

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34 "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES" OF THE *CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN CODE* BY ADDING SEC. 34-27 "OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC STREETS", REGARDING PROVISIONS FOR THE LIMITED OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON TOWN PUBLIC STREET

WHEREAS Code of Virginia § 46.2-916.1 et seq. provides allowances for use of golf carts on public streets with study and adoption of an ordinance by Town Council; and

WHEREAS the Town has considered the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the proposed street and has further determined the use of a golf cart would be compatible with state and local transportation plans and consistent with the Commonwealth's Statewide Pedestrian Policy provided for in Code of Virginia § 33.2-354; and

WHEREAS the limited use of a golf cart used for a business to traverse one public street from one business location to another business location would be anticipated to have limited impacts and not endanger the general public; and

WHEREAS posted speed at the intersection of Cambria Street, N.W. and Providence Boulevard, N.W. is 25 miles per hour and meets Code of Virginia § 46.2-916.3 A. 1; and

WHEREAS all safety precautions outlined in Code of Virginia § 46.2-916.2 would have to be met which includes but is not limited to having a driver with valid license and have a display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with Code of Virginia § 46.2-1081, and

WHEREAS Town Council has considered the following amendment to the Town's Code and found that the public necessity and convenience deem it proper to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia, that Chapter 34 – "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" of the Christiansburg Town Code be amended by the addition of Sec. 34-27. Operation of Golf Carts on Public Streets as follows:

Chapter 34 – TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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Sec. 34-27. OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC STREETS

- (a) Permit the use of a golf cart to cross Cambria Street, N.W. within an area limited to 200 linear feet east of the intersection with Providence Boulevard. The crossing shall only be at a designated location approved by the Town Manager and shall have appropriate signage.
- (b) The Town may recover its costs for the signs and maintenance from the requesting party. The need for the signs will be determined by the Town and paid

for at the time of approval.

- (c) The Town Manager reserves the right to revoke the use of golf carts on the public street if the conditions of the approval are not being met which includes, but not limited to, compliance with Article 13.1 Golf Cart and Utility Vehicle Operation of Chapter 8. Regulation of Traffic of Title 46.2 Traffic and Motor Vehicles of the Code of Virginia.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption. If any part of this ordinance is deemed unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction all remaining parts shall be deemed valid. Ordinances or parts of any ordinances of the Town whose provisions are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Upon a call for an aye and nay vote on the foregoing ordinance at a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia held March 26, 2024, the members of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia present throughout all deliberations on the foregoing and voting or abstaining, stood as indicated opposite their names as follows:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Samuel M. Bishop	X			
Kim Bowman	X			
Johana Hicks	X			
Tanya Hockett	X			
Casey Jenkins	X			
Tim Wilson	X			

Mayor D. Michael Barber*

*Votes only in the event of a tie.


D. Michael Barber, Mayor


Tracy Heinke, Clerk of Council