## **Operating Golf Carts on Public Roadways...**

## A message from the Virginia Beach Police Dept...

Hopefully, this will come as a surprise to those breaking the law and they simply needed some information and understanding of the code. There have been several concerns forwarded to me that there is illegal golf cart use occurring on the public roadways in the Second Precinct. Below I have added a couple city code sections regarding golf cart usage on city roadways. Please take time to become familiar with them and determine if you or your children are violating the law. If you are, please be a self-regulating citizen and stop the illegal behavior. Officers at the Second Precinct have been made aware of the complaints and the locations where they are taking place.

## Sec. 7-66. - Designation of City highways for golf cart operation

(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) Exempt Neighborhoods: 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.

• 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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