

Chapter 79: Golf Carts

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[Adopted 7-14-2005]

§ 79-1 Adoption.

The Board of Supervisors of Northumberland County, pursuant to § 46.2-916.2 and § 46.2-916.3 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, does hereby adopt the following article.

§ 79-2 Designation of public highways for golf cart operation.

A. The operation of golf carts (hereinafter "golf carts") on the streets and highways in the Reedville area of the County designated, more fully described as follows, is hereby authorized: From the beginning to the end of Main Street, Morris Avenue, Morrison Street, Maple Avenue, Crowder Lane, Crowder Point Drive, School Street, Reed Avenue, Sutton Avenue and Pine Drive.

B. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on the streets and highways on Tucker Point Lane.

[Added 4-13-2006]

C. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles within Bay Quarter Shores Subdivision as described as follows is hereby authorized: Cod Creek Drive, Presley Creek Drive, Bay Quarter Drive, Carolina Drive, Augusta Street, Howard Court, Muriel Drive, Circle Drive, Holiday Drive, Alabama Drive, Georgia Drive, Colorado Drive, Delaware Drive, Wyoming Street, Denver Road, Florida Drive, Tampa Place, Key Drive, Hampton Place, Coral Drive, and Elmington Place.

[Added 4-13-2006]

D. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles within Potomac Bay Estates as described as follows is hereby authorized: Newmans Neck Road, Potomac Drive and Presley Drive.

[Added 9-14-2006]

E. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles within Coan Harbour Estates as described as follows is hereby authorized: Coan Harbour Drive, Sunrise Court and Holly Court.

[Added 8-14-2008]

F. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles within Mallard Bay Subdivision as described as follows is hereby authorized; Mallard Bay Drive, Teal Way, Redhead Court, Dabbler Drive, Ruddy Duck Road, Summer Duck Lane, Woodduck Court, Bufflehead Court, Pintail Lane, Pintail Court, Widgeon Court, Goldeneye Way, Canvasback Lane, and Ringneck Court.

[Added 9-11-2008]

G. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles within White Sand Harbour Subdivision as described as follows is hereby authorized: Fleet Road, Cedar Court, Riverview Road, Peninsula Drive, Holly Drive, Penn Court, White Sand Drive, Anne Court, Lomar Lane, Lomar Court, Dixie Court, Cubitt Court and Cubitt Creek Road.

[Added 8-13-2009]

H. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles within Betz Landing Subdivision described as follows is hereby authorized: Steamboat Lane from Highlands Road southeast to the cul-de-sac.

[Added 5-13-2010]

I. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles in the Cordrey's Beach Area described as follows is hereby authorized: Route 717, Cordrey's Beach Road from Route 640, Hull Neck Road, 0.41 miles to end; then onto Potomac View Drive to both ends of the "T"; including Route 756, Rodger's Creek Road from beginning to the end approximately 0.34 miles.

[Added 8-11-2011]

J. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles in the Marshall's Beach Area described as follows is hereby authorized: Those portions of Route 640 known as Marshall's Beach Road which run parallel to the Potomac River for approximately 0.5 miles to the end.

[Added 8-11-2011]

K. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles in the Rivers Bend Estates Subdivision described as follows is hereby authorized: Riverview Drive, Trolling Court, Wicomico Way, Blackwells Court and Tidewater Court.

[Added 5-10-2012]

L. The operation of golf carts in Northumberland Shores Subdivision applies to the state roads and includes Shore Lane where the road begins the 25 mph speed limit and continues to the end of State Routes 786 and 787.

[Added 7-9-2015]

M. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles within Twin Harbor Subdivision described as follows is hereby authorized: Twin Harbor Road, Oyster Bay Road, Emerald Cove Road, and Waterman's Way.

[Added 12-15-2016]

N. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles within Sherwood Forest Subdivision described as follows is hereby authorized: Sherwood Dr., Galahad Ct., Lancelot Dr., Friar St., Spear Pl., Merlin Ct., Nottingham Dr., Arthur Ct., McCormick Dr., Swann Ct., Little John St., Richard Pl., Berkshire Dr., Arrow Ave., and Cross Bow St. [Added 3-14-2019]

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O. The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles within Bridge Creek Circle Subdivision as follows is hereby authorized: Bridge Creek Circle [Added 12-14-2023

§ 79-3 Limitations on golf cart operations on designated highways.

A. A golf cart may be operated only on designated public highways where the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less. No golf cart shall cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 25 miles per hour.

B. No person shall operate any golf cart on any public highway unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license.

C. Every golf cart, whenever operated on a public highway, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; and

D. Golf carts shall be operated upon the public highways only between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required in § 46.2-1010 et seq., Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for different classes of vehicles.

E. The citizens are required to install and maintain one sign on each of the aforementioned highways indicating that golf carts use the road. These signs must conform to the Virginia Department of Transportation regulations for such signs.

§ 79-4 When limitations not applicable.

The limitations of this article shall not apply to golf carts being operated as follows:

A. To cross a highway from one 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 the trip would not be longer than one-half mile in either direction and the speed limit on the road is no more than 35 miles per hour;

B. To the extent necessary for municipal government employees to fulfill a governmental purpose, provided the golf cart is being operated on highways with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less.