

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 125, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, RELATING TO GOLF CART AND UTV PARKING ON GRASS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Article IV of Chapter 125 establishes site development standards, including requirements for paved parking and surface materials; and

WHEREAS, certain businesses engaged in the sale or repair of golf carts or UTVs have requested limited flexibility to allow a small number of such vehicles to be parked on grass surfaces; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the proposed amendment and determined that a narrowly tailored allowance for up to six golf carts or UTVs would not adversely affect site circulation, drainage, or enforcement of surface standards; and

WHEREAS, the amendment also adds definitions for “golf cart” and “utility task vehicle (UTV)” to improve clarity and consistency within Chapter 125; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on December 1, 2025, after publication of notice on November 14, 2025, and recommended approval of the text amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposal, staff analysis, and the Commission’s recommendation and finds the amendment reasonable and in the best interest of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS, as follows:

Section 1. Section 125-4.18 (Concrete Surface Requirement) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 125-4.18. Concrete Surface Requirement.

All business-related operations must occur on concrete surfaces; however, no more than six (6) golf carts or UTVs associated with a business that primarily sells or repairs golf carts or UTVs may be parked on grass.

Section 2. Sub-Section 125-4.19.3(k) (Prohibited Parking) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

k. Prohibited Parking. Parking shall be prohibited in the following locations:

1. Fire lanes;
2. Required landscape areas;
3. Unimproved properties or portions of properties in nonresidential and multifamily districts; and
4. Outside areas not designated for parking on an approved site plan.
5. The storage of up to six (6) Golf Carts or UTVs associated with a business that primarily sells or repairs golf carts or UTVs is exempt from subsections (2) through (4).

Section 3. Sub-Section 125-4.19.3(s) (Prohibited Parking) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

s. Limitations on Parking and Storage on Non-Paved Areas. Parking and/or storage of vehicles on grass or other nonpaved area in any zoning district is prohibited except for agricultural machinery or equipment in the OS zoning district or the storage of up to six (6) Golf Carts or UTVs associated with a business that primarily sells or repairs golf carts or UTVs. Material for the paved area shall be concrete.

Section 4. Appendix A (Definitions) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of League City, Texas, is hereby amended to add the following definitions:

Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) means a motorized off-highway vehicle designed for work or recreational use that typically has four or more low-pressure tires, bench or bucket seating for one or more occupants, and a steering wheel for control. UTVs are generally used for utility, agricultural, maintenance, or recreational purposes. They are not designed or primarily intended for use on public streets or highways, although some may be modified to meet specific state or local requirements for limited on-road operation.

Golf Cart means a small, motorized vehicle designed for the transport of passengers and light cargo within a golf course, residential community, or similar private development.

Section 5. Savings. All rights and remedies which have accrued in favor of the City under this Ordinance and amendments thereto shall be and are preserved for the benefit of the City.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of

this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 7. Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. Codification. It is the intent of the City Council of the City of League City, Texas, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified in the City's official Code of Ordinances as provided hereinabove.

Section 9. Publication and Effective Date. The City Secretary shall cause this Ordinance, or its caption, to be published in the official newspaper of the City of League City, upon passage of such Ordinance. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED first reading the ____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the ____ day of _____, 2025.

NICK LONG
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA M. STAPP
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHELLE L. VILLARREAL
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