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Department of Traffic & Transportation

Traffic & Transportation Committee
First Floor Conference Room
80 Broad Street
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 3:00 p.m.

Chair, Councilmember Michael Seekings
Vice-Chair, Councilmember Marvin Wagner
Councilmember William Moody, Jr.
Councilmember Kathleen Wilson
Mayor John J. Tecklenburg

AGENDA

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| 1. Invocation | Councilmember Wilson |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | February 23, 2016 |
| 3. Application for Original Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Mobile Limousine Services LLC, DBA Global Mobile Taxi Services (Taxi)• Luella M. Bolton, DBA BBB Taxi (Taxi)• Coastal Limousine of Charleston LLC (Limo) | Robert Somerville |
| 4. Speed Humps for Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comsee Lane – Dunmovin/Island Estates Neighborhood• Sunnyside Avenue – Wagner Terrace | Robert Somerville |
| 5. Golf Cart Regulations and Enforcement Discussion | Councilmember Seekings |
| 6. Daytime Valet Parking Pilot Program Discussion | Robert Somerville |
| 7. Discussion | |

56-2-105 GOLF CART STATUTE**WHAT THE PERSON NEEDS FOR THE OPERATION:**

Individual or business owner of a golf cart can get a permit decal and registration from DMV

1. Need proof of ownership
2. Proof of liability insurance
3. Pay \$5.00 fee

LIMITATION ON WHERE AND WHEN PERSON CAN OPERATE:

May operate permitted golf cart during daylight hours only:

1. Within four miles of address on registration certificate
2. Only on secondary highway or street where posted speed limit is 35 mph or less

LIMITATION ON OPERATION-GATED COMMUNITY:

May operate permitted golf cart during daylight hours only:

1. Within four miles of a point of ingress and egress to a gated community
2. Only on a secondary highway or street where posted speed limit is 35 mph or less

LIMITATION ON WHEN/WHERE GOLF CART CAN CROSS HIGHWAY:

May operate permitted golf cart during daylight hours only

1. Within four miles of registration holder's address
2. While traveling along a secondary highway or street for which posted speed limit is 35 mph or less
3. May cross a highway or street at an intersection where highway speed limit is more than 35mph

LIMITATION ON CROSSING-BRIDGE INVOLVED

May operate permitted golf cart during daylight hours only

1. Along a secondary highway or street
2. Posted speed limit is 35mph or less on an island not accessible by a bridge designed for use by automobiles.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVER

Person operating a permitted golf cart must:

1. Be at least 16 years of age
2. Hold a valid driver's license

WHAT MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF OPERATOR

Person operating the golf cart on a highway or street must have in his possession:

1. Registration certificate issued by DMV.
2. Proof of liability insurance for the golf cart
3. Driver's License.

Political subdivision can restrict the area of operation from 4 miles to 2 miles.

Title 56 - Motor Vehicles

CHAPTER 2.

SPECIALIZED VEHICLES

ARTICLE 1.

LOW SPEED VEHICLES

SECTION 56-2-100. Conditions for operation on street or highway.

(A) A low speed vehicle may be operated only on a highway for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less.

(B) A low speed vehicle may cross a highway at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five miles an hour.

(C) A low speed vehicle must meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 500 (Part 49 Section 571.500 of the Code of Federal Regulations) at all times when operated on any highway. A low speed vehicle that complies with the equipment requirements in 49 C.F.R. Section 571.500 complies with all equipment requirements of this title.

(D) Nothing in this section prevents local governments from adopting more stringent local ordinances governing low speed vehicle operation.

(E) A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of low speed vehicles on any street or highway if the governing body of the county or municipality determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(F) The Department of Transportation may prohibit the operation of low speed vehicles on any street or highway if it determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(G) A farm vehicle, as defined in Section 56-1-2070(C)(2), is not a low speed vehicle for the purposes of this article.

HISTORY: 2005 Act No. 170, Section 2, eff 6 months after approval by the Governor (approved June 7, 2005); 2012 Act No. 264, Section 10, eff June 18, 2012.

SECTION 56-2-105. Golf cart permit and the operation of a golf cart.

(A) For the purposes of this section, "gated community" means any homeowners' community with at least one access-controlled ingress and egress which includes the presence of a guard house, a mechanical barrier, or another method of controlled conveyance.

(B) An individual or business owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart may obtain a permit decal and registration from the Department of Motor Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and liability insurance for the golf cart and upon payment of a five dollar fee.

(1) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four miles of the address on the registration certificate and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less.

(2) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within four miles of a point of ingress and egress to a gated community and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less.

(3) During daylight hours only, within four miles of the registration holder's address, and while traveling along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less, a permitted golf cart may cross a highway or street at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than thirty-five miles an hour.

(4) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is thirty-five miles an hour or less on an island not accessible by a bridge designed for use by automobiles.

(C) A person operating a permitted golf cart must be at least sixteen years of age and hold a valid driver's license. The operator of a permitted golf cart being operated on a highway or street must have in his possession:

(1) the registration certificate issued by the department;

(2) proof of liability insurance for the golf cart; and

(3) his driver's license.

(D)(1) A golf cart permit must be replaced with a new permit every five years, or at the time the permit holder changes his address.

(2) Golf cart owners holding golf cart permits on or before October 1, 2012, will have until September 30, 2015, to obtain a replacement permit.

(E) A political subdivision may, on designated streets or roads within the political subdivision's jurisdiction, reduce the area in which a permitted golf cart may operate from four miles to no less than two miles. However, a political subdivision may not reduce or otherwise amend the other restrictions placed on the operation of a permitted golf cart contained in this section.

(F) The provisions of this section that restrict the use of a golf cart to certain streets, certain hours, and certain distances shall not apply to a golf cart used by a public safety agency in connection with the performance of its duties.

HISTORY: 2012 Act No. 177, Section 1, eff October 1, 2012.

SECTION 56-2-110. Driver's license and registration card.

A person operating a low speed vehicle must be at least sixteen years of age and shall hold a valid driver's license. The operator of a low speed vehicle being operated on a highway must have in his possession:

(1) the registration card issued by the department or the registration card issued by the state in which the low speed vehicle is registered; and

(2) his driver's license.

HISTORY: 2005 Act No. 170, Section 2, eff 6 months after approval by the Governor (approved June 7, 2005).

SECTION 56-2-120. Title requirement; title applications by nonresidents; license plates.

(A) A low speed vehicle must be titled as specified in this title. The manufacturer's or importer's certificate of origin must identify clearly the vehicle as a low speed vehicle and must certify that the vehicle was manufactured in compliance with the equipment requirements for low speed vehicles in 49 C.F.R. Section 571.500. The State shall not issue vehicle identification numbers to homemade low speed vehicles, retrofitted golf carts, or any other similar vehicles, and these vehicles shall not qualify as low speed vehicles in this State.

(B) If the vehicle is owned by a nonresident, but is subject to issuance of a certificate of title in this State, the application must also contain his:

(1) full legal name, social security number, or, if the primary user does not have a social security number but has a passport, his passport number;

(2) driver's license number, whether the license was issued by this State or another jurisdiction;

(3) date of birth;

(4) bona fide principal residence address;

(5) address in this State where the low speed vehicle will be housed and used; and

(6) mailing address of the primary user of the vehicle. If the primary user is a firm, association, or corporation, the application must contain the business address and federal employer identification number of the primary user.

(C) A low speed vehicle must be registered and licensed in the same fashion as passenger vehicles pursuant to this title and is subject to the same insurance requirements applicable to other motor vehicles under this title.

(D) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall establish a special size and class of license plate for low speed vehicles that clearly identifies the vehicle as a low speed vehicle.

HISTORY: 2005 Act No. 170, Section 2, eff 6 months after approval by the Governor (approved June 7, 2005).