



GOLF CART TRAVEL TO THE TARGET, & WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

No surprise that as time passes more folks are using their golf carts to go to the Target, and other stores. Some with one car may find such a trip appealing.

Here's an article that in November appeared in the Mobile Register.

Watch for more for there is to be a 'public hearing' on the subject. Golf cart owners from Craft Farms do need to be represented in support of continuing and possibly expanding presently accepted practices.

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Golf carts may roll on Craft Farms roads

► Residents interested in using electric carts to get to links, mall

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GULF SHORES — Police Chief Arthur Bourne said he plans to present to the City Council a proposal that would allow golf carts to be operated on roads throughout the Craft Farms development.

Residents of the golf-based community asked city officials earlier this year to allow golf carts to be operated on the subdivision's roads, including those that lead into the Pelican Place shopping center. Last week Bourne

said he'd soon bring an ordinance before the council.

From there, the council would likely schedule a public hearing on the matter before voting on the proposed law, Councilwoman Carolyn Dougherty said.

Doughty said that developing a law that would allow residents to use golf carts on the roads of neighborhoods that are centered on links would be something the city could use to sell itself to retirees and reduce auto traffic. But she and the police chief said they'd be very particular about what type of carts can be substituted for cars and very specific about where they'd be allowed on roads.

In a letter signed by 10 members of the development's neighborhood association, residents said Craft Farms was an ideal place to allow golf carts because no county or state highways bisect the subdivision. Beyond being able to motor to one another's homes, they'd eliminate the need to use their cars to reach the development's two golf course or shop at Target, Publix and the mall's other stores.

"Most residents own golf carts and this change would be a big help to us, not to mention the savings in fuel and traffic," the residents wrote.

Bourne said some of Craft Farms' 200-plus residents began to lobby city leaders to allow golf carts

this summer during a neighborhood meeting. Support for the law has been mixed, he said.

"There's some that want just to be able to go from Point A to Point B, being their house to the golf course and back," Bourne said. "You have some that want to venture out and go to (Pelican Place) and Target and Publix when it's open. You have some that don't want it at all."

Though there has been interest from residents in other parts of town to allow golf carts, city officials said they'd likely only approve the law for Craft Farms and perhaps other golf-based communities in the future.