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**Alternate Mode of Transportation Resolution**

*Submitted by: Alderperson Croatt, District 14*

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Referred To: Safety & Licensing Committee

**Whereas**, Appleton has many great community and neighborhood parks, holds numerous special events and community functions within the city that its residents participate in and enjoy as part of enhancing the quality of life.

**And Whereas**, for residents living within the city, travel to and from these locations and events comes in many forms including but not limited to cars/trucks/SUVs, buses, bicycles, scooters, hoverboards, power chairs, roller blades, skateboards, walking, rideshare, etc.

**And Whereas**, modes of transportation that help reduce overall emissions and ultimately lead to cleaner air and are more eco-friendly and "greener" alternatives to traditional passenger vehicles are encouraged.

**And Whereas**, other communities have embraced alternate methods of intracity and/or defined neighborhood transportation by clearly defining all requirements, restrictions, expectations, and penalties.

**And Whereas**, some citizens of Appleton and a resident of District 14 are interested in an alternate means of transportation and have asked me to evaluate it and propose a resolution to have the dialogue around changing an ordinance that currently restricts a desired means of transportation within the city.

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved**, the appropriate City of Appleton staff and the committee of jurisdiction begin the discussion and possibly take action by revising ordinance language to allow for the use of regulated (through clear and specific ordinance language) and permitted (through an application and fee process) intracity travel using golf carts as a mode of transportation within the city limits with the possible restriction of use limited to defined neighborhoods and/or established subdivisions. Additionally, very careful consideration to be given to a golf cart definition that includes a motor vehicle commonly referred to as a golf cart that is battery or gasoline powered and must have 4 wheels and has an attainable top speed not greater than 25 miles per hour on a paved level surface and is manufactured for the primary purpose of transporting persons on a golf course at low speeds. Further consideration for banning use of vehicles defined as ATV's, off-road vehicles, four-wheelers, Mules, Gators, and any design-altered golf carts that can travel faster than 25 miles per hour or any gasoline-

powered golf carts that have any modifications to the exhaust system that would increase noise above the level produced by a factory issued version.

**Be it Further Resolved,** review, discussion, and possible action to include a detailed review of ordinance language from other municipalities including but not limited to Kyle, Texas and Noblesville, Indiana. Included in the review is the FAQ document from the City of Noblesville, Indiana that addresses safety concerns, permitted use, restrictions, equipment requirements, traffic laws and penalties for non-compliance.