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**CITY OF NATCHEZ · 124 SOUTH PEARL STREET · NATCHEZ, MS 39120 · 601-445-7500**

## LOW SPEED VEHICLE PERMIT APPLICATION

### 1. Type of Registration

**Registration Type (check one)**

- New \$100.00
- Replacement \$5.00

**Vehicle Type (check one)**

- Golf Cart
- Low Speed Vehicle

### 2. Registration Information

**Owner(s)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle**

VIN/Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

Make & Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify and attest that my  Golf Cart or  LSV has the following safety equipment as required under 49 CFR

Headlamps	Parking Brake
Front and Rear Turn Signals	VIN or Substantial Equivalent Serial Number
Tail Lamps	Type 1 or Type 2 Seat Belt Required Sec. 571.209
Stop Lamps	Proper Windshield Required 49 CFR 571.205
Reflex Reflectors: one red on each side and one red on rear	Rear Visibility Required Sec. 6.2 of FMVSS No. 11
Exterior Mirror (Side View) mounted on Driver's & Passenger's sides & Interior (Rear View) Mirror	An Alert Sound (Horn) as Required by Sec. 571.141

“Golf Cart” means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes, is not capable of exceeding speeds of (20) miles per hour and is equipped with safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500.

“Low Speed Vehicle” (LSV) means any four-wheeled electric or gasoline-powered vehicle that has a top speed greater than (20) miles per hour but less than (25) miles per hour and is equipped with safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500.

Pursuant to Natchez’s Ordinance Pertaining to the use and Regulation of Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles, Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles, as defined above, may be operated on public roads and streets in the city of Natchez within the parameters of the approved area as outlined in the attached map.

**Drivers of Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles are encouraged to be respectful and avoid impeding motor vehicle, pedestrian, or bicycle traffic.**

Any person operating a Golf Cart or Low Speed Vehicle on the public roads and streets under Natchez’s Ordinance must have in his/her possession a valid Driver’s License and proof of financial responsibility as required under Mississippi Code Annotated § 63-15-1 *et seq.* and obey City traffic laws. Operators of Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles shall be subject to the fines and penalties under the traffic laws of the City of Natchez and the State of Mississippi. In addition, registrants may be subject to revocation of the registration decal.

I hereby certify and attest that I have read and understand these rules. I further certify and attest that I have received a map of the areas where the Golf Carts and Low Speed Vehicles may be operated, and I shall comply with the map.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**COUNTY OF ADAMS**

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public in and for said state and county aforesaid, within my jurisdiction, the within named, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name), who acknowledged that as his/her voluntary act and deed, he/she signed, sealed and delivered the above and foregoing and that the information he/she provided is true and correct as therein stated for the purposes mentioned on the day and year therein mentioned.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

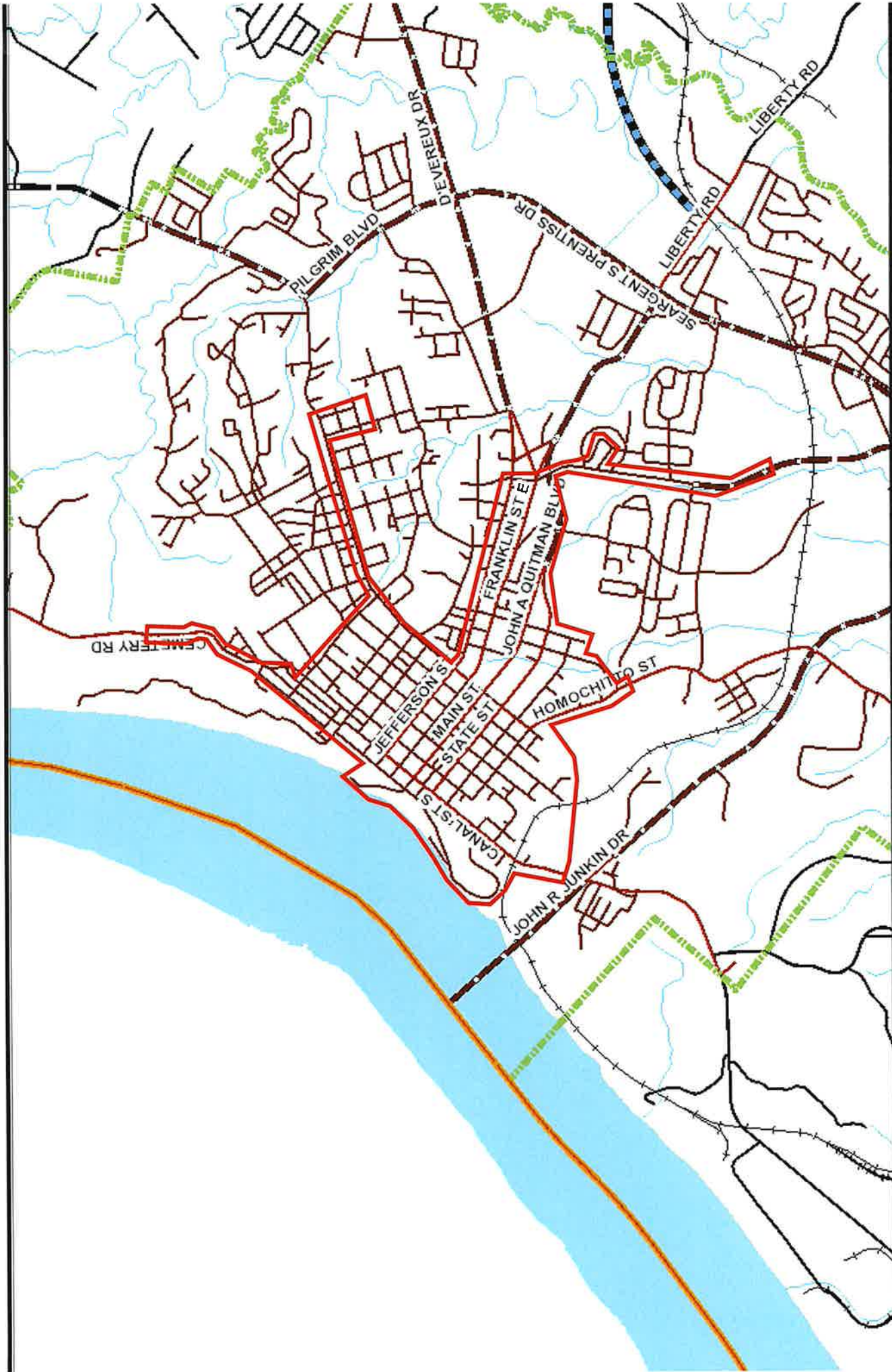
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## FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY

	Golf Cart / Low Speed Vehicle Application
	Golf Cart Registration Affidavit Notarized
	Payment (Cash, Check, Money Order or Credit Card)
	Copy of Valid Driver's License or Temporary Driver's Permit
	Copy of Financial Responsibility (Proof of Insurance)
	Copy of City Map
	Copy of City Ordinance NO. 2021 - 05
	Signed Operation Regulations (see page 2)

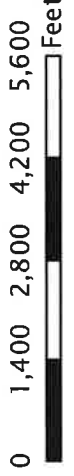
## Safety Equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500





July 29, 2022

1 inch = 2,645 feet



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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-4

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND LOW-SPEED VEHICLES ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF NATCHEZ MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2605, approved by the 2021 Mississippi Legislature and signed by the Governor, specifically authorizes Mississippi Municipalities to enact ordinances allowing the operation of Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles on certain public roads and streets, to require individuals operating a Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle to have a valid driver's license or temporary driver's permit and proof of financial responsibility, and to require registration of Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen desire to pass an ordinance authorizing the use of golf carts and low speed vehicles on certain designated streets within the corporate limits of the City of Natchez, Mississippi;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find that it is in the public's interest to establish policies and procedures in accordance with the authorization as approved and required by the Governor and the Mississippi Legislature as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NATCHEZ, in council convened, that Chapter 74 of the Natchez City Code is hereby amended to add Article XX – Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles, Sections 74-562 through 74-568 as follows:

CHAPTER 74 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

ARTICLE XX. GOLF CARTS AND LOW-SPEED VEHICLES

SECTION 74-562. **Definitions.**

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this Chapter, shall be defined as follows:

- (1) "Golf Cart" means a motor vehicle that is designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes, is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty (20) miles per hour, and is equipped with safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500.
- (2) "Low-Speed Vehicle" means any four-wheeled electric or gasoline-powered vehicle that has a top speed greater than twenty (20) miles per hour but less than twenty-five (25) miles per hour and is equipped with safety equipment as required under 49 CFR Section 571.500.
- (3) "Motor vehicle" means vehicles as defined in Miss. Code Ann. §§27-19-3, 27-51-5, and 63- 17-155 but shall not include electric personal assistive

mobility devices as defined in Miss. Code Ann. §63-3-103, or Golf Carts or Low-Speed Vehicles as defined herein.

- (4) "Person" means every natural person, firm, co-partnership, corporation, joint-stock or other association or organization.
- (5) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title or interest in a Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle as defined herein.
- (6) "Driver" or "Operator" means the person actually driving or operating a Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle at any given time.

#### **SECTION 74-563: Licensing and Registration**

(1) Every Golf Cart and Low-Speed Vehicle to be operated on a public road or street in the City of Natchez shall be required to be registered in the City's Clerk's office. Upon payment of a reasonable registration fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), charged by the City to cover the costs of administration, presentation of proof of financial responsibility, and presentation of a valid driver's license or temporary driver's permit, the owner of the Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle shall be issued a registration decal by the Natchez City Clerk that must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle on the left fender. The registration shall remain valid for as long as the owner owns the Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle. The registration fee imposed under this section shall be retained by the City Clerk and deposited into the municipal general fund. The registered owner may obtain a replacement decal from the City Clerk for an original decal that has been lost or damaged with payment of an additional fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00).

(2) The decal is non-transferrable, and a new owner of a previously registered Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle must re-register the vehicle within 10 days of new ownership by paying the full registration fee and following the steps outlined above in order to continue to operate the Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle on City streets.

(3) Operating a Golf Cart or Low-speed Vehicle without a decal, an expired decal or a decal registered to another owner or vehicle shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance, shall be considered a misdemeanor offense, and subject the Owner to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per occurrence.

(4) The City may issue a single day permit to Golf Cart and Low-speed

Vehicle owners provided the registration and safety requirements of this ordinance are satisfied. A Single Day permit fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be payable at the time of registration. No more than two single day permits may be issued to any one owner or for any one golf cart or low-speed vehicle annually.

(5) The registration fees imposed under this section shall be deposited into the municipal general fund.

(6) The City reserves the right to modify or alter the amount of the registration fee or any other fee imposed by this Ordinance, and the maps of the areas where Golf Carts or Low-speed vehicles may be operated within the City limits, which must be approved by a majority vote of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and spread upon the official City minutes. No amendment to this ordinance is required or necessary to alter or amend the registration amount, any other fee imposed by this Ordinance, or the maps of the areas where operation of Golf Carts and Low-Speed vehicles is permitted within the City limits. The fee schedules and map shall be available for review at the City Clerk's Office.

#### **SECTION 74-564: Operations**

(1) Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles which have been properly registered with the City of Natchez and may be operated on public roads and streets in the City of Natchez, except those streets that are MDOT Highways and those that have an established speed limit of greater than 35 MPH, and only in the areas designated and authorized by the City of Natchez on an approved map, which shall be provided to owners at the time of registration. Approved Golf carts and Low-Speed Vehicles may cross those streets that are not authorized for travel but the shortest traveling distance to do so shall be required. Drivers are required to operate Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles only in the outside lane of multilane streets and roads, where applicable.

(2) Any person operating a Golf Cart or Low-Speed Vehicle on the public roads and streets under this Ordinance must have in his or her possession a valid driver's license or temporary driver's permit and proof of financial responsibility as required under Miss. Code Ann. §63-15-1 *et seq.* and obey City and State traffic laws. Violations of State or local traffic laws and/or regulations of this Ordinance may result in issuance of traffic citations in the same manner as if the driver or owner were operating a motor vehicle.



(3) The City reserves the right to expand the area of operation for Commercial Taxi services who have been properly authorized and licensed to operate within the City Limits, and a separate map indicating and designating the area of commercial operation shall be provided to any such commercial taxi service.

(4) Golf Carts and Low-speed vehicles may only be parked in the same manner and at the same place designated for parking of motor vehicles or in parking spaces specifically designated for Golf Carts or Low-speed vehicles.

(5) The City shall provide a registrant with a map of the areas where Golf Carts or Low-Speed Vehicles may be operated at the time of registration.

#### **SECTION 74-565. Penalties**

The registrant will be subject to the fines and penalties under the traffic laws of the City of Natchez and the State of Mississippi. Additionally, any Owner violating any of the provisions or requirements of this Ordinance may be subject to the revocation of the registration decal and termination of his/her rights to operate a Golf Cart or Low-speed vehicle pursuant to this Ordinance for a period of one (1) year.

#### **SECTION 74-566 Liability Disclaimer**

Neither the City nor any officer or employee thereof shall be held responsible for any damages caused by the operation of a Golf Cart or low-speed vehicle within the City Limits of Natchez. The City shall have no liability under any theory of liability and the City assumes no liability for permitting Golf Carts or Low-speed vehicles to operate on the public roads and streets under this Ordinance or the laws of the State of Mississippi. The City is enacting this Ordinance to permit activity authorized by Senate Bill 2605, approved by the 2021 Mississippi Legislature and signed by the Governor, but in doing so the City has not, and does not, accept or assume any responsibility or liability for injuries or damages caused by Golf Carts or Low-Speed Vehicles, and the City does not waive any of the immunities and liability protections under the laws of the State of Mississippi.

#### **SECTION 74-567. Severability.**

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and should any such provision be declared unconstitutional or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect any of the remaining provisions.

#### **SECTION 74-568. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon 30 days following its adoption with

publication in the official City newspaper.

Following the reading of the foregoing Ordinance, Alderwoman Smith moved the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance. Alderwoman Hall seconded the Motion for its adoption. The matter was then put to a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

<b>Alderwoman Hall:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Alderman Frazier:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Alderwoman Smith:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Alderwoman Irving:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Alderman Davis:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Alderman Dillard:</b>	<b>Aye</b>


Whereupon the Mayor declared the vote carried and the Resolution approved and adopted, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

This the 26th day of July, 2022.

CITY OF NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

BY:   
DAN M. GIBSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK