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## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**Subject: use of ATVs/golf carts in city limits**

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**Background Summary:**

Staff has been approached by two separate individuals about allowing the use of ATVs in the city limits. One of those individuals, Wendy Gerber, has submitted a summary of her request and also a sample of the permit that New Hampton uses to allow golf carts/UTVs to operate within their city limits, which I have attached.

Dear Council members:

I am proposing that Charles City allow UTV/ATVs to be driven on city streets if used for business purposes such as snow removal. It takes time to trailer the UTV and then unload, reload over and over. Last winter there were UTVs pushing snow on city streets and driving from customer to customer which currently isn't permitted within the city limits.

There could be requirements that you establish in order to allow those vehicles on city streets. Examples the vehicles have to be street legal, they need to be insured, they need to be licensed or permitted, etc. The city could charge a yearly license or permit fee paid to the city by the owner operator of the vehicle. There are nearby cities that allow these type of vehicles on city streets and charge a fee for a permit.

If the Council is so inclined they could also allow them to be used for non-business purposes.

I am also including an example of the permit that New Hampton uses.

Thank you for taking the time to review this proposal.

Wendy Gerber

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## GOLF CART/UTV PERMIT APPLICATION

Registration  Renewal  (Inspections completed for initial registration only)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Vehicle:

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

The above is applying for a permit to operate a golf cart/utility vehicle on streets within the City of New Hampton. A copy of Ordinance 848 "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES" is attached to this permit.

The permit holder is in compliance with the following:

- Bicycle safety flag extended at least five feet off the ground and a slow moving vehicle sign on the rear of the vehicle or cart
- Golf cart or utility vehicle is equipped with adequate brakes, brake lights, head lights, tail lights, and with turn signals in working condition
- Operator has a valid driver's license and is at least 18 years of age
- Operator has provided the City with the permit holder's proof of liability insurance
- Permit fee of \$20.00 has been paid

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_