



Golf Cart/Utility Vehicle Registration Form

For Office Use Only

Fee: _____ ☐ Paid

Registration #: _____ Received by: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

Owner's Information

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Golf Cart Information

Golf Cart/Utility Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____

Golf Cart/Utility Vehicle Serial Number: _____

Golf Cart/Utility Vehicle Color/Description: _____

Proof of Insurance

Insurance Company Name: _____ Policy #: _____

Golf Cart/Utility Vehicle Inspection

Golf Cart/Utility Vehicle Owner must receive and pass the annual safety inspection of the golf cart as required by the attached **section 24-247**.

Attachments

1. Please attach evidence that the golf cart/utility vehicle has passed the annual safety inspection as required by the attached **section 24-247**.
2. Please attach evidence that the golf cart/utility vehicle is insured in accordance with the requirements of the attached **section 24-248**.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

ARTICLE V. GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES¹

Sec. 24-243. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Golf cart means a self-propelled vehicle that is designed to transport persons playing golf and their equipment on a golf course.

Public highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel in the town, including streets, roads, and alleys.

Utility vehicle means a motor vehicle that is designed for off-road use, powered by a motor, and used for general maintenance, security, agricultural, or horticultural purposes. The term "utility vehicle" does not include riding lawn mowers.

(Code 1988, § 2-78; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011)

Sec. 24-244. Required safety equipment.

All safety equipment required for inspection under section 24-247 must remain on golf carts or utility vehicles at all times when operated on any public highway or town property.

(Code 1988, § 2-79; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011)

Sec. 24-245. General operation regulated.

No person shall operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on or over any public highway or town property in the town, except as provided in this article.

(Code 1988, § 2-80; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011; Ord. of 8-13-2012)

Sec. 24-246. Designation of town public highways for golf cart or utility vehicle operation; posting of signs.

(a) Pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 46.2-916.2, the town council may authorize, by ordinance, the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on designated public highways within the town after:

(1) Considering the speed, volume and character of motor vehicle traffic using such street; and

¹State law reference(s)—Authority to permit operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on town streets, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-916.2.

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- (2) Determining that golf cart or utility vehicle operation on particular town public highways is compatible with state and local transportation plans and consistent with the commonwealth's statewide pedestrian policy.
 - (b) No town public highway shall be designated for use by golf carts or utility vehicles if such golf cart or utility vehicle operations will impede the safe and efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic, or if the public highway's speed limit is greater than 25 miles per hour. After considering such factors, the town council has determined that all public highways within the town limits with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour or less shall be considered designated for golf cart or utility vehicle use.
- (Code 1988, § 2-81; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011; Ord. of 8-13-2012; Ord. of 6-8-2013)

Sec. 24-247. Safety inspection.

- (a) Golf carts and utility vehicles shall pass an annual safety inspection conducted by a reputable mechanic. Such safety inspection shall only cover the following items:
 - (1) Headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals.
 - (2) Rubber or equivalent tires.
 - (3) Speed limiter limiting vehicle speed to less than 20 miles per hour.
 - (4) Adequate steering gear, brakes, emergency or parking brake, one mirror, adequately fixed driver's seat.
 - (5) All other factory installed safety or mechanical systems, including checking for gasoline or propane leaks.
- (b) Once per year, the owner/operator of the golf cart or utility vehicle shall be responsible for obtaining the completion of an inspection certification by a reputable mechanic on a form to be approved by the town. The owner/operator shall be required to bring the completed inspection certification, executed by the mechanic, to the town, along with proof of insurance and proof of payment of the town's vehicle license tax, and obtain a sticker to be placed in plain view on the driver's side front portion of the golf cart or utility vehicle.

(Code 1988, § 2-82; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011)

Sec. 24-248. Insurance required.

Every golf cart or utility vehicle and driver thereof shall be covered by an insurance policy. Such policy shall meet the minimum liability amounts contained in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-472, and provide coverage during the operation of the golf cart or utility vehicle upon public highways.

(Code 1988, § 2-83; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011)

State law reference(s)—Liability insurance requirements, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-472.

Sec. 24-249. Operation on public highways.

It is unlawful to operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on a public highway within the town unless the following requirements are met:

- (1) No person shall operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on a town public highway unless that public highway is designated for golf cart or utility vehicle operations.

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- (2) No golf cart shall be driven across any public highway where the public highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 25 miles per hour unless the public highway intersection is controlled by a traffic light and has a posted speed limit of no more than 35 miles per hour.
 - (3) Golf carts and utility vehicles shall be operated on public highways only between sunrise and sunset unless equipped with such lights as required in article 3 (Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1010 et seq.) of chapter 10 of title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia, for different classes of vehicles.
 - (4) No person may operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on public highways or town property unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license and then, only in accordance with such driver's license.
 - (5) Golf carts and utility vehicles must be operated in accordance with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances, including all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the possession and use of alcoholic beverages.
 - (6) Only the number of people the golf cart or utility vehicle is designed to seat may ride on a golf cart or utility vehicle. Additionally, passengers shall not be carried on the part of a golf cart designed to carry golf bags.
 - (7) Golf carts and utility vehicles shall not be operated on any bicycle trails or sidewalks within the town limits.
 - (8) Golf carts and utility vehicle shall not be operated on any walking trails and must remain on roadways or parking areas while operated within town parks.
 - (9) Golf carts and utility vehicles shall not be operated during inclement weather, for example, snow, sleet, or ice-related conditions; nor when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions.
 - (10) Every golf cart or utility vehicle whenever operated on a public highway, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1081.
 - (11) The police chief, or his designee, may prohibit the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles on any public highway if the chief, or his designee, determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

(Code 1988, § 2-84; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011)

Sec. 24-250. Exceptions.

The limitations set forth in section 24-249 shall not apply to golf carts or utility vehicles being operated to the extent necessary for town employees, operating only upon public highways located within the town, to fulfill a governmental purpose, provided the golf cart or utility vehicle is not operated on a public highway with a posted speed limit over 35 miles per hour in accordance with Code of Virginia, § 46.2-916.3(B)(2).

(Code 1988, § 2-85; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011)

State law reference(s)—Maximum speed limits, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-916.3(B)(2).

Sec. 24-251. Local vehicle license.

No golf cart or utility vehicle shall be operated on public highways or town property until the owner has:

- (1) Obtained a vehicle license. No vehicle license shall be issued to the owner of the golf cart or utility vehicle until the vehicle license fee has been paid to the town.

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- (2) Presented evidence that the golf cart or utility vehicle is insured in accordance with the requirements of section 24-248.
 - (3) Received and passed an annual safety inspection of the golf cart or utility vehicle as required by section 24-247.

(Code 1988, § 2-86; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011)

Sec. 24-252. Liability disclaimer.

The ordinance from which this article is derived is adopted to address the interest of public safety. Golf carts and utility vehicles are not designed or manufactured to be used on the public highways and the town in no way advocates or endorses their operation on public highways. The town, by regulating such operation, is merely trying to address obvious safety issues, and adoption of the ordinance from which this article is derived is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on public highways is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this article. All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts or utility vehicles on public highways do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant of, and attentive to, the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The town has no liability under any theory of liability and the town assumes no liability for permitting golf carts or utility vehicles to be operated on the public highways under the special legislation granted by the Virginia General Assembly. Any person who operates a golf cart or utility vehicle is responsible for procuring liability insurance sufficient to cover the risk involved in using a golf cart or utility vehicle on the public highway.

(Code 1988, § 2-87; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011)

Sec. 24-253. Violations.

Any person convicted of violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of a traffic infraction, punishable by a fine of not more than \$200.00.

(Code 1988, § 2-88; Ord. of 4-5-1999; Ord. of 8-8-2010; Ord. of 7-11-2011)

Secs. 24-254—24-284. Reserved.