



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Public Works Director *JH*

FROM: Joseph P. Rutan, P.E., County Engineer/Assistant Director *JLR*

DATE: September 24, 2019

SUBJECT: Ordinance reauthorizing a Golf Cart Zone on certain roads in the Birch Bay Area

Requested Action

At the request of the Whatcom County Council, the Public Works Department respectfully submits the attached ordinance reauthorizing a Golf Cart Zone on certain roads in the Birch Bay area.

Background and Purpose

On May 22, 2018, the Whatcom County Council adopted Ordinance 2018-023 creating a Golf Cart Zone on certain roads in the Birch Bay area. This ordinance is set to expire on October 31, 2019. Public Works has reviewed all collisions within the Golf Cart Zone following the adoption of the ordinance and found that none involved golf carts. The Whatcom County Sheriff's Department supports reauthorizing this ordinance.

Information

Creation of golf cart zones is allowed per RCW 46.08.175 while "golf carts" are defined under RCW 46.04.1945 (see attached). RCW 46.08.175 requires that a roadway designated as a "Golf Cart Zone" have a posted speed limit of 25 MPH or less. All roads within this zone have posted speed limits of 25 MPH or less.

Please contact Joe Rutan at extension 6219 with any questions regarding this ordinance.