

The Town of
**Leesburg,
Virginia**

PRESENTED: June 28, 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-O-019

ADOPTED: June 28, 2022

AN ORDINANCE: AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTIONS 22-121, -122 and -123
REGARDING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON TOWN
STREETS

WHEREAS, Town Code Section 32-121, et seq regulates the use of golf carts on the
Town's public streets; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it would further the public interest to allow the
expansion of the use of golf carts for shuttle services to Leesburg restaurants and businesses
within an expanded area from that currently permitted.

THEREFORE, ORDAINED, by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia as
follows:

SECTION I. That Section 32-121, -122 and -123 of the Town Code of Leesburg, Virginia,
is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32-121. Golf carts.

For purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the following
meanings ascribed to them:

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

Golf cart shuttle service means the transporting of passengers on designated public
streets, in any public parking lots, and any private parking lots with permission of the
owner and in accordance with the provisions of this article. No golf cart shuttle service
shall operate more than ~~two~~ four golf carts on town streets.

Owner means any individual, corporation or entity which is the owner of a golf
cart utilized in a golf cart shuttle service.

Operator means any individual who operates a golf cart utilized in a golf cart
shuttle service on a town street.

Street means public avenues, boulevards, highways, roads, alleys, lanes, viaducts,
bridges and the approaches thereto, and all other public thoroughfares in the town, and
shall mean the entire width thereof between abutting property lines.

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Sec. 32-122. Designation of public streets in the town for golf cart operation; posting of signs; picking up and dropping off passengers; payment for signage.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a golf cart on or over any street in the town except when operating a golf cart shuttle service on the ~~following~~ streets demarked in the Town Of Leesburg Golf Cart Shuttle Service Area Map as promulgated by staff and approved by the Town Council. A copy of the current approved map shall be carried in all golf carts operated by a golf cart shuttle service, in accordance with the provisions of this article:

- ~~(1) South King Street, blocks 0-451~~
- ~~(2) North King Street, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(3) E. Market Street, blocks 0-300~~
- ~~(4) W. Market Street, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(5) Loudoun Street SE, blocks 0-300~~
- ~~(6) Loudoun Street SW, blocks 0-300~~
- ~~(7) Royal Street SE, blocks 0-100~~
- ~~(8) Royal Street SW, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(9) South Street SE, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(10) Wirt Street SW, blocks 0-300~~
- ~~(11) Church Street SE, blocks 0-300~~
- ~~(12) Church Street NE, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(13) Harrison Street SE, blocks 0-462~~
- ~~(14) North Street NE, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(15) Lassiter Alley SW, blocks 0-100~~
- ~~(16) Liberty Street SW, blocks 0-300~~
- ~~(17) Cornwall Street NW, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(18) North Street NW, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(19) Wirt Street NW, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(20) Liberty Street NW, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(21) Cornwall Street NE, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(22) Slack Lane NE, Blocks 0-100~~
- ~~(23) Harrison Street NE, blocks 0-200~~
- ~~(24) Edwards Ferry Road NE, blocks 0-300~~

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~~(25) South Street NW, blocks 0-100~~

~~(26) Old Waterford Road NW, Blocks 0-200~~

~~(27) Gibson Street NW, Blocks 0-100~~

(b) It shall be unlawful to pick up or drop off passengers in any public street other than in:

(1) A designated golf cart loading and unloading zone; or

(2) An open on street parking space; or

(3) A public parking lot; or

(4) A private parking lot so long as the owner of the private parking lot has granted permission to the golf cart shuttle service.

Sec. 32-123. Limitations.

Golf cart shuttle service operations on designated public streets in the town shall be in accordance with the following limitations:

(1) No golf cart shall be operated on any street where the posted speed limit is more than 25 miles per hour.

(2) No golf cart shall cross an intersection where the street being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

(3) No person shall operate any golf cart on any designated street unless they are in possession of a valid driver's license.

(4) No person shall operate a golf cart on any designated street between sunset and sunrise, unless the golf cart is equipped with lights as required in Code of Virginia § 46.2-1010 et seq.

(5) No person shall operate a golf cart on any street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

(6) No person shall operate a golf cart on any designated street unless it is equipped with the following safety equipment:

a. Seat belts for both driver and all passengers;

b. Either an unobstructed rear-view mirror and left side mirror, right and left rear view mirror, or a wide angle cross bar rear view mirror;

c. Reflectors;

d. Whip antenna with a reflective flag mounted on the golf cart with a minimum of six feet in height above the street;

e. Flashing or rotating yellow warning light(s) visible 360 degrees;

f. Headlights, tail lights and turn signals;

g. Horn;

h. Adequate steering gear;

i. Brakes, emergency or parking brake;

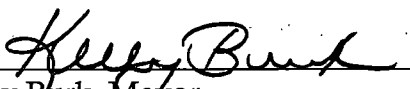
j. Rubber or equivalent tires;

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- k. Speed governor, if gasoline powered;
 - l. Any and all factory installed safety features or mechanical systems in good working order;
 - m. Slow moving vehicle emblem in conformity with Code of Virginia § 46.2-1081.
 - n. Windshield wipers.
 - o. A copy of the current Town of Leesburg Golf Cart Shuttle Service Area Map.**
- (7) The town manager reserves the right to restrict or prohibit the operation of golf cart shuttle services during town-sponsored special events or during other special events when public streets are closed.
- (8) The town manager reserves the right to restrict or prohibit the operation of golf cart shuttle services when a snow emergency is declared.
- (9) The town manager reserves the right to restrict or prohibit the operation of golf cart shuttle services during the milling and paving, maintenance of, or construction on town streets.

SECTION II. This ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage.

PASSED this 28th day of June, 2022.



Kelly Burk, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council