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Memorandum

To: Mayor & Council
From: David Reynolds
Re: Council Agenda Item – Street Legal Golf Carts
Date: 3-14-19

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the idea of legalizing Golf Carts or other Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) on Town owned roads. During the 2018 Fall Council Retreat this topic was discussed as a means to bring visitors into Town as well as create an OHV and Golf Cart friendly environment for our residents.

Throughout the country many Towns have adopted provisions that allow the use of golf carts and other utility types vehicles on their non-state-owned roadways. Garfield County along with at least thirty-six other Towns, Cities, and Counties, now have provisions allowing for the use some form of OHV's, on roads within their jurisdictions.

In looking at this idea staff is currently studying and wishes to discuss the following:

- Safety equipment requirements
- Registration requirements
- Driver's License requirements
- Mapping and routes available to Golf Carts and OHV users
- Areas that may be off limits to use by Golf Carts and OHV users
- Possible "C Avenue" connections to Castle Valley
- Insurance restrictions and requirements
- State Law as related to Low Speed Electric Vehicles and OHVs
- Examples, models, and ordinances from other municipalities