2023-8 (1st READING): GRANTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF RENTAL BUSINESS OF CONVEYANCES REGULATED BY CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF MYRTLE BEACH TO DERRICK AND BARBARA HAYNES D/B/A/ KICKBACK KORNER LLC, KICKBACK CORNER GOLF CARTS, LOCATED AT 506 YAUPON DRIVE, MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29577, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES 20 GOLF CART DECALS.

<u>Applicant/Purpose</u>: Staff/to regulate the # & location of golf cart & moped rental businesses by franchising their operations.

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Brief:

- After experiencing several weekends when the # of moped/golf cart rentals & conduct
 of the operators became a serious issue, Council imposed a moratorium on increasing
 the # of such conveyances.
 - For 2023 franchisee is requesting 20 golf cart plates, the same # as was awarded in 2022.
 - For 2017 the # of mopeds was capped at the # that each company had in service during the summer of 2016.
 - For 2017 the # of golf carts was capped at the # each company had in service for 2016 + the # already ordered at the time the moratorium was imposed.
- Ordinance 2017-56, approved 1/9/18 in consultation w/ the business owners, approved the framework of a franchise agreement similar to the system in place for taxis.
- The franchise ordinance requires annual renewals.

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Issues:

- Franchising allows Council to restrict the # of mopeds & golf carts available for rental, as well as the location of each rental business.
- Under the franchise terms each conveyance will be issued a City "plate" similar to a license plate. These plates assist law enforcement to track operational violations.
- This proposed ordinance:
 - Sets the location for rental conveyances.
 - Sets the # of rental conveyances allowed/location.
- Agreement is for a 1-year period, & must be re-approved annually.

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Public Notification: Normal meeting notification

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Alternatives:

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Deny ordinance.

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<u>Financial Impact</u>: Annual franchise fee of \$10/plate issued.

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Manager's Recommendation:

• I recommend 1st reading (3.14.23)

Modify proposed ordinance.

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Attachment(s): Ordinance, franchise agreement, & franchise application.

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JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK

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Second reading: 3-28-2023