

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-

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

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The City Council of the City of Temecula does hereby find, determine and declare that:

- A. Golf carts that are registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”), bear a license plate issued by the DMV and are properly equipped pursuant to the California Vehicle Code may operate on any highway with a speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour or less pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 21716.
- B. Vehicle Code Section 21115 allows the City to designate certain portions of highways under its jurisdiction for combined use by regular vehicular traffic and golf carts that are not registered with the DMV and equipped as required by the Vehicle Code.
- C. Vehicle Code Section 21115.1 further permits the City to establish crossing zones for the use of golf carts on any street under its jurisdiction that has a posted speed limit of forty-five (45) miles per hour or less and that is immediately adjacent to a golf course.
- D. The City recognizes that the utilization of golf carts as transportation aids near golf courses reduces automobile trips and vehicular emissions, expands mobility to those persons not utilizing automobiles, and maximizes the utilization of golf carts for golf course and residential transportation. The selected golf cart routes and crossings in the Ordinance meet these goals.
- E. The selected golf cart routes and crossings in the Ordinance accommodate golf carts without an adverse impact upon traffic safety.

Section 2. Environmental Findings. The City Council hereby finds that this Ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15301 because the proposed amendments involves the negligible expansion of use to existing City streets as golf carts operated on the selected streets and crossings will utilize existing bike lanes or roadways.

Section 3. Chapter 10.44 (Streets Designated for Joint Use of Golf Carts and Vehicles) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Temecula Municipal Code is hereby renamed and amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“Chapter 10.44 – Golf Carts on City Roadways

Sections:

10.44.010 Operation of Golf Carts on City Roadways

10.44.020 Golf Cart Crossings

10.44.030 Streets Designated for Joint Use of Golf Carts and Vehicles

10.44.010 Operation of Golf Carts on City Roadways

Golf carts may only operate on streets with a speed limit for vehicles of twenty-five miles per hour or less as designated by this Chapter, or if the golf cart is registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, bears a license plate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, and is properly equipped pursuant to the California Vehicle Code.

10.44.020 Golf Cart Crossings

A. The following crossings are designated for use by golf carts:

1. Brassie Lane, approximately three hundred fifty feet (350’) north of Crystalaire Drive.
2. Honors Drive, approximately one hundred fifty feet (150’) west of Vardon Drive/Balata Drive.
3. Honors Drive, approximately three hundred eighty feet (380’) east of Brassie Lane.
4. Royal Birkdale Drive, approximately two hundred feet (200’) east of Temeku Drive.
5. Temeku Drive, approximately one hundred eighty feet (180’) south of Gleneagles Drive.
6. Temeku Drive, approximately one thousand forty feet (1,040’) south of Bay Hill Drive.
7. Camino Rubi, approximately fifty feet (50’) south of Caminito Rosado.
8. Corte Zaragoza at the intersection of Peppercorn Drive.
9. Kohinoor Way at Peach Tree Street.

10.44.030 Streets Designated for Joint Use of Golf Carts and Vehicles

A. The following streets are designated for joint use of golf carts and vehicles:

1. Honors Drive from Margarita Road to Tee Drive.
2. Temeku Drive from Tee Drive to La Serena Way.
3. Royal Birkdale Drive from Meadows Parkway to Temeku Drive.

B. Except as otherwise provided in Section 10.44.010, it is unlawful for a vehicle or golf cart to be operated in violation of the following rules and regulations:

1. Golf carts shall only travel on streets with separate travel lanes, delineated with painted striping, for vehicular traffic and golf cart traffic. The designated golf cart lane may also allow for bicycle travel.
2. Vehicles shall travel in the designated travel lanes and shall not travel in the area designated for golf carts unless necessary for an emergency.
3. Golf carts shall travel in a designated eight-foot (8') travel lane and shall not travel in the vehicular lane. The designated golf cart lane may allow for bicycle travel.
4. Golf carts shall only travel on streets with posted speed limits for vehicles of twenty-five miles per hour or less, except as otherwise designated by this Chapter.
5. Golf cart operators shall observe all applicable provisions of the California Vehicle Code.
6. Golf cart crossings shall be permitted across the streets at the locations designated in Section 10.44.020.
7. Operation of golf carts in the designated crossing zones and streets is allowed during daytime only. Golf cart operation on the designated crossing zones and streets designated by this Chapter is prohibited during hours of darkness. "Darkness" is defined as anytime from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise per California Vehicle Code Section 280.

Section 4. Severability. If any section or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, or contravened by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining sections and/or provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section or provision thereof, regardless of the fact that any one or more section(s) or provision(s) may be declared invalid or unconstitutional or contravened via legislation.

Section 5. Certification. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same or a summary thereof to be published and posted in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and operation thirty (30) days after its second reading and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Temecula
this 23rd day of May, 2023.

Zak Schwank, Mayor

ATTEST:

Randi Johl, City Clerk

[SEAL]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss
CITY OF TEMECULA)

I, Randi Johl, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2023- was duly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Temecula on the 23rd day of May, 2023, and that thereafter, said Ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a meeting thereof held on the day of , , by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Randi Johl, City Clerk