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DATE: March 10, 2016
TO: Planning Board
CC: Frank A. Rush, Jr, Town Manager
FROM: Josh Edmondson, CZO, Town Planner
SUBJECT: **Text Amendment to Chapter 4: Use Regulations**

We have recently had inquiries from golf cart rental companies about the potential to allow rental operations in the Town. Golf cart sales and rentals are not a permitted use as outlined on the Table of Permitted Uses. When the Town started the current golf cart program back in 2010, it was thought best at that time rental businesses not be allowed in Town. The program was new and staff did not have the experience in administering a program of this sort. Numerous unknowns existed and I think it was in the best interest of the Town to not permit golf cart rental businesses at that time. The program has been tremendously successful and welcomed over the last six years. I have discussed this with the Town Manager and we both feel now is a good time to move forward with proposing an amendment to permit golf cart sales and rentals in Emerald Isle.

The proposed text amendment adds the use golf cart sales and rentals to the table of permitted and special uses (see attachment yellow highlight/underline). Note the recommendation of allowing this use as permitted in the Business, Village East, Village West and Marina Village Zoning Districts. Also, note the recommendation for the addition of specific use standards for this type establishment (see attachment yellow highlight/underline). We will discuss all of this in more detail at our meeting. The amendment was drafted after several discussions with a few of the local golf cart rental companies who are really looking to gain additional visibility on the Island. I look forward to discuss this with you at the March 21, 2016 Planning Board meeting.