

Cobb Island Citizens Association

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Dear Charles County Senators,

I am writing on behalf of the Cobb Island Citizens Association to request your assistance in legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island.

In July 2021, Cobb Island Citizens voted unanimously to legalize golf carts. The reasoning is as follows:

1. Legalization requires a valid driver license, and this requirement will exclude 11- to 16-year-olds from operating golf carts. Because they are not legal, we citizens, and Charles County police, have no recourse to reprimand or ticket, underage and unlicensed drivers. Unlicensed drivers operating golf carts causes safety risks to both the golf cart occupants, pedestrians, vehicles, and other golf carts. If golf carts are legalized, the unlicensed driver, and their parent, will be cited and their golf cart will be towed or picked up by their parents.
2. Licensed drivers must drive to the far right of the road. This requirement is common sense golf cart etiquette. The rule is not currently practiced, but legalization will require this rule, and those who don't abide will be cited.
3. Golf carts may not be operated between dusk and dawn. Once legalized, those abusing this rule, will be cited. Golf carts are currently being driven after dusk. Many don't have lights and the operators are putting themselves at risk, as well as pedestrians, vehicles, and other golf carts.

The Cobb Island Citizens Association and residents of Cobb Island support the legalization of golf carts. The island is small community of residents who enjoy driving their golf carts to and from island events, the market, restaurants, church, and the post office. They are enjoyable and an environmental and economic savings compared to vehicles. As the President of the Citizens Association, and a long-term island resident, I ask for your undivided support of legalizing golf carts on Cobb Island because legalization provides safety mechanisms and makes our island a safer place to live

On behalf of the Cobb Island Citizens Association board, and the island residents, I ask that you please present this bill for a vote and vote in favor of passing the bill to legalize golf carts on Cobb Island.

Sincerely,

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