

Submitted public comments at 3/30/2023 public meetings:

“I support the updated map and ordinance, which should allow for business growth in downtown Ocala”
Andrew Hinkle

“Bad idea. The downtown area is too congested for golf carts. It would be very unsafe for golf carts, pedestrians”
Mark DeBolt

“Recommend expanding golf cart route, a ‘win-win’ for downtown merchants and residents. Puzzled why Mr. Hilty, on City Council, couldn’t provide straight answer when asked what issues were with the golf carts. Expected better:
Mary Baker

“Golf carts can be driven downtown in a safe manner. If safety is an issue we need to remove bicycle and scooter traffic from downtown as well. Can we add stricter guidelines for violators of the golf cart ordinance.”
Tim Bascom

“This is a great way to increase foot traffic to the downtown businesses and create a ‘downtown destination’. It can also be a great way to increase parking capacity.”
Kyle Yancey

“As a representative of the downtown Ocala businesses. Ocala Main Street is in favor of the expansion to continue to activate the downtown community. We conducted a survey and 85% of the businesses are in favor of the expansion”
Jessica Fieldhouse

“As a business owner downtown and resident of the Historic District, I am in support of this expansion. By increasing the amount of people who can frequent downtown businesses, we spur economic growth. Licensed drivers with appropriately registered carts and required safety precautions do not pose more risk than a car, motorcycle, scooter, or pedestrian. I am in support of this common sense expansion. Thank you for your time!”
Kaitlyn Butler

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Hello,

I was unable to attend either public meetings concerning the proposed golf cart expansion; but am in favor of expanding the golf cart range.

I am a City of Ocala resident and constituent. I live downtown and primarily use a golf cart to take my child to and from school, as well as visit downtown several times every week. Golf carts have been a big help in reducing the amount of vehicle traffic downtown and freeing up parking. As we've all seen, two golf carts can park in a single car spot.

I hope that City elected officials are listening to the will of their constituents and not their personal biases and ambitions.

Thank you,

Chris Kyle

From: [Josh DeMonte](#)
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Hi Rachel,

Thank you for putting the meeting on today. As a business owner and homeowner in the downtown area, this can only provide good things for our downtown community. We have many neighboring communities that are already doing this successfully; our downtown business should see the benefit from more people, more shopping, and thus more earning potential. I urge city council to vote yes on this matter and pass a larger district for our beloved downtown.

Thank you,

Josh DeMonte

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