



GOLF CART ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT GOLF CART OPERATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE TOWN OF WEST POINT WHERE THE SPEED LIMIT IS LESS THAN 25 MPH. THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS THE WEST POINT TOWN CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE IV, "GOLF CARTS," SECTION 34-50, "DEFINITIONS," SECTION 34-51, "GOLF CART OPERATION PERMITTED," SECTION 34-52, "INSURANCE REQUIRED," AND SECTION 34-53, "LIABILITY DISCLAIMER."

WHEREAS Virginia Code § 46.2-916.1, 1950, as amended, authorizes the Town of West Point to enact an ordinance to allow the operation of golf carts within the Town of West Point, subject to certain limitations; and

WHEREAS in accordance with Virginia Code § 46.2-916.2, 1950, as amended, the West Point Town Council has reviewed and approved certain public highways for golf cart usage as stated in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS in accordance with Virginia Code § 46.2-916.2, 1950, as amended, the West Point Town Council has:

1. Considered the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the public highways designated for golf cart use in this Ordinance; and
2. Determined that golf cart operation on the public highways designated for golf cart use in this Ordinance is compatible with state and local transportation plans and consistent with the Commonwealth's Statewide Pedestrian Policy provided for in Virginia Code § 33.2-354, 1950, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the West Point Town Council that the West Point Town Code shall be amended by adding Article IV, "Golf Carts" to Chapter 34 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" to read in its entirety as follows:

“CHAPTER 34 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Article IV. Golf Carts.

Sec. 34-50. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall, for the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

"Driver's license" means any license, including a commercial driver's license as defined in the Virginia Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.), issued under the laws of the Commonwealth authorizing the operation of a motor vehicle.

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

"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 Commonwealth, including the streets and alleys, and, for law-enforcement purposes, (i) the entire width between the boundary lines of all private roads or private streets that have been specifically designated "highways" by an ordinance adopted by the governing body of the county, city, or town in which such private roads or streets are located and (ii) the entire width between the boundary lines of every way or place used for purposes of vehicular travel on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the United States government and located in the Commonwealth.

"Intersection" means (i) the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways that join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling on different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict; (ii) where a highway includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection, in the event such intersecting highway also includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of two roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection; or (iii) for purposes only of authorizing installation of traffic-control devices, every crossing of a highway or street at grade by a pedestrian crosswalk.

"Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the shoulder. A highway may include two or more roadways if divided by a physical barrier or barriers or an unpaved area.

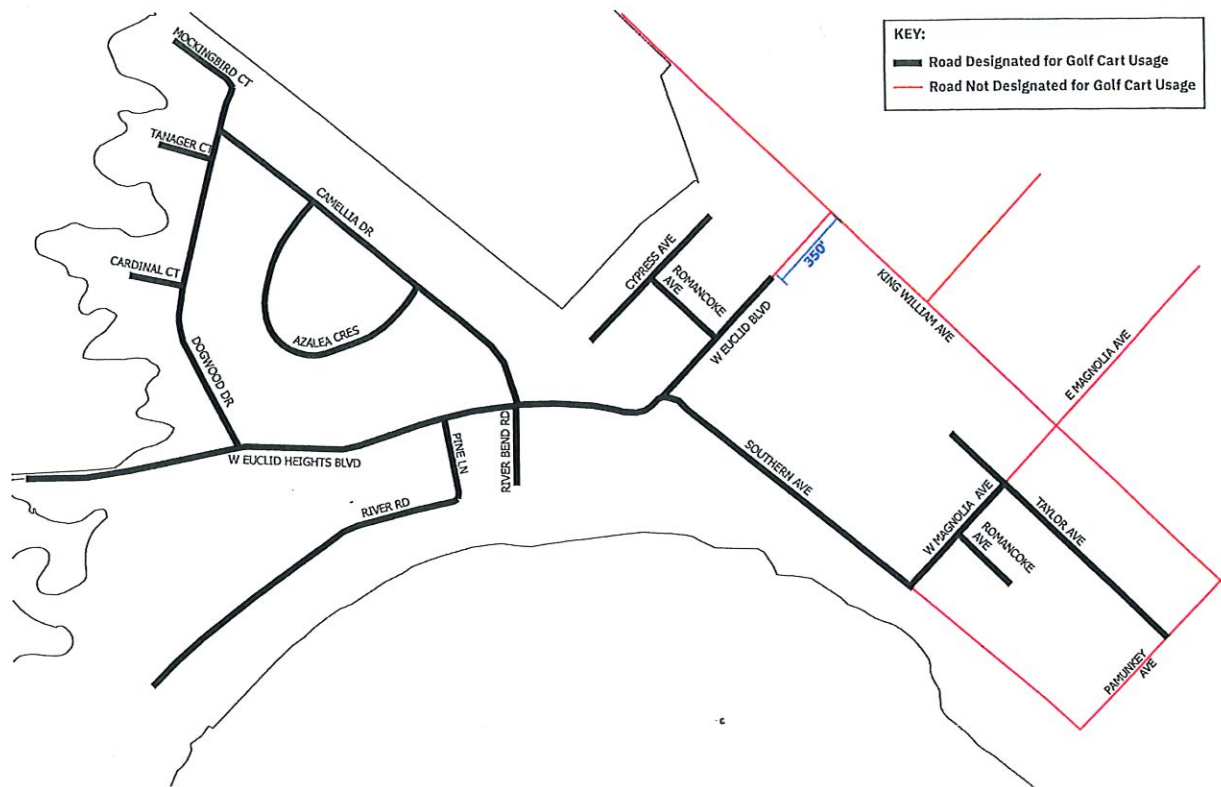
"Shoulder" means that part of a highway between the portion regularly traveled by vehicular traffic and the lateral curb line or ditch.

"Sidewalk" means the portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for use by pedestrians.

Sec. 34-51. Golf Cart Operation Permitted.

The operation of golf carts within the Town of West Point shall be permitted as follows:

1. A golf cart vehicle may be operated on public highways within the Town of West Point where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less as shown below:



2. No person shall operate any golf cart as authorized by this Chapter on any public highway unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license.
3. Every golf cart, whenever operated on a public highway, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with Virginia Code § 46.2-1081, 1950, as amended.
4. Golf carts shall be operated upon the public highways only between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required by state law as set forth in Virginia Code § 46.2-1010 et seq., for different classes of vehicles.

Sec. 34-52. Insurance required.

Every golf cart and driver thereof shall be covered by an insurance policy. Such policy shall meet the minimum liability amounts contained in section 46.2-472 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and provide coverage during the operation of the golf cart upon public highways.

Sec. 34-53. Liability disclaimer.

This Chapter is adopted in the interests of public safety. Golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be used on the public streets, and the Town of West Point urges anyone operating a golf cart to exercise caution. The adoption of this Chapter is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation on public streets is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this Chapter. All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts on public streets or roads do so at their own risk. The Town of West Point assumes no liability for permitting golf carts to be operated on the public streets and roads under the authorization granted by the Virginia General Assembly. Any person who operates a golf cart is responsible for obtaining liability insurance sufficient to cover the risk involved in using a golf cart on the public streets and roads.”

This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2026.

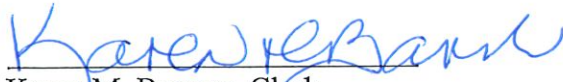
Roll Call Vote:

Aye

Nay

Joshua T. "Jack" Lawson	N/A	
Samantha Bohannon	Aye	
R. Jeffrey Cole	Aye	
Johnny Nein, Jr.	Aye	
James "Jamie" Pruett	Aye	
John G. Ragsdale II	NAY	
Christopher P. Vincent	NAY	
Allen White	Aye	

Attested to be true and accurate as adopted this 28th day of October 2025:


Karen M. Barrow, Clerk