ORDINANCE NO. 460 CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature passed House Bill 1157, a copy of which shall be placed in the minutes, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1157 allows the legal use of golf carts on select public roads and streets within the City of Lucedale as long as certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lucedale desires to authorize lawful operation of golf carts on selected public roads and streets within city limits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LUCEDALE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> As used in this act, unless a different meaning clearly appears in the context, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- a. "City" means the City of Lucedale, Mississippi;
- "Governing Authorities" means the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi;
- c. "Golf Cart" means a motor vehicle that is designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty-five (25) miles per hour and is equipped with the safety equipment as required under CFR Section 571.500;

SECTION 2. Area of City of Lucedale where golf carts may be used; requirements for drivers of golf carts; operation of golf carts; and violation of traffic laws.

- (1) Golf carts may not be operated on urban interstate highways, urban freeways and expressways, urban principal arterial streets or urban minor arterial streets as defined by the City's comprehensive plan except for the crossing of these streets, in which case the shortest travelling distance to do so shall be required.
- (2) Drivers are required to operate golf carts only in the outside lane of multi-lane streets and roads, when applicable.
- (3) Golf carts may only be operated on the road and shall not operate on sidewalks. They are excluded from and may not be operation in the following areas: Highway 26, Highway 63, Winter Street, Beaver Dam from Industrial Road to Highway 98 and 198 West beyond Dottie Street.
- (4) Any person operating a golf cart on City public roads and streets 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 Section 63-15-1, et seq, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(5) Violation of traffic laws or regulation of this ordinance may result in issuance of traffic citations in the same manner as if the infraction occurred while operating a vehicle.

SECTION 3. Registration requirements for golf carts.

Every golf cart to be operated on a public road or street shall be required to register the vehicle with the City of Lucedale. Cost for the registration shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) to cover the costs of administration, payable to the City of Lucedale. Registrant must provide proof of financial responsibility and a valid driver's license. Upon issuance of the registration sticker, the registrant will be provided with a map of the areas where golf carts may be operated. Every new golf cart shall require registration. The registration fee imposed herein shall be retained by the City of Lucedale and deposited in the municipal general fund.

Upon registration a decal shall be provided that must be displayed on the left rear fender of the vehicle. The registration shall remain valid for as long as the registering owner owns the golf cart. The owner or operator of a golf cart operating on City public roads or streets without a properly displayed decal shall be fined \$100.00. A replacement fee of \$10.00 shall be paid for replacement of a lost decal or registration.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its passage upon Motion of <u>Alderwoman</u>

<u>Moulds</u> moved and duly seconded by <u>Alderman Valentine</u>, the aforesaid Ordinance was put to a roll call vote with the Aldermen voting as follows:

ALDERMAN LOUIS VALENTINE Alderman At-Large	VOTED YAE
ALDERMAN CARRIE MOULDS Alderman for Ward One	VOTED YAE
ALDERMAN JIMMY REDD Alderman for Ward Two	VOTED YAE
ALDERMAN JASON MARTIN Alderman for Ward Three	VOTED YAE
ALDERMAN AL JONES Alderman for Ward Four	VOTED YAE

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Governing Body present, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted on this the 2ND day of November, 2021.

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DOUG LEE MAYOR

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ATTEST:

LAURA MAPLES CITY CLERK