

ARTICLE IV. REGULATION OF GOLF CARTS

Sec. 7-65. Golf cart operation, generally.

No person shall operate a golf cart on or over any highway, bike path or sidewalk in the city except as provided in this article.

(Ord. No. 2848, 10-26-04)

Sec. 7-66. Designation of City highways for golf cart operation; posting of signs.

- (a) Pursuant to Section 46.2-916.2 of the Code of Virginia, city council may authorize by ordinance, the operation of golf carts on designated public highways within the City after (i) considering the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using such highways, and (ii) determining that golf cart operation on particular highways is compatible with state and local transportation plans and consistent with the Commonwealth's statewide pedestrian policy. No City highway shall be designated for use by golf carts if such golf cart operations will impede the safe and efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic, or if the highway's posted speed limit is greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- (b) All requests made to have specific highways designated for golf cart use shall be directed to the Traffic Engineering Office of Public Works.
- (c) Any City highway designated for golf cart operations shall be posted with signs indicating this designation. The organization, individual or entity requesting a highway designation allowing golf cart operations shall reimburse the City its actual cost for the installation and continued maintenance of such signs.
- (d) The following City streets located in the specified neighborhoods are approved for golf cart operation in accordance with the provisions of this Article:
 - (1) Heron Ridge Estates—Couples Court, Heron Ridge Lane, Heron Ridge Drive, Lynx Drive, Lynx Court and Ryan Court.
 - (2) Chubb Lake West of Pleasure House Road—Beaufort Avenue, West Chubb Lake Avenue, Chubb Lake Avenue, Lauderdale Avenue (4800-5100 Blocks), Athens Boulevard, Creek Cove Court, Sunny Circle, Bradpointe Lane, Leatherneck Road, Lookout Road (4800-4900 Blocks), Bradford Point, Bayview Avenue, Guy Avenue, Lee Avenue (4800 Block), Zivo Court and Lake Drive (4800 Block);
 - (3) Lago-Mar—Atwoodtown Road, Costa Grande Drive, Camino Real South, Camino Court, Rota Circle, Santa Marta Court, Santa Clara Court, Cinta Court, Granada Court, San Jose Court, San Miguel Court, Sevilla Court, Acapulco Court, Casa Court, Estrella Court, Rio Grande Drive, Rio Grande Court, Pinon Court, Corrente Lane, Escorial Court, La Mirage Court, Los Conaes Way, Trevino Court, Rio Bravo Bend, Santiago Point, Toledo Place, Infanta Circle, Costa Grande Drive, Malaga Lane, Malaga Court, Alcon Court, Soria Circle, Tres Lane, Vaso Court, Toro Court, Amigo Court, Tono Court, Los Colonis Drive, Las Brisas Drive, Baja Court, Sonora Court, Morado Court, La Tierra Court, La Tierra Circle, Las Corrales Court, Brasileno Drive, Brasileno Court, Valiente Court, Esquiana Court, Verano Court, Verano Circle, Belleza Court, Torero Court, Entrada Drive, Ranchero Road, Cordova Court, San Marco Road, San Marco Circle and San Marco Court;

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- (4) Ashville Park: Ashville Park Boulevard (from Lubao Lane to 1868 Ashville Park Blvd), Emelita Drive, Lubao Lane, Blythe Drive, Wilshire Drive, Benecia Drive, Camarillo Lane, Kittridge Drive, Aldea Circle, Keokirk Lane;
 - (5) Chesapeake Bay - East of Northampton Blvd: Ocean View Avenue, Lauderdale Avenue, Pleasure Avenue, Guam Street, Lee Avenue, Coronet Avenue, Lake Drive, Fentress Avenue, Seavew Avenue, Mortons Road, and Lee Court.

(Ord. No. 2848, 10-26-04; Ord. No. 2920, 1-31-06; Ord. No. 3424, 8-4-15; Ord. No. 3566, 9-4-18; Ord. No. 3684, 1-4-22)

Sec. 7-67. Limitations.

Golf cart operations on designated city highways shall be in accordance with the following limitations:

- (1) No person shall operate a golf cart on a city highway unless that highway is designated for golf cart operations and is posted with the required sign.
- (2) No golf cart shall be driven across any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- (3) No person shall operate any golf cart on any designated city highway unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license.
- (4) No golf cart shall be operated on any designated city highway without displaying a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with Virginia Code section 46.2-1081.
- (5) No person shall operate any golf cart on any designated city highway between sunset and sunrise, unless equipped with lights as required by section 21-141 of this Code.

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Sec. 7-68. Exceptions.

The limitations set forth in section 7-67(1) and (2) above shall not apply to golf carts being operated as follows:

- (1) To cross a highway from one (1) portion of a golf course to another portion thereof or to another adjacent golf course; or to travel between a person's home and golf course if (i) the trip would not be longer than one-half mile in either direction, and (ii) the speed limit on the road is no more than thirty-five (35) miles per hour;
- (2) To the extent necessary for city employees and city contractors to fulfill a governmental purpose, or as otherwise authorized by the city manager or his designee, provided the golf cart is not operated on a city highway with a posted speed limit over thirty-five (35) miles per hour;
- (3) As necessary by employees of public or private two-year or four-year institutions of higher education if operating on highways within the property limits of such institutions, provided the golf cart is being operated on highways with speed limits of thirty-five (35) miles per hour or less.

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Secs. 7-69, 7-70. Reserved.