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Law and Legislation Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 10.80 TO TITLE 10 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLANS, A PERMITTING PROCESS AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS FOR LOW SPEED MOTORIZED VEHICLES OPERATING ON CITY STREETS**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide, All Districts.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report recommends that the Law & Legislation Committee approve and forward to the full City Council the attached ordinance related to the establishment of transportation plans, a permitting process and enforcement of regulations for low speed motorized vehicles (golf carts) operating on City streets.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Anis Ghobril, Assistant Engineer 264-5367

**FOR LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING:** February 18, 2003

**SUMMARY:**

The Streets and Highway Code (Chapter 6, sections 1950-1961) authorizes cities to establish and adopt transportation plans for golf carts, hereinafter referred to as Low Speed Motorized Vehicles (LSMVs). The intent of this ordinance is to authorize the City to implement an LSMV transportation plan to expand the use of LSMVs on public streets in conjunction with development of new residential communities within the City.

The LSMV transportation plan will establish LSMV lanes, adopt design and safety standards for LSMVs, and establish licensing and financial requirements for LSMV drivers. The ordinance will not affect the operation of LSMVs on or adjacent to golf courses.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

New residential development in the Natomas area will include planned senior oriented communities. One of the first such communities is the Heritage at Natomas Park which was approved by City Council on August 29, 2001.

In addition to the residential land uses, this community of approximately 2000 single family residential units will provide nonresidential elements that primarily serve the needs of residents. These include a commercial shopping center with a medical clinic, recreational centers, parks and open space. One of the key design features is the use of LSMVs as one of the modes of transportation within the community.

Currently, the City of Sacramento has no procedure in place that addresses the establishment of LSMV transportation plans, a permitting process or the enforcement of LSMV regulations. The intent of this ordinance is to authorize the City to implement an LSMV transportation program that establishes LSMV lanes, adopts design and safety standards for LSMVs, and establishes licensing and financial requirements for LSMV drivers for LSMV use within the City of Sacramento.

The procedures under which the subject ordinance has been prepared are set forth in Chapter 6, sections 1950-1961 of the Streets and Highways Code. Once the ordinance has been adopted, staff will submit a specific transportation plan for the Heritage project for Council approval. The plan will be based upon staff's review of the existing land use plan and street circulation plan. Staff will recommend specific route functional classifications, route locations, and safety-related design features for LSMV interface with alternative transportation modes (e.g., automobiles, bicycles, and pedestrians).

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There is no impact to the general fund. The cost of establishing this ordinance and future LSMV transportation plans will be funded through development fees.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The City Council's action in approving the attached ordinance is solely for the purpose of establishing a procedure to develop LSMV transportation plans, and is therefore, not a project for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act.


**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The proposed ordinance is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan of improving and diversifying the transportation system and enhancing and preserving neighborhoods.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**


No goods or services are being purchased at this time.

Respectfully submitted:



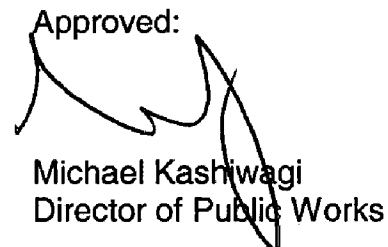
Gary Alm, Manager  
Development Services

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

Approved:



Michael Kashiwagi  
Director of Public Works

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# ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 10.80 TO TITLE 10 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOLF CART TRANSPORTATION PLANS, A GOLF CART PERMITTING PROCESS AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF GOLF CART REGULATIONS**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 10.80 is hereby added to Title 10 of the City Code, to read as follows:

**Section 10.80.010 Purpose and Intent.**

Pursuant to Chapter 6 of Division 2.5 of the Streets and Highways Code, commencing with Section 1950, the City of Sacramento is authorized to establish a Golf Cart Transportation Plan for purposes of expanding the use of golf carts on public streets within the City. It is the intent of this ordinance to authorize the City to implement a golf cart transportation program that establishes golf cart lanes, adopts design and safety standards for golf carts, and establishes licensing and financial requirements for golf cart drivers for golf cart use within the City.

**Section 10.80.020 Golf Cart Transportation Plan Adoption and Requirements.**

The City may adopt by resolution a Golf Cart Transportation Plan as allowed by Streets and Highways Code Section 1953. Any Golf Cart Transportation Plan shall, as a minimum, comply with all requirements as set forth in Streets and Highways Code Sections 1955, 1957 and 1961.

**Section 10.80.030 City Manager Authority--City Permit Process.**

The City Manager shall have the authority to promulgate regulations as necessary for the inspection, permitting and licensing of golf carts and their operators within the City, which shall become effective when adopted by resolution of the City Council.

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**Section 10.80.040 Modification of a Golf Cart Transportation Plan.**

Any revision or modification to the Golf Cart Transportation Plan shall be made by resolution of the City Council.

**Section 10.80.050 Violation - Penalty.**

Any person operating a golf cart in violation of any regulation adopted pursuant to section 10.80.030 or any applicable Golf Cart Transportation Plan is guilty of an infraction.

DATE PASSED FOR PUBLICATION:

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