

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF MOTORIZED CARTS OVER DESIGNATED STREETS AND CART PATHS IN PEACHTREE CITY, GEORGIA: TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Georgia, did enact legislation allowing municipalities to permit and regulate the operation of motorized carts over the public streets of a municipality, and to prescribe regulations for the operation thereof, and

WHEREAS, the City of Peachtree City, Georgia is desirous of implementing said legislation,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of Peachtree City, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION I. GENERAL

The local governing body finds that all public streets and cart paths located within its territorial boundaries and under its jurisdiction are designed and constructed so as to safely permit the use thereof of regular vehicular traffic and also the driving of motorized carts thereon, except as stated in Section 5. Motorized Carts are defined as those electric or gas driven pleasure carts, commonly called golf carts. These are the only "carts" authorized for use under this ordinance.

- (A) Every person operating a motorized cart over the public streets of Peachtree City, Georgia shall hold a valid driver's license. Every person operating a motorized cart over the public cart paths of Peachtree City must be at least twelve (12) years of age and must be accompanied (in the front seat) by a person having a valid driver's license. All operators shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the public streets and cart paths of Peachtree City. Where Cart Paths exist they must be used in preference to parallel city streets with the exclusion of those Cart Paths privately owned, operated and maintained by the Flat Creek Club as a part of the golf course and not used by the general population. Carts will not be operated on sidewalks at any time.

(B) Motorized carts may be operated over those authorized public streets and paths only during daylight hours, unless such motorized carts are equipped in accordance with the requirements of Ga. Code Sections 68A-1401(b); 68-1702 thru 68-1708.

(C) No motorized cart shall be permitted to operate over, along, or across Highway 74 and 54 within the boundaries of Peachtree City (except where authorized crossings are provided) or on Peachtree Parkway North of Highway 54.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZED USERS:

A. The Hip Pocket Concrete Path (4' Wide )

1. Pedestrians
2. Non-motorized vehicles
3. Roller skaters (daylight only)

B. Asphalt Paths (8' Wide)

1. Pedestrians
2. Non-motorized vehicles
3. Roller skaters (daylight only)
4. Electric and gasoline powered golf carts

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED USERS ON CART PATHS

1. Automobiles and trucks (except for maintenance purposes)
2. Motorcycles
3. Street and trail motorized bikes
4. Mini-bikes and Mopeds
5. Horses
6. Go-Carts

SECTION 5. SPECIAL RULES:

Paths are for transportation and public recreation. No individual or group shall engage in hazardous activities on the paths. Such hazardous activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Racing of any form, except for special events approved by Peachtree City.
2. Blocking of public access, except for special events approved by Peachtree City.
3. None of the prohibited users (Sec. 4) shall use the path system bridges or underpasses for any purpose.
4. Pedestrians and vehicles shall not loiter on pedestrian bridges or in pedestrian underpasses.
5. Normal rules of the road apply to the paths.
6. Each user shall be considerate of the welfare and safety of other users. Dangerous conduct will not be tolerated.
7. Littering on the paths shall be subject to the same fines and penalties as littering on the streets. All litter shall be deposited in the receptacles provided.

SECTION 6. LIABILITY:

Each person using the paths is liable for his own actions.

SECTION 7. PENALTIES:

Any person violating this ordinance shall for each offense be fined an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisoned for a period of not more than one (1) year.

SECTION 8.

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances on Golf Cart operation are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance.

This Ordinance passed and approved by the Mayor and Council of Peachtree City, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1979 and shall become effective on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1979.

W. E. Tracy  
MAYOR

James D. Madden  
City Clerk

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