

Golf Cart Requirements – Second Reading

Item: To require residents with golf carts to register them with the town and follow Virginia Codes.

Discussion:

1. Virginia Code § 46.2-916.2 governs golf carts being used on public highways.
2. Virginia Code § 46.2-916.2 give localities the ability to oversee golf cart usage on highways and in their locality.

Recommendation:

1. Town council approves as a second reading and adopts the following ordinance.

Sec 8-2-13 GOLF CARTS

(A) Pursuant to VA Code § 46.2-916.1 as amended, it shall be lawful for any licensed driver to operate a golf cart as defined in VA Code § 46.2-100 within the corporate limits of the town on roads designated for such use pursuant to VA Code § 46.2-916.2. Operation of golf carts shall be subject to the limitations as set forth in VA Code § 46.2-916.3 as amended:

- (1) Operation of a golf cart shall be subject to all traffic laws and ordinances.
- (2) Operation of golf carts is allowed only on streets so designated by the Town Council and where the posted speed limit is 25 mph or less;
- (3) Golf carts are not allowed on Main Street or Second Street. Golf carts shall be allowed to cross Main Street at Sycamore, Fifth Street, and Third Street and on Second Street at Marshall and Endly Streets Penalty, see Sec 1-1-7
- (4) Every golf cart, when operated on a designated highway, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with VA Code § 46.2-1081;
- (5) Golf carts shall be operated upon the designated public highways only between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required in VA Code Title 46.2, Chapter 10, Article 3 (§§ 46.2-1010 et seq.); and
- (6) Only the number of occupants for which the golf cart is designed may travel on any golf cart and no person may ride on a golf cart in an area not designed for passengers.
- (7) No person shall operate any golf cart or utility vehicle on any public highway unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license

(B) The limitations set forth above shall not apply to golf carts or utility vehicles being operated by local government employees to fulfill governmental purpose provided the golf cart or utility vehicle is being operated on highways with a speed limit of 35 mph or less.

(C) All golf carts operated within the town shall be registered with the town prior to such use. Proof of insurance liability coverage will be required prior to an annual registration fee of \$25 per year for each golf cart registered. This will include the issuance of a town decal which shall be displayed on the bottom left corner of the wind shield. Renewal of registration is due every July 1.