

1 **ORDINANCE 2020-041**

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4 **CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH**  
5 **COUNTY OF HORRY**  
6 **STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE  
OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 19  
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS,  
ARTICLE 1 IN GENERAL, SECTION  
19-4 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS  
REGARDING THE USE OF CART  
PATHS, BIKE & WALK PATHS,  
SIDEWALKS, AND MOUNTAIN BIKE  
TRAILS.**

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14 IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED that Chapter 19 Streets and Sidewalks, Article 1 In General,  
15 Section 19-4 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to establish regulations regarding  
16 cart paths, bike & walk paths, sidewalks, and mountain bike trails as follows:  
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18 Sec. 19-4 Cart paths, bike & walk paths, sidewalks, and mountain bike trails.

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20 (a) Cart Path: A cart path is a paved off-road travel corridor that provides a marked path  
21 with little interruption in travel, serving golf cart drivers while allowing users of other  
22 modes of transportation including pedestrians and human-powered wheeled vehicles  
23 such as bicycles and skateboards. Golf carts, powered chair/wheelchairs, (EPAMD),  
24 and electric assist bicycles (as defined in SC 56-1-10) are permitted on cart paths,  
25 while motorized vehicles of any other kind, be it electric, gasoline, or any power source  
26 other than human, are not. The paved path located within the Kings Highway right-of-  
27 way connecting the Dunes Club and Dunes Cove neighborhoods is a cart path.

- 28 1. Golf cart drivers are responsible for the safety of all other wheeled vehicle  
29 riders and pedestrians on the cart path. Wheeled vehicle riders are responsible  
30 for the safety of all pedestrians on the cart path.  
31 2. Golf cart drivers shall yield to smaller wheeled vehicles and to pedestrians at  
32 all times, by slowing down or stopping if necessary to insure the safety of  
33 everyone on the cart path.  
34 3. All wheeled vehicle riders shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times  
35 by slowing down, stopping, or dismounting as necessary to insure the safety  
36 of everyone on the cart path.  
37 4. Golf cart drivers and wheeled vehicle riders shall give all users traveling in the  
38 same direction an audible warning (ringing of a bell, honking of a horn, a shout,  
39 or something similar). All users shall be cognizant of their surroundings and  
40 respond when signaled.  
41 5. Golf courses and other similar properties on which cart paths are typically  
42 located may adopt policies that prohibit the use of such paths by bicycles,  
43 skateboards, etc., and which also permit these paths to be used by other  
44 motorized vehicles engaged in the maintenance of the golf course or other  
45 similar areas.  
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47 (b) Bike and Walk Path: A Bike and Walk Path is a paved off-road travel corridor that  
48 provides a marked path with little interruption in travel. A bike & walk path generally  
49 crosses driveways and intersections, and may or may not be located within a street  
50 right-of-way. Bike and Walk Paths serve pedestrians, powered chair/wheelchair users,  
51 and human-powered wheeled vehicles such as bicycles and skate boards, and are

1 components of a bicycle and pedestrian network. (EPAMD) and electric assist bicycles  
2 (as defined in SC 56-1-10) are permitted on Bike and Walk Paths, while motorized  
3 vehicles of any other kind, be it electric, gasoline, or any power source other than  
4 human, including golf carts, are not. A Bike and Walk Path may or may not be part of  
5 a larger greenway, depending upon its designation by the governing authority. When  
6 part of a larger Greenway system, the restrictions of the designated Greenway system  
7 apply, in addition to the following. Unless otherwise designated, all paved paths  
8 greater than 8 feet in width are Bike and Walk Paths.

- 9 1. Wheeled vehicle riders are responsible for the safety of all pedestrians on the  
10 Bike and Walk Path.
- 11 2. Wheeled vehicle riders shall proceed at a pedestrian pace.
- 12 3. All users shall travel to the right side of the path, providing ample room for  
13 passing. If walking or riding in a group, the group shall fall into single-file if  
14 necessary to allow other users to pass without having to leave the path.
- 15 4. Wheeled vehicle riders shall give anyone traveling in the same direction an  
16 audible warning (ringing of a bell, honking of a horn, a shout, or something  
17 similar). All users shall be cognizant of their surroundings and respond when  
18 signaled.

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20 (c) Sidewalk: A sidewalk is a paved travel corridor along a street that is located within the  
21 right-of-way. Sidewalks generally cross driveways and intersections, and are  
22 separated from the roadway by a raised curb and/or a planting strip of varying widths.  
23 Sidewalks serve pedestrians and powered chair/wheelchair users and are the principal  
24 component of a pedestrian network. An (EPAMD) is permitted on sidewalks, while  
25 motorized vehicles of any other kind, be it electric, gasoline, or any power source other  
26 than human, are not. Wheeled vehicles, including but not limited to bicycles, should  
27 be ridden in the street, and may be ridden on sidewalks only when doing so is  
28 necessary for the immediate safety of the rider. All paved ways less than 8' in width  
29 are sidewalks.

- 30 1. When riding on the sidewalk is necessary for the immediate safety of the rider,  
31 wheeled vehicle riders are responsible for the safety of all pedestrians on the  
32 sidewalk must use prudence when riding in pedestrian congested areas.
- 33 2. When riding on the sidewalk is necessary for the immediate safety of the rider,  
34 wheeled vehicle riders shall proceed at a pedestrian pace in the direction of  
35 traffic.
- 36 3. When riding on the sidewalk is necessary for the immediate safety of the rider,  
37 wheeled vehicle riders shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times by  
38 slowing down, stopping, or dismounting as needed.
- 39 4. When riding on the sidewalk is necessary for the immediate safety of the rider,  
40 wheeled vehicle riders shall give a pedestrian or bicycle traveling in the same  
41 direction an audible warning (ringing of a bell, honking of a horn, a shout, or  
42 something similar).

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44 (d) Mountain Bike Trail: A mountain bike trail is a designated unpaved travel corridor that  
45 provides a marked path with little interruption in travel. Surfaces generally consist of  
46 gravel, crushed limestone, dirt, or other semi-pervious material. Motorized vehicles of  
47 any kind, be they electric, gasoline, or having any power source other than human,  
48 are not permitted on mountain bike trails. Mountain Bike Trails are intended to serve  
49 bicyclists. Walking on mountain bike trails can be perilous and shall be done with  
50 caution. The A-10 Mountain Bike Trail and all trails at the Andre S. Pope Mountain  
51 Bike Skills Park are mountain bike trails.

- 1 1. Pedestrians shall walk in the opposite direction of bicycle travel.
- 2 2. Pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way to bicyclists at all times, if necessary by
- 3 stepping off the path.
- 4 3. Pedestrians shall be cognizant of their surroundings, recognizing that bicyclists
- 5 may be traveling at a fast pace around blind corners.
- 6 4. Pets shall be on a leash at all times, and the leash shall not cross the trail. The
- 7 pet walker shall pick up all waste and dispose of such waste in a garbage
- 8 receptacle away from the trail.
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10 This ordinance will take effect upon second reading.

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BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

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19 JENNIFER STANFORD, CITY CLERK

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21 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

22 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: