

City of Springfield, Georgia  
Motorized Carts  
Ordinance # 2012-01

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-03 ADOPTED ON JUNE 24, 2003 FOR INCLUSION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES REFERENCE MOTORIZED CARTS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Springfield, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of same, as follows:

**Section 1. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Motorized cart, electric and gasoline*, means powered pleasure carts, commonly known as golf carts. These carts have not less than three wheels and cannot be operated more than 20 miles per hour.

**Section 2. Purpose and Intent.**

The purpose of this section is to protect, maintain, and enhance health, safety, and general welfare of present and future citizens of the city. It has come to the attention of the mayor and council that the unregulated use of motorized carts on city streets creates a potential traffic hazard for other vehicular traffic as well as a danger to the occupants of motorized carts. Therefore, the intent of this chapter is to regulate the use of motorized carts within the corporate limits of the city as authorized by O.C.G.A. 40-6-331.

**Section 3. Operations and Limitations.**

Motorized carts may be operated within the corporate limits of the city by:

- A. Those persons who have a valid motor vehicle driver's license and operate in conformity with all restrictions of State Law.
- B. All operators of motorized carts shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic.
- C. Motorized carts cannot be operated on the sidewalks of Laurel Street, except for approved locations as indicated on the Springfield Golf Cart Map. If a cart is being operated on the sidewalk the cart must give right of way to pedestrian traffic, except those adjacent to the owner's property.
- D. Carts will not be permitted in city parks.
- E. Motorized carts shall be operated during daylight hours only.
- F. Motorized carts may not traverse streets and highways under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Department of Transportation. Motorized carts may cross at the approved crossing only. The Georgia Department of Transportation approved crossing is located at the intersection of Laurel St. at Second St.
- G. Motorized carts commonly known as go-carts or all-terrain vehicles (ATV) may not be legally operated upon city streets.

- H. The City of Springfield will issue permits for the carts.
1. The requirements are that the owner must supply a valid license for each driver that will be operating the cart. Each and every driver must be on the permit before operating the cart.
  2. The owner will sign acknowledging that he/she understands this ordinance and will abide by same.
  3. The owner will solely be responsible for any and all liability of such cart and shall provide proof of liability insurance.
  4. The permit cost will be \$25, which will consist of a \$15 permit fee, and a \$10 administrative fee. Two permit stickers to be affixed on each side of the cart by the police department.
  5. Permits will expire exactly 5 years from the issue date.
  6. These carts will not be allowed on the following city streets:
    - a. Stillwell Rd. (except for the crossing at Ash Street)
    - b. Laurel Street (except for the crossing at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)
  7. The cart must have adequate seating for all passengers, there will be no standing, hanging off of or overloading the capacity of the cart.

**Section 4. Exceptions.**

- A. Nothing in this section shall apply to any self-propelled, two-wheeled vehicle.
- B. Nothing in this section shall apply to motorized carts operated by the city.

**Section 5. Enforcement.**

The city police department shall be charged with enforcement of this section. The department will have the authority to revoke a permit upon knowledge that a cart has no insurance.

**Section 6. Penalty.**

Any person violating any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine for the first offense of not less than \$100.00, for the second offense \$250.00 and for a third offense \$500.00. The permit for the cart will be suspended upon the third offense within a five year period.

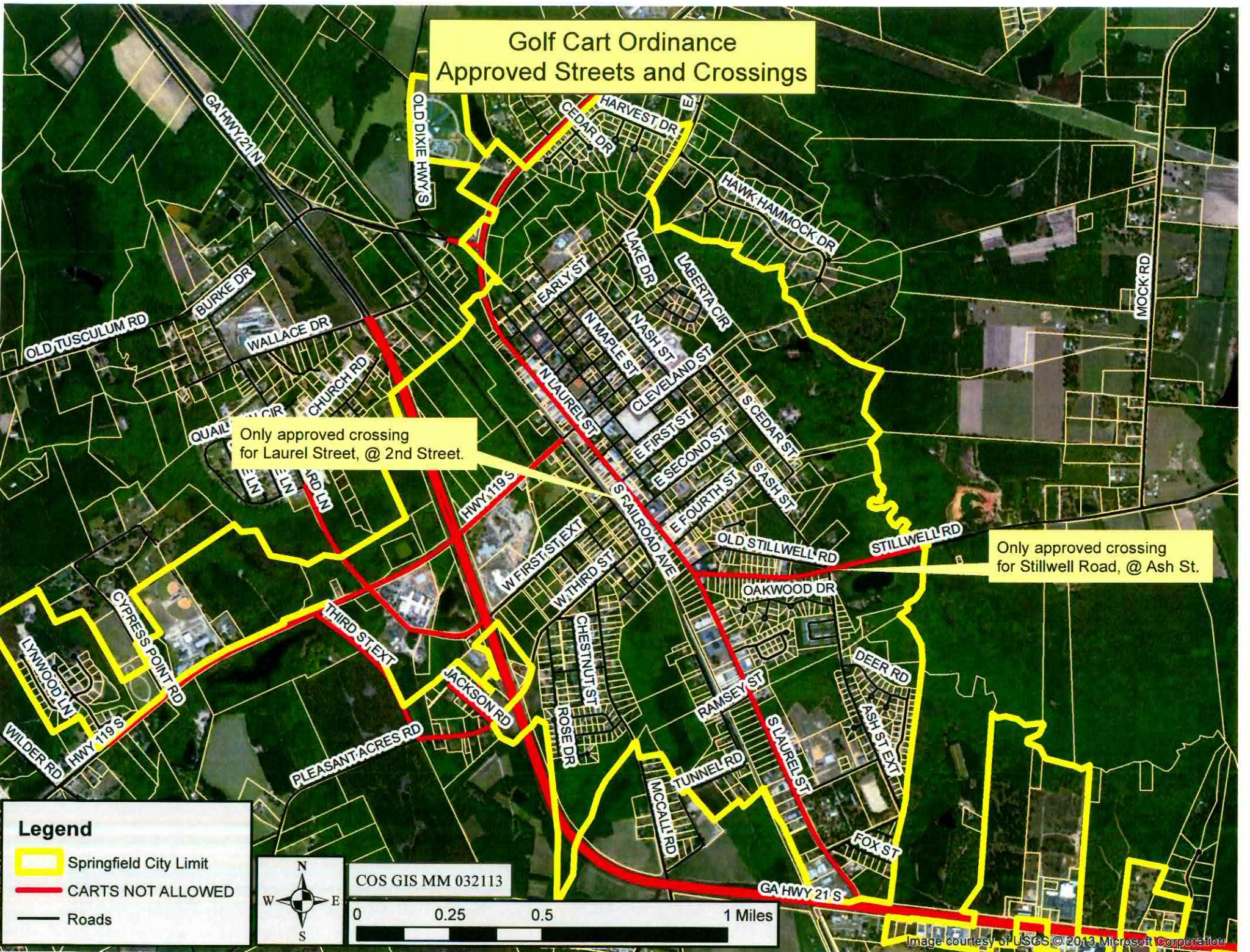
**Section 7. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall become effective upon final approval of the Department of Transportation.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

Approved 02/14/2012

# Golf Cart Ordinance Approved Streets and Crossings



Only approved crossing  
for Laurel Street, @ 2nd Street.

Only approved crossing  
for Stillwell Road, @ Ash St.

**Legend**

- Springfield City Limit
- CARTS NOT ALLOWED
- Roads



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