

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-12  
GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRONTE, TEXAS REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 19-02; AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY**

WHEREAS, Section 551.404 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes municipalities to allow operation of golf carts on highways under certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bronte (the "City Council") determined that such operation of golf carts on public streets is in the best interest of the citizens of Bronte and adopted Ordinance No. 19-02 on July 18, 2019 to allow golf carts on public streets with speed limits of not more than 35 miles per hour and only if the golf carts had certain required equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that golf carts operating within the City should also be required to display a slow-moving vehicle emblem and have liability insurance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE** that the following regulations are hereby adopted as the Golf Cart Ordinance of the City of Bronte, Texas:

**SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

"Golf Cart" herein has the meaning assigned by Section 551.401, Texas Transportation Code as it now reads or may be amended.

**SECTION 2 – OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALLOWED**

The operation of golf carts within the corporate limits of the City of Bronte upon public streets is hereby authorized under the following terms and conditions:

- A. Operation of golf carts is only allowed upon a public street with a posted speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour;
- B. As required by state law, the golf cart must have the following equipment:
  - a. Headlamps;
  - b. Tail lamps;
  - c. Reflectors;
  - d. Parking brake;
  - e. Mirrors;
  - f. Special slow-moving symbol; and
- C. As required by state law, beginning on September 1, 2019, the golf cart must have a license plate issued by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.
- D. Operator must have a valid Driver's License and Liability Insurance.

**SECTION 3 - REPEAL**

Ordinance No. 19-02, adopted on July 18, 2019, is hereby repealed. Any other ordinance, rule or regulation contrary to this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4 - SEVERABILITY**


If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of this Ordinance to any person or set of circumstances is, for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this Ordinance that no portion hereof or provisions or regulations or regulations contained herein, shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any constitutionality of any other portion hereof and all provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable for that purpose.

**SECTION 5- EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

  
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Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

  
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Paul Gohman, Mayor

