

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance on December 4, 1990, which allows for the enforcement of motor vehicle laws on all private roads within the Piankatank Shores Subdivision; and

Whereas, citizens of the Piankatank Shores Subdivision have asked to be able to use the private, unpaved roads within the Subdivision for golf carts and utility vehicle operation;

Be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County, Virginia, that the following ordinance is hereby adopted:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, VIRGINIA  
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES  
ON THE UNPAVED ROADS WITHIN THE PIANKATANK SHORES  
SUBDIVISION IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

This ordinance is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County, Virginia, after considering the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the unpaved roads within the Piankatank Shores Subdivision and determining that golf cart and utility vehicle operation on the unpaved roads within the Piankatank Shores Subdivision is compatible with state and local transportation plans and consistent with the Commonwealth's Statewide Pedestrian Policy provided for in §33.1-23.03:001.

## **Section 1. Definition**

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

Utility Vehicle means a motor vehicle that is (i) designed for off-road use, (ii) powered by an engine of no more than 25 horsepower, and (iii) used for general maintenance, security, agricultural, or horticultural purposes. "Utility vehicle" does not include all-terrain vehicles as defined in § 46.2-915.1 of the Code of Virginia, riding lawn mowers, or any other vehicle whose definition is included in § 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia.

## **Section 2. Authorization**

Golf carts and utility vehicles are hereby permitted to be operated on the unpaved roads within the Piankatank Shores Subdivision in Middlesex County, Virginia, subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) No golf carts or utility vehicles may cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than 25 miles per hour.
- (b) No person shall operate any golf cart or utility vehicle on any public highway unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license.
- (c) Every golf cart or utility vehicle, whenever operated on a public highway, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with § 46.2-1081 of the Code of Virginia.
- (d) Golf carts and utility vehicles shall only be operated between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required in § 46.2-1010 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, for different classes of vehicles.
- (e) The operation of golf carts and utility vehicles shall be in such a manner so as not to impede the safety and efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County, Virginia, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005, as follows:

	YES	NO
WAYNE H. JESSIE, SR.	X	_____
FRED S. CRITTENDEN	X	_____
JOHN D. MILLER, JR.	X	_____
KENNETH W. WILLIAMS	X	_____

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION

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 Charles M. Culley, Jr.  
 Clerk