

TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH

AN ORDINANCE

To Amend Section 78-54 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Edisto Beach to provide for an administrative fee for the issuance of a golf cart decal and increase the fine for parking violations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina, in council duly assembled, that Section 78-54 of the Town's Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 78 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

ARTICLE III. Golf Carts

Sec. 78-54 TOWN GOLF CART DECALS.

- (A) Application for a town decal shall be made to Town Hall before a golf cart may be parked on a street, right-of-way, or other public property in the town. The decals shall be valid for three years and shall expire on December 31 of the year punched on the decal. The decal shall be displayed on the left front of the golf cart.
- (B) The following must be presented to the town to obtain or renew a decal:
 - (1) Proof of registration with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (2) Proof of ownership or long-term lease of the property listed on the state registration. "Long term lease" means a lease of six months or longer. All other leases are short term. Short term renters will not be issued a Town registration; and
 - (3) A certification that the golf cart has a rear-view mirror and is otherwise in safe operating condition; and
 - (4) A certification:
 - (a) that the owner has read this article or a town-prepared document that explains the laws related to golf carts; and

(b) that the owner will not allow anyone to operate the golf cart until that person has also reviewed the rules.

(5) Payment of an administrative fee in the amount of \$ 15.00

(6) Proof of Insurance

(C) A lost or stolen decal may be replaced upon payment of a fee of \$10 and the execution of a sworn statement that the decal was lost or stolen. No decal shall be replaced more than once in any calendar year.

(D) It shall be unlawful for a golf cart to be parked on a street, right-of-way, or other public property without a valid town golf cart decal. Any person who violates or fails to comply with the parking provisions of this section shall be fined \$50.00 for each offense, provided the fine is paid within 15 calendar days of the date of the citation. The fine shall then be increased to \$100.00 for each offense on the 16th calendar day after the date of the citation. Failure to pay the fine by the 30th day after the date of the citation shall result in the issuance of a summons for court appearance with the fine to be in the discretion of the court but not to exceed \$100.00 for each offense. The Police Department or anyone who has been approved by the Police Department shall be authorized to issue a parking citation and to impound or immobilize the vehicle. (See S.C. Code § 56-5-710(A)(1).)

(E) The Town decal requirement is for identification purposes. The issuance of a Town decal does not and shall not act as authorization from the Town to the operator to operate the golf cart within the Town limits. The operator and owner must comply with all applicable state and municipal laws related to operation of a golf cart.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.



Jane Darby, Mayor



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk

First Reading: 10/08/2020
Second Reading: 11/12/2020

Approved as to form: _____