

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF YORK)
CITY OF TEGA CAY)

ORDINANCE 602

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 50-37 OF THE CITY'S CODE AS IT RELATES TO THE REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, the safety and regulation of low-speed vehicles such as golf carts are vital to maintaining order and protecting all users of public roads and highways;

WHEREAS, golf carts are increasingly used for short-distance travel within neighborhoods and communities, necessitating clear, consistent, and enforceable rules for their lawful operation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tega Cay desires to amend the City's Code to reflect changes within state law while also preserving the flexibility to adapt rules based on our City's needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Tega Cay duly assembled, hereby replace Section 50-37 of the City's Code in its entirety with the following.

Section 50-37.- Regulated Use of golf carts.

- a) Golf carts shall not be operated on public streets or trails except in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and applicable law.
- b) An individual or business owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart shall obtain a permit decal and registration from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and liability insurance for the golf cart and upon payment of a registration fee to the department of motor vehicles. The permit decal must be affixed to the golf cart and replaced every five years, or at the time the owner changes their address, whichever is sooner.
- c) A permitted golf cart may be operated anytime day or night within the City jurisdictional limits on highways or streets with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less and on multiuse trails; provided that a permitted golf cart may cross a highway or street at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles an hour.
- d) A golf cart must be equipped with operational headlights and taillights, and if the golf carts is operated after dusk and before dawn, the headlights and taillights must be illuminated.
- e) Each golf cart passenger that is under the age of twelve years old, when it is being operated on permitted highways, streets or multiuse trails, must wear a fastened safety belt or be properly restrained in a car seat or booster seat.
- f) A person operating a permitted golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's license. The operator of a permitted golf cart being operated on a highway, street or multiuse trail must have in their possession:
 - (1) The registration certificate issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (2) Proof of liability insurance for the golf cart in conformance with Section 38-77-140 of the South Carolina Code of laws; and
 - (3) Valid driver's license.

FIRST READING: June 9, 2025
SECOND READING: June 16, 2025

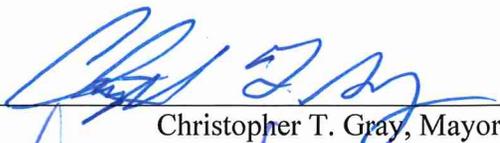
Enacted this 16 day of June 2025, by a majority vote of the duly elected City Council of the City of Tega Cay, South Carolina.

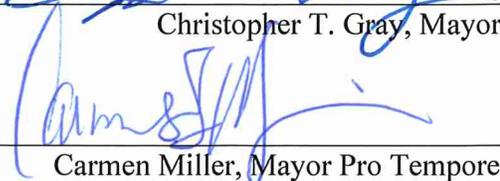
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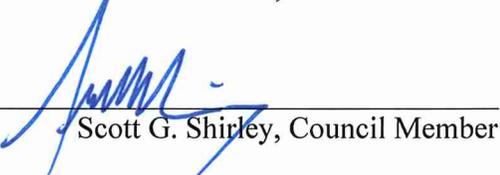
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Christopher T. Gray, Mayor

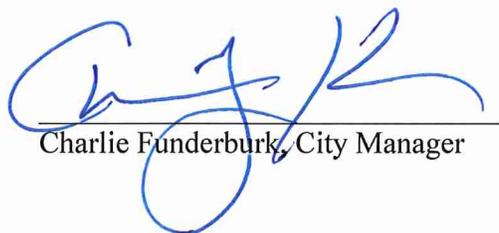

Carmen Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore


Brian D. Carter, Council Member


Scott G. Shirley, Council Member


Thomas S. Hyslip, Council Member

ATTEST:


Charlie Funderburk, City Manager

Certificate of Adoption

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance passed at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Tega Cay, South Carolina, held on the 16th day of June 2025.


Casey O'Brien, Municipal Clerk