CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES  
February 2, 2021

The City Council met this date in a regular session, via Zoom, which was available to the public via teleconference, at 7:37 pm.

Present at Roll Call:  Mayor Gerry Welch  
Councilmember Laura Arnold  
Councilmember Pam Bliss  
Councilmember David Franklin  
Councilmember Emerson Smith  
Councilmember Karen D. Alexander  
Councilmember Sarah Richardson

A quorum was present.

Also present:  Dr. Marie Peoples, City Manager  
Mr. Neil Bruntrager, City Attorney  
Ms. Katie Nakazono, City Clerk

REMARKS OF VISITORS
Ms. Conrad read submitted Remarks of Visitor comments received by 4 p.m. on February 2, 2021, into the record. Submissions were received from:

- Dave Buck (Exhibit 1)
- Daniel Bruzzini (Exhibit 2)
- Lindy Carroll (Exhibit 3)
- Robert Heyder (Exhibit 4)
- Michelle Heyder (Exhibit 5)
- Christine Seyer (Exhibit 6)
- John Lewis (Exhibit 7)
- Peter Sadlo (Exhibit 8)
- Form Letter Re: Golf Carts Received From – David E. Austin, Justin Bolzenious, Nancy and Rob Eveker, Kate Hanneke, Weston Harding, Alex Hill, Lindsey Roberts, Willie Jim Rush IV, and Stephanie Widaman (Exhibit 9)
- Aerin Greco (Exhibit 10)
- Jennah Bartels (Exhibit 11)
- Aaron Parton (Exhibit 12)
- Bradley Rohlf (Exhibit 13)
- Kelly Bender (Exhibit 14)
- Holly Rodman (Exhibit 15)

NEW BUSINESS – MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY MANAGER
No New Business.
NEW BUSINESS
BILL #9141 – FIRST AND SECOND READING
Councilmember Franklin introduced BILL #9141 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI AMENDING CHAPTER 60, “THE TRAFFIC CODE” ARTICLE I, SECTION 60.010 “DEFINITIONS” AND ARTICLE X, “MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS” SECTION 60.635 “USE OF MOTORIZED PLAY VEHICLES, ROLLER SKATES, COASTERS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES”, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 60.636 “OPERATING PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES, GOLF CARTS, AND LOW SPEED VEHICLES; DEFINITIONS, PROHIBITIONS, PENALTY” AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO, and at the Councilmember’s request, the Bill was read twice, first and second times by title only, and placed on the agenda for future consideration of the Council.

Councilmember Franklin asked about the licensing. Are golf carts required to be licensed currently in the state of Missouri?

Mr. Bruntrager stated that they are not. The only license we are referencing is a driver’s license, not a license plate. We are requiring a one-time permit sticker from the Police department.

Councilmember Franklin clarified that there is no re-licensing. Mr. Bruntrager stated that there is not, unless the cart is transferred to another person.

Councilmember Franklin asked if there is a fee. Mr. Bruntrager stated that there is not within the ordinance, it is up to Council. Typically there would be a minimal fee to cover the costs.

Councilmember Arnold asked that the requirements be listed for those listening.

Councilmember Smith clarified the insurance requirements. He also asked if “front and rear lights” means turn signals as well.

Mr. Bruntrager stated that he hasn’t placed that in here, I was concerned more about visibility. I would suggest hand signals would be enough, but that is up to you.

Councilmember Smith stated that he wanted Council to consider that golf carts remain to the right if there is more than one lane. He also asked that Council consider the impact on parking, specifically at the high school.

Mayor Welch asked if there was a requirement for a windshield. Mr. Bruntrager stated that there was not.

Chief Curtis stated that if it were to pass, they wouldn’t have issue going to the residents to get a permit sticker rather than have them have to come to City Hall.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Arnold, to amend 60.636.c.3 to include the provision that golf carts must stay to the right when there is more than one lane so as not to impede traffic.
Mayor Welch called for the vote on the amendment.
MEMBERS VOTING:
AYES: ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, WELCH
NOES: NONE
Mayor Welch stated that the amendment was approved.

BILL #9142 – FIRST AND SECOND READING
Councilmember Richardson introduced BILL #9142 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE RESTRICTIONS ESTABLISHED WITH THE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #3705 WHILE MAINTAINING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIRTY-FOUR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO, and at the Councilmember’s request, the Bill was read twice, first and second times by title only, and placed on the agenda for future consideration of the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Bliss, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Mayor Welch called for the vote on the Consent Agenda.
MEMBERS VOTING:
AYES: BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, WELCH, ARNOLD
NOES: NONE
Mayor Welch stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following consent agenda was approved:
- Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2021
- Resolution #2021-07 – Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021
- Resolution #2021-08 – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the Fire House 2 Project

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
- John Burse was appointed as an Alternate Member of the Board of Adjustment.
- Michael Rose was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Patrick Murphy was reappointed to the Arts Commission.
- BJ Pupillo was appointed as a Regular Member of the Board of Adjustment.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION
Councilmember Arnold made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Franklin, to go into Executive Closed Session per Attorney-Client Privileged Communications [MO Statute 610.021(1)], Real Estate [MO Statute 610.021 (2)], Negotiated Contract [MO Statute 610.021 (12)].
Mayor Welch called for the vote to go into Executive (Closed) Session.
MEMBERS VOTING:
AYES: FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, WELCH, ARNOLD, BLISS
NOES: NONE
Mayor Welch stated that the Council would go into Executive (Closed) Session.
February 2, 2021

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m. on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of FEBRUARY 2021.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK
To Our Mayor, City Council & City Staff,

While we nationally celebrate Black History Month this February, the present and future opportunity to achieve real, meaningful diversity, inclusion, equity & justice in Webster Groves remains a major city goal.

Like most communities, Webster faces multiple challenges in this area. But I think the 20-year existence in the Webster Groves School District of the "Academic Achievement Gap" between the performance of white and black students is, by far, our city's single greatest racial inequity and social injustice.

Even a very conservative estimate suggests that at least 1,840 or more black students have been impacted over the past 20 years.

Education scholars say that this gap tends to continue later in life in the form of an employment gap, income gap and housing gap, etc. Importantly, they believe the "Academic Achievement Gap" begins at the start of kindergarten.

Why? Because kids from lower income families cannot afford the tuition that every preschool or early childhood program in Webster Groves charges, from the higher fees of Walter Ambrose, Goddard and Montessori to even the less expensive fees of church preschools and Statemen's Preschool.

The result is that these kids start kindergarten two years behind their more affluent white peers in academic, emotional, social and physical development. And, thus, the gap begins and does not measurably close during K-12.

Three possible solutions to this problem are:

1. The Webster Groves School District creates, includes and test markets a universal preschool as part of Givens Elementary School in North Webster.
2. Several church preschools (such as Emmanuel Episcopal, Webster Hills Methodist and Webster Presbyterian) join together to collaborate and find a creative way to welcome and include these kids into their programs.
3. Webster-Rock Hill Ministries expands its afterschool tutoring program to include free preschool for the kids of the needy in our community.

In short, this is a huge, persistent problem that has literally impacted thousands of black kids over the last 20 years. It is time we worked together as one community to solve the problem once and for all and bring equity and justice to these kids' lives and their families.

PEACE.

Dave
Webster Groves' 9.24% sales tax is the 4th highest in the nation. Instead of helping local merchants, Webster Grove's ski-high sales tax creates a strong incentive for residents to shop online from the 27 states without a use/internet sales tax. April's proposal for an even higher sales tax "to level the playing field" by adding a use/internet sales tax will certainly level our local businesses into insolvency from the loss of out of state sales and for having to pay $924.00 additional dollars for every $10,000 dollars of purchases.

Any tax on business is a tax on us, the consumer, who will pay more for the same goods and services. Higher prices means fewer sales, or no sales, as cost-conscious consumers and businesses always find a way to save money from cheaper no-tax states. April's proposed use/internet sales tax-hike – during these tough COVID-19 economic times – is actually a Toxic tariff akin to the Smoot-Hawley tariff during the Great Depression. Instead of protecting and promoting local businesses, this tariff resulted in higher prices and fewer sales that bankrupted businesses -- deepening and extending the Great Depression. The proposed use/internet sales tax-hike is a business-killing tariff increasing the cost on businesses and consumers alike.

With a municipal budget of 31.4 million dollars, does the City of Webster Groves truly need the 250k expected from this thirteenth special tax more than our local businesses? Do our local businesses and residents understand that "local" in the Internet age means everywhere? Why tax away our neighborhood businesses' competitive advantage in this new "local" marketplace?

Just look at your own shopping habits, and compare how much you buy online versus how much you buy in a store. Imagine paying 9.24% on everything you bought online; and for every thousand dollars you buy, you would be taxed $92.4 dollars.... Ouch! What else could you buy and whose business could you support with more money in YOUR pocket? No municipality spends your money as wisely as you spend your own. No municipality has ever "taxed" its residents into prosperity. The City of Webster Groves with its property tax, library tax, education tax, and twelve special sales taxes would be wise not to add an unlucky 13th. Remember: Webster Groves is a great place to live, WORK, and raise a family...NOT for a municipality to tax and tariff.

Dan

Daniel B. Bruzzini
Webster Groves MO 63119
I would like to address a few points against allowing golf carts on the streets of Webster Groves. My points address the golf cart environmental impact or lack thereof, social activities with neighbors, safety and parking.

I am not seeing the environmental benefits of using golf carts. The construction of golf carts use resources and materials. Also used are fossil fuels to construct and deliver the carts. Sure they would use less fuel, but golf carts don’t have any emission controls like catalytic converters or EVAP canisters like cars do. If we are worried about the environment, we should consume less, recycle everything, stop using fertilizers on our lawns, buy smaller houses, walk, ride our bikes or drive hybrid vehicles among other things. Carts are minimally and typically used when the weather is nice, unless you are using them for a long commute every day, there doesn’t look to be a benefit for the environment.

I don’t see how owning a golf cart would enhance social activities. As an alternative to the golf cart, you could walk to a neighbor’s house with a wagon loaded with a couple of chairs and maybe a cooler and whiffle ball kit instead of driving a golf cart. Never have I sat at home thinking that if only I had a golf cart I could go and be social with my friends or neighbors, I just walk or drive. If a family wanted to go to a store or restaurant they could simply walk, ride bikes or drive, the lack of a golf cart isn’t an obstacle and hasn’t stopped me from doing any of these things. Another thing a family could do in the business districts is park at one end of the street and use the sidewalk to stroll past and go in and out of the restaurants, ice cream stores and shops, then walk back to the car. Webster has a few good area’s where there are plenty of shops and plenty of room to walk down the sidewalks with a drink, cross then walk back.

Safety on the streets would be a concern. In the event of an accident, I don’t think these carts would keep occupants safe since they don’t provide much, if any protection. If there were to be an accident with another vehicle or stationary object such as a telephone pole or street sign, serious injury or ejection could occur. Golf carts don’t come equipped with air bags or seat belts so the lack of safety features suggests that they are meant for recreation areas where there aren’t any large vehicles competing for the same space. Furthermore, they are light and can flip easily, which raises more concerns about upper torso and head injuries. I haven’t seen people wearing head or upper body protection in carts, so as a result and someone could suffer greatly from a bad injury even at low speeds. I have seen kids driving these around, and I don’t think it’s a good idea to have inexperienced drivers operating the carts around larger vehicles as well. I realize the top speed of the carts are around 15mph, but that is going pretty fast considering there is no protection in the case of an accident or flip. An accident going 15mph in a car is much more survivable in the case of an accident. Another thing to consider is insurance. If there is an accident and it’s the fault of the person driving a golf cart, how would insurance cover property or injury to the affected party? Also, what if the golf cart operator is under the age of 16 and doesn’t have auto insurance?
Golf carts take up the same amount of a parking spot than a car. Unless there is coordination with another person in a golf cart, there could possibly be 2 carts squeezed in a spot at the same time, but it seems unlikely. Also, I don't think it's a good idea to section off areas in parking lots for them there isn't not enough demand and I don't think it would be a wise use of real estate for the city or a retailer.

I think it would be fun if we all had them, but that's just it, we would all have to have them equalizing the streets that they would drive on, but that isn't going to happen. I don't want to see these on the roads with cars, busses and delivery trucks. These carts may make sense in planned, gated communities or retirement neighborhoods where the weather is nice all year and if everyone has them, but not here with seasonal use and streets set up for much larger vehicles.

I'm sure there are a lot of good intentions here, but those intentions do not fit with the parking, layout and traffic patterns of Webster. If the idea here is to throw a cooler in the back of a golf cart and drive around on game day, then get a wagon and walk, but for now, let's keep the carts in parades and on golf courses. Until there is a better argument for the carts I don't see how they can be justified, just keep using them quietly in your neighborhood and factor in a ticket from the police every now and then towards operating costs.

Lindy Carroll
My name is Robert Heyder, I am a WG resident & support golf carts in our community.

I believe the proposed safety features are appropriate but request the removal of the permitting requirement. Spot ticketing in lieu of permitting would be a valid option, given the relatively low quantity of golf carts, limited seasons they can be driven, & ease of law enforcement to view missing features. Lastly, I request exceptions for elderly, disabled & those with special needs.

Additionally, I have compiled a list of 147 golf cart supporters, in favor of limiting the restrictions.

First, safety has been the biggest factor associated with the proposed ordinance. I am a proponent of safety but am concerned we may be making a mountain out of a molehill.

Below is the data comparing golf cart injuries to other approved eco-friendly transportation:
- Golf carts account for 13,000 injuries/yr, vs. bicycles which cause 467,000 injuries/yr.
- Golf carts account for 13,000 injuries/yr, vs. Electric Scooters which cause 27,700 injuries/yr.
- A Fatality is 85 times more likely to occur on a bicycle than a golf cart, and a fatality is nearly twice as likely on an electric scooter. (per Consumer Product Safety Comm., CDC & injuryfacts.org)

Furthermore, in March 2019, WG set a precedent by approving the use of electric scooters on public streets in anticipation of rideshare scooter companies coming to town. Yet, the CDC & Consumer Product Safety Comm. data shows that golf carts are twice as safe.

Nothing is risk free, but on a comparative basis, Golf carts are a very safe alternative. Applying permit requirements on golf carts based on false safety concerns would be unjustified.
Additionally, golf carts are legalized in 47 states & provide benefits to the community, including:

- environmental benefits,
- a social form of transportation,
- promote community,
- provide a safe form of senior transportation.

Golf carts also benefit local businesses, as golf carters are more likely to visit local restaurants, opposed to evaluating options which may be outside of WG, if driving a car. WG stands to generate greater sales tax and keeps the community close.

Please don’t overly regulate golf carts based on the premise of Safety, while the data shows golf carts are a very safe alternative.

Sincerely,
Robert Heyder

** Please note that certain abbreviations were made to limit the word count.
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Michelle Heyder and I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

The use of golf carts in our community provide many benefits including: Environmental benefits, Eco Friendly, Low speed, Social form of transportation, Sense of neighborliness / community, Safe form of transport for seniors, Take less space to park, Benefit local restaurants and businesses and Family fun in our community.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Michelle Heyder

Webster Resident

Sent from my iPhone
My name is Christine Seyer. I am a resident of Webster Groves for over 70 years. I do not own a golf cart, but I support the use of them in our community. I have never had an issue with any of them, and quite frankly, seldom come across them at all. Has anyone really had any issues with them? You all are talking like they are rampant, causing accidents, etc. That is certainly not the case. The pros definitely outweigh the negatives. I honestly don’t see any negatives of these eco-friendly vehicles. They add to the charm of our community! Please approve the use of them without permitting and excess regulation. Thank you for all that the council does for our city!

Christine Seyer

Sent from my iPad
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is John Lewis, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

We have vacation property in a golf cart community and it is amazing what it does for community. People stop and talk to their neighbors. Kids actually go for rides with their parents. This is great opportunity to drive more business to local shops and restaurants. I understand that some people are citing safety concerns, and I think that is completely exaggerated. Owning a golf cart and experiencing a golf cart community myself, I can tell you that they are safe and fun and I think it would change Webster for the better.

Sincerely,

John Lewis,
Webster Resident
Sent from my iPad
Good day City of Webster Groves,

I want to express my interest in maintaining that golf carts be legal in Webster Groves. I have worked with the City Council in the town of Dauphin Island to make them legal there with much success. We found that when people are driving in golf carts they often wave to each other and often stop to talk even to strangers. That doesn’t typically happen in a car. Our golf carts in WG and there are only 4 h.p. and all electric. For pennies of electricity, we can run all of our errands, take the kids to soccer and have dinner out. There is almost no maintenance. We don’t produce the heat, noise, air pollution or oil pollution (dripping cars) of a 300 h.p. vehicle. If Webster promotes carts, you will see a dramatic increase in sales tax revenue within the city. I only shop and eat within 2 miles of my house with the cart. The local shops will love having more of them. On Dauphin Island we have had zero reported accidents involving golf carts and have found they are more likely pick up trash on the roadways through our going green project. All golf carters typically carry a bag to put road trash in. Our town has never been cleaner. Webster Groves is perfectly suited for carts versus a Kirkwood or Brentwood. This is an instance where less regulation is better. There is not a problem to be fixed.

All the best,
Pete

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REMARKS OF VISITORS – FORM LETTER
ALL RECEIVED - Feb 2, 2021 FROM:

• David E. Austin
• Justin Bolzenious
• Nancy & Rob Eveker
• Kate Hanneke
• Weston Harding
• Alex Hill
• Lindsey Roberts
• Willie Jim Rush IV
• Stephanie Widaman

The letter reads as follows, and the individual letters will be Exhibits to the Feb 2 meeting minutes:
I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Additionally golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks:

My name is David Austin, and I am a resident of Webster Groves for over 25 years. I fully support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns with golf carts are being exaggerated by those that wish to prohibit their usage in our community.

In addition to safe and reasonable transportation, golf carts provide other benefits including:

- Dependable access and transportation for those that can't or don't have access to a "traditional" vehicle
- Environmental benefits and eco-friendliness
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts offer safe transportation, provide many benefits for the citizens and community of Webster Groves, and I request that you approve their use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

David E. Austin
443 Sherwood Dr.
Webster Groves, MO
314-202-0946
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Justin Bolzenius, a seven year resident of Webster Groves. I write to you today to voice my support of golf carts and other low speed vehicles (LSV) within our community.

In recent weeks, residents have voiced their concerns over the usage of golf carts within Webster Groves. I believe an equitable solution for all parties can be easily obtained. I believe that golf carts should be permitted under the following conditions.

- The driver must be of legal driving age and must possess a government issued drivers license.
- The vehicle must have the appropriate lights (head lamps, tail lights and blinkers).
- The vehicle must have seat belts for all riders.
- Vehicle cannot be operated on a street or roadway where it can not maintain an appropriate speed.
- Prohibited from operating on public sidewalks

These parameters are the same parameters / ordinances that other municipalities have instituted with success.

If golf carts are to be prohibited by Webster Groves, then I ask that all LSV (including but not limited to Vespas, hover boards, electric bicycles, etc.) be prohibited as well.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

Justin Bolzenius
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Kate Hanneke, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Additionally golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Kate Hanneke

Webster Resident

Kate Seyer Hanneke
314-393-7519
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Weston Harding, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are less than suggested and the benefits outweigh the risk. Some of the benefits include:

- Eco Friendly – No carbon emissions
- Low speed – capped at 20mph
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a fun and I feel they are a safe transportation alternative to enjoy the community. I’ve talked to friends family and neighbors, and all seem to be in agreement that good for Webster.

I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations, which would stifle some users.

Sincerely,

Weston Harding

468 hawthorne

Webster Resident
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Alexander Hill, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Additionally golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Alex Hill,
Webster Resident

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Lindsey Roberts, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Additionally golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

• Environmental benefits
• Eco Friendly
• Low speed
• Social form of transportation
• Sense of neighborliness / community
• Safe form of transport for seniors
• Take less space to park
• Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Roberts,

Webster Resident
My name is Jim Rush. I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Additionally, golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness/community
- A safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

I had personally witnessed Golf cart owners use their carts to help the elder get to and from Webster Groves Jazz fest or 4th July festivities when they were having difficulty walking.

I'm also a business owner that chose to place my business in Rockhill as opposed to Webster due to stories I heard from other business owners regarding the difficulties they had dealing with the city of Webster Groves.

Decisions like these can harm the desirability of our community.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Willie Jim Rush IV

430 W Lockwood Ave.
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Stephanie, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are overstated. Golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits to our families and our community, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Widaman

Webster Resident
The remaining golf cart letters contain additional comments within the form letter.
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

Hello,

I am adding my name to this because it will help with the traffic issues pertaining to speeding and cut thru traffic. As u know I have been pushing for decreasing speed limits and additional stop signs. Golf carts will slow speeding down. I also believe this will encourage the increase number of walkers in our walking community and help support our local restaurants.

My name is AErin Greco, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Additionally golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
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Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

AERIN GRECO
Sincerely,

AErin Greco
Webster Resident

AErin Greco
Katie Nakazono - Remarks of Visitors – Bill #9141

Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Jennah Bartels, and I am a resident of Webster Groves residing in south Webster close to Edgar Rd Elementary. I fully support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations. I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated as we currently have many golf carts already in our community (including south Webster) and I have yet to see any negative consequences. Additionally golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Jennah Bartels,
Webster Resident
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Aaron Parton, My wife and I have been residents of Webster Groves with our two daughters since 2013. I wanted to take a few moments to explain why we own a golf cart and support golf carts in our community.

I am not sure of the past comments regarding safety and regulations but believe the safety concerns can be exaggerated. We purchased a golf cart in 2018 and have enjoyed many safe rides around the neighborhood, into Downtown Webster and neighboring Kirkwood. While I believe that it is necessary to ensure the safety of all residents in our city, I don't support any form of permit taxation and other excessive regulations on the use of golf carts in Webster Groves. Additionally golf carts provide many benefits, including:

- Environmentally Friendly
- Low speed
- Fun form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

As our city continues to bring in younger families and grows around the downtown area, Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative to Cars, Trucks and SUVs. They provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Aaron and Andrea Parton,

Webster Resident
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Bradley, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations. You no doubt have received a number of comments, but I implore you in considering them to weigh empirical evidence of any argument, rather than a "what if."

I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Additionally golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

On top of it all, they're cool and fun - that may seem silly, but The Hill and Soulard are some of the most vibrant and desirable neighborhoods in the city, and all see wide use of golf carts.

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Bradley Rohlf
Webster Resident
Dear Mayor Welch, Council Members - Alexander, Arnold, Bliss, Franklin, Richardson, and Smith, City Manager Peoples, City Clerk Nakazono, Chief Curtis, and Captain Perks

My name is Kelly Bender, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

I believe the safety concerns are far less than have been suggested and the benefits outweigh the risk. Some of the benefits include:

- Friendly for the environment with no carbon emissions
- Increases business to our beloved local restaurants and shops
- Fosters a sense of community
- Safe form of transport for our seniors

I believe golf carts are a fun and safe transportation alternative to help us enjoy the community. I have spoken with my neighbors and they seem to be in agreement that golf carts are good for our community.

I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Kelly Bender
Webster Resident

Sent from my iPhone
My name is Holly Rodman, I am a resident of Webster Groves and support golf carts in our community without permitting and excess regulations.

In addition to the items below, my handicapped brother loves nothing more than to go for a golf cart ride on a Sunday afternoon. I would love for him to be able to do this at my home in Webster groves. I also believe that this encourages local spending and supporting small businesses and community feel.

I believe the safety concerns are being exaggerated. Additionally golf carts provide substantial benefits, including:

- Environmental benefits
- Eco Friendly
- Low speed
- Social form of transportation
- Sense of neighborliness / community
- Safe form of transport for seniors
- Take less space to park
- Benefit local restaurants and businesses

Golf carts are a safe transportation alternative, provide many benefits, and I ask that you approve the use without permitting and excess regulations.

Sincerely,

Holly Rodman (and Todd and our children Ella, Liam, Serena, and Colin)

Webster Residents