

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-916.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to designation of public*  
3 *highways for golf cart and utility vehicle operations.*

4 [S 911]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-916.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 46.2-916.2. Designation of public highways for golf cart and utility vehicle operations.

9 A. No portion of the public highways may be designated for use by golf carts and utility vehicles  
10 unless the governing body of the county, city, or town in which that portion of the highway is located  
11 has reviewed and approved such highway usage.

12 B. The governing body of any county, city or town may by ordinance authorize the operation of golf  
13 carts and utility vehicles on designated public highways within its boundaries after (i) considering the  
14 speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using such highways, and (ii) determining that golf  
15 cart and utility vehicle operation on particular highways is compatible with state and local transportation  
16 plans and consistent with the Commonwealth's Statewide Pedestrian Policy provided for in  
17 § 33.1-23.03:001.

18 C. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, no town that has not established its own  
19 police department, as defined in § 9.1-165, may authorize the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles.  
20 The provision of this subsection shall not apply to the ~~Town of Saxis~~ or the ~~Town~~ Towns of Claremont,  
21 *Irvington, or Saxis.*

22 D. No public highway shall be designated for use by golf carts and utility vehicles if such golf cart  
23 and utility vehicle operations will impede the safe and efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic.

24 E. The county, city or town that has authorized the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles shall be  
25 responsible for the installation and continuing maintenance of any signs pertaining to the operation of  
26 golf carts or utility vehicles. Such county, city or town may include in its ordinance for designating  
27 highways the ability to recover its costs of the signs and maintenance pertaining thereto from  
28 organizations, individuals or entities requesting the designations. The cost of installation and continuing  
29 maintenance of any signs pertaining to the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles shall not be paid by  
30 the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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