

ARTICLE V. GOLF CARTS

DIVISION 1. PERMITTED USE OR OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS

Sec. 26-150. Operation of golf carts in Potomac Shores and Westmoreland Shores communities.

(a) The operation of golf carts shall be permitted within the public streets and rights-of-way of the Potomac Shores and Westmoreland Shores communities. Such operations shall be limited to public streets and rights-of-way that are posted with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less. The operation of golf carts shall not be permitted on any street located outside of these communities, and, furthermore, it shall be unlawful to operate or permit a golf cart on State Routes 628, 633 or 658.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), golf cart operation shall be permitted to enter the Route 658 right-of-way only at designated crossings in the Monroe Bay Campground. Such crossings, including location, signage, width and markings, shall be approved by the county administrator and, in no case shall golf carts be permitted to travel along the Route 658 thoroughfare.

(Ord. of 6-13-2005(3); Ord. of 7-11-2005(2); Ord. of 10-11-2006; Ord. of 12-10-2007)

Sec. 26-151. Operation of golf carts in Ebb Tide Beach Community.

The operation of golf carts shall be permitted within the public streets and rights-of-way of the Ebb Tide Beach community. Such operations shall be limited to public streets and rights-of-way that are posted with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less. The operation of golf carts shall not be permitted on any street located outside of this community, and, furthermore, it shall be unlawful to operate or permit a golf cart on the portion of Route 682 between Routes 664 and 1340.

(Ord. of 10-11-2006; Ord. of 12-10-2007)

Sec. 26-152. Operation of golf carts in Horner's Beach Community.

The operation of golf carts shall be permitted within the public streets and rights-of-way of the Horner's Beach community. Such operations shall be limited to public streets and rights-of-way that are posted with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less. The operation of golf carts shall not be permitted on any street outside of this community, and furthermore, it shall be unlawful to operate or permit a golf cart on the portion of Horner Road (Route 1420) south of Riverview Road (the main entrance to Horner's Beach), as well as Gordon Way (Route 1421) that has a 45 miles per hour speed limit.

(Ord. of 12-10-2007)

Secs. 26-153--26-159. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. GENERALLY

Sec. 26-160. Safety markings approvals and maintenance.

The county administrator, or his designee, shall approve any related signage, markings or other safety warning devices that are permanently affixed and he shall be able to collect such funds from such requesting organizations, individual or entities necessary for their maintenance, construction and installation.

(Ord. of 6-13-2005(3); Ord. of 7-11-2005(2); Ord. of 10-11-2006; Ord. of 12-10-2007)

Sec. 26-161. Notification of maintenance funds to organizations.

The administrator shall notify such organization of any needed maintenance funds at least 30 days prior to initiation of any such work. Such organization shall promptly provide such funds to the county prior to work initiation. Failure to provide these funds within ten days shall allow the county administrator or his designee to revoke the privileges provided in section 26-150 above.

(Ord. of 6-13-2005(3); Ord. of 7-11-2005(2); Ord. of 10-11-2006; Ord. of 12-10-2007)

Sec. 26-162. Operation of private golf carts on public streets and rights-of-way.

Any person who operates such golf cart vehicle shall comply with the following minimum standards:

- (1) All golf carts used on public streets or rights-of-way shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in accordance with Section 46.2-1081 of the Code of Virginia;
- (2) No person shall operate a golf cart on any public street or rights-of-way unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license;
- (3) Golf carts shall be operated upon the public streets or right-of-ways only between sunrise and sunset;
- (4) The propulsion system shall not be modified to allow the golf cart to exceed the manufacturer's recommended maximum design speed of the golf cart;
- (5) Golf cart operators shall obey all laws, regulations and safety standards applicable to vehicular traffic;
- (6) Golf carts shall be equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, mirrors, and seat belts;
- (7) Golf carts operated on public streets or rights-of-way shall be inspected annually by a licensed dealer;

(8) Owners shall present proof of annual inspection and proof of insurance to the Westmoreland County Treasurer before purchasing a motor vehicle decal, which shall be displayed on the golf cart.

(Ord. of 6-13-2005(3), § 26-170; Ord. of 7-11-2005(2), § 26-170; Ord. of 10-11-2006, § 26-170; Ord. of 12-10-2007, § 26-170)

Sec. 26-163. Definition.

A golf cart is defined as any three or four wheeled electric or gas powered cart that is sold as a "golf cart." A golf cart does not include "all terrain vehicles," "farm vehicle" or "go-carts" as defined by Virginia Code § 46.2-1993 or other low gravity centered motorized vehicle.

(Ord. of 6-13-2005(3), § 26-171; Ord. of 7-11-2005(2), § 26-171; Ord. of 10-11-2006, § 26-171; Ord. of 12-10-2007, § 26-171)