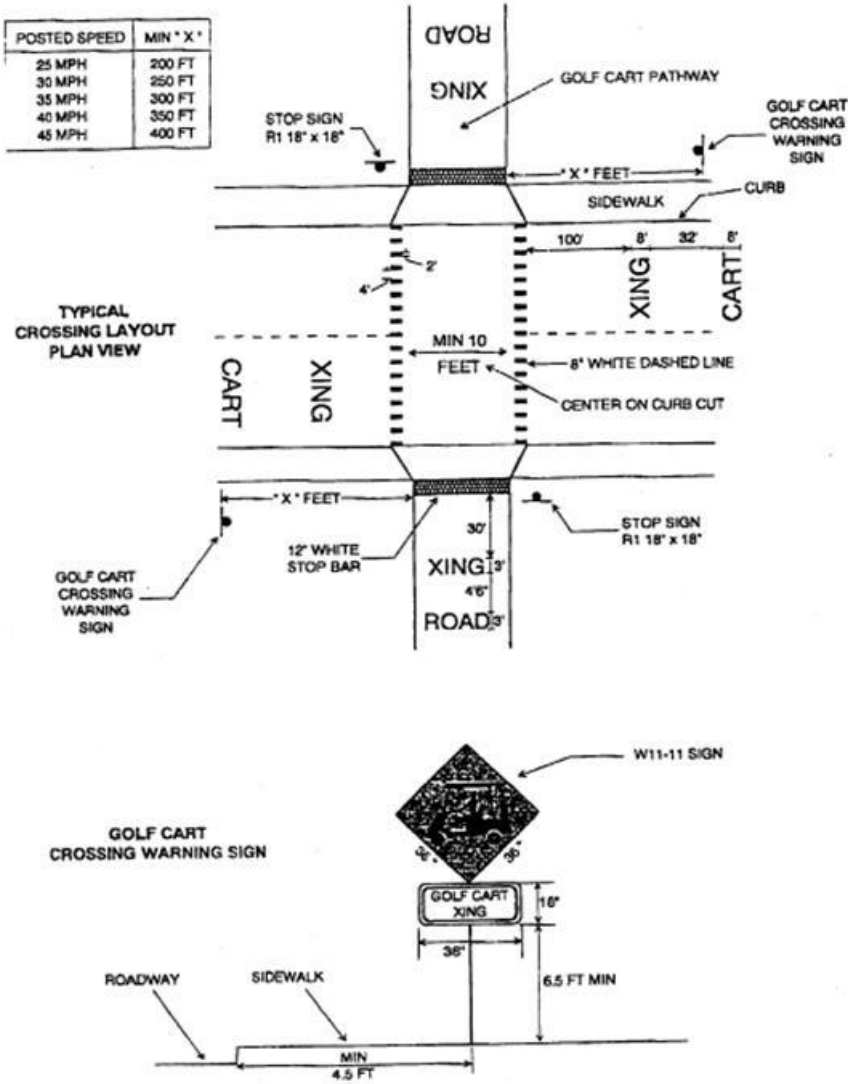


Table 10.44.010B
 Golf Cart Crossing, Signing and Marking



The ordinance should be amended as described in attached ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance