2023-17 (2nd READING): GRANTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR 1 OPERATION OF RENTAL BUSINESS OF CONVEYANCES REGULATED BY 2 CHAPTER 12. ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF MYRTLE BEACH TO SARAH YAKOEL D/B/A/ GIL SCOOTER/EVRY LLC, LOCATED AT 109 SOUTH KINGS HIGHWAY, MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29577, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. 5 THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES 20 GOLF CART DECALS. 6 Applicant/Purpose: Staff/to regulate the # & location of golf cart & moped rental businesses 7 8 by franchising their operations. 9 10 11 After experiencing several weekends when the # of moped/golf cart rentals & conduct 12

- 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.
- No changes since 1st reading.

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- 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.

Public Notification: Normal meeting notification

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Alternatives:

- Modify proposed ordinance.
- Deny ordinance.

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

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Manager's Recommendation:

- I recommend 1st reading (3.14.23)
- I recommend approval (3.28.23)

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<u>Attachment(s)</u>: Ordinance, franchise agreement, & franchise application.

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CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH COUNTY OF HORRY STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA GRANTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF RENTAL BUSINESS OF CONVEYANCES REGULATED CHAPTER 12. ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF MYRTLE BEACH TO SARAH YAKOEL D/B/A SCOOTER/EVRY LLC, LOCATED AT 109 HIGHWAY. MYRTLE SOUTH KINGS BEACH, SC 29577, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES 20 GOLF CART DECALS.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the exercise of its police power the City shall require a franchise for the rental and operation of rental conveyances on the highways, streets, alleys and public ways within its police power jurisdiction; and

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WHEREAS, the City had determined that the delivery of these services can be provided most effectively and efficiently through the grant of a non-exclusive franchise; and

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THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE FRANCHISE POWER OF THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH, the City of Myrtle Beach grants a Franchise Agreement for Operation of Conveyances to SARAH YAKOEL D/B/A GIL SCOOTER/EVRY LLC, LOCATED AT 109 SOUTH KINGS HIGHWAY, MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29577, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES 20 GOLF CART DECALS.

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This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

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JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK

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43 First reading: 3-14-23 44 Second reading: 3-28-2023