## AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AT NIGHT ON DAUFUSKIE ISLAND

WHEREAS, Act 246 of 2016 authorizes a County which meets certain criteria as set forth therein to enact an ordinance allowing for the operation of golf carts at night on designated portions of the County; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County satisfies the criteria set forth in Act 246 of 2016; and WHEREAS, Beaufort County recognizes golf carts are an increasingly popular and efficient mode of local transportation in communities; and

WHEREAS this Council, which is charged with maintaining and preserving the health, safety and welfare of Beaufort County citizens, residents and visitors, has examined the possibility of, the advantages, disadvantages and safety risks associated with, extending golf cart use from daytime throughout the County to night time in designated portions of the County including municipalities and barrier islands; and

WHEREAS, after conducting this examination and after hearing from local residents, local communities throughout the County including representatives of municipalities, vendors of golf cart safety equipment and the Beaufort County Sheriff, this Council has deliberated and has concluded that nighttime golf cart use on Daufuskie Island is reasonable, appropriate and in the best interest of the residents and visitors to Daufuskie Island given the many qualities and characteristics of the island which make it unique including that Daufuskie is accessible only by water, that there are very few motor vehicles on the island, that golf carts are the primary mode of transportation on the island even in daytime and that there is virtually no automobile traffic on the island which could pose a danger to people operating golf carts at night.

NOW, THEREFORE, BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL, hereby a mends Chapter 70 of its Code of Ordinances so as to include Article V, Section 70 -100 which authorizes the operation of golf carts at night on all public streets and roads on Daufuskie Is land provided that such golf carts are equipped with working headlights and rear lights.

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after being approved by County Council.

DONE this 8th day of May, 2017.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas J. Keaveny, II, County Attorney
ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ashley M. Bennett, Clerk to Council

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Public Hearing:

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