



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024, 6:00PM
ABITA SPRINGS TOWN HALL
22161 LEVEL ST., ABITA SPRINGS, LA 70420**

Posted: August 5, 2024 4pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Curtis
INVOCATION: Alderman Boudreaux
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderman Patterson

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1.) WWTP Award 2.) Abita Elementary Student – Health Issues & Support from Community 3.) Garbage Collection - One Hour Earlier 4.) Safe Streets 4 All 5.) Marshal's Report

ROLL CALL:

Call for Agenda Modifications
Accept June 18, 2024, Town Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRMEN UPDATES:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES. A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE FOLLOWING MILLAGES ON THE 2024 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS: GENERAL ALIMONY AT 6.87 MILS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS & STREET LIGHTS AT 2.62 MILS, SEWER & WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND STREET BONDS AT 5.00 MILS
- 2.) DISCUSSION OF ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO INSTRUMENT 2024-005 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE TOWN, PROHIBITING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH" INTRODUCED ON JULY 16, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) NONE

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT US AT (985) 892-0711.
PLEASE CONTACT TOWN HALL AT THE SAME NUMBER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS AGENDA.



RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO LEVY THE MILLAGES ON THE 2024 TAX ROLL AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Abita Springs:

MILLAGES

General Alimony (Abita Springs)	5048001	6.87 Mills
Parks/Playgrounds & Street Lights	5048006	2.62 Mills
Water, Sewer, Street Bonds	5048008	5.00 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2024, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; Alderman _____ moved to adopt, seconded by Alderman _____ the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on ____2024 at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Abita Springs, Louisiana, this ___ day of ____, 2024.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk



INSTRUMENT 2024-005

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES
SEC. 5-208 AND TO ADD SEC. 5-209, 210 & 211. AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS
ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE TOWN, PROHIBITING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN
STREETS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 32:299.4 authorizes municipalities, such as the Town of Abita Springs, to pass local ordinances authorizing the operation of golf carts on streets within its borders; and

WHEREAS, Although golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used as a vehicle on public streets, roads or highways, golf carts are commonly operated in the town; and

WHEREAS, the town desires to establish a policy to promote the health, safety and welfare of persons operating golf cart(s) within the town and to protect the safety of their passengers and the other users of public streets, the adoption of a golf cart ordinance is necessary to provide for local operation of golf carts on town streets and to address the interests of public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, at its regular session convened, that Section 5-208 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Abita Springs shall be amended as follows, to wit:

Sec. 5-208. Definition.

The term “golf cart” shall mean an electric or gas powered four-wheeled vehicle originally intended for use off-road on golf courses and other green spaces or intended for personal transportation whose maximum speed is twenty-five miles per hour. Golf carts shall not include lawn mowers, tractors, four-wheelers, UTV’s, ATV's and go-carts.

Sec. 5-209. Operation of Golf Carts.

- a) A golf cart may only be operated upon any street or road within the Town of Abita Springs that has a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less.
- b) All operators of golf carts and their passengers must be observant of, and attentive to, all traffic laws, as well as the safety of themselves, other motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the personal and real property of others.
- c) The operation of golf carts shall comply with all applicable local and state traffic laws. Owners and operators of golf carts may be ticketed for traffic violations in the same manner as any other motor vehicle.
- d) Any golf cart operated on a town street shall have liability insurance with the same minimum limits as required by the provisions of La. R.S. 32:900(B).
- e) No person shall operate a golf cart on a town street without a valid driver’s license.
- f) Golf carts shall not be operated on a town street between the hours of 12am-6am.
- g) No person shall operate or park a golf cart upon a bicycle path, sidewalk, sidewalk area, or other area not designated for motor vehicle use or not specifically designated for golf cart use.
- h) No person shall operate a golf cart in any subdivision which has a regulation or covenant prohibiting the use of golf carts and that subdivision will be responsible for the enforcement of its regulation or covenant preventing the use of golf carts in that subdivision.

Sec. 5-210. Required Equipment, Registration.

- a) All golf carts operated on town streets shall be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear of the golf cart. All golf carts shall also be equipped with headlamps, tail lamps, and brake lamps.

- 56 b) Nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the town in the future from
- 57 prohibiting the operation of any golf cart on any street under its jurisdiction if the town
- 58 determines that such prohibition is necessary for the safety of the motoring public.
- 59 c) In addition to any legal law enforcement authority of the town, if liability insurance has been
- 60 revoked, suspended, or expired, or if there is other evidence that the permitted golf cart cannot
- 61 be safely operated or lacks the necessary requirements provided for under state law.

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63 **Sec. 5-211. - Penalty for violations.**

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65 Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, upon conviction, shall be punished as

66 provided in section 1-108 of this Code.

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68 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all other sections of Chapter 5 shall remain the same and in

69 full force.

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71 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision of this Section shall be held to be invalid,

72 such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid

73 provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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77 The above and foregoing ordinance having been duly submitted to the Town of Abita Springs;

78 introduced at a public meeting on _____, 2024 of the Abita Springs Board of Aldermen

79 and adopted at a public meeting held on _____, 2024; after motion and second was

80 submitted to the official vote of the Abita Springs Board of Aldermen.

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82 On motion by _____ and second by _____ the foregoing ordinance was

83 hereby declared adopted on _____, 2024 by the following roll call vote:

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- 86 Vote was:
- 87 YEAS:
- 88 NAYS:
- 89 ABSENT:
- 90 ABSTAIN:

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97 Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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97 Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor

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