

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1999

SENATE BILL 156  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SUNSET ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE LAKE ROYALE COMMUNITY IN FRANKLIN AND NASH COUNTIES TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO ENHANCE THAT AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 1.1 of S.L. 1997-294 reads as rewritten:

"Section 1.1. Chapter 96 of the 1995 Session Laws is amended by adding new section to read:

'Section 3.1. (a) The provisions of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes relating to the use of the highways of the State and the operation of motor vehicles are applicable to the streets, roadways, and alleys on the properties owned by or under the control of the Lake Royale Property Owners Association, Inc., or the members of the Lake Royale Property Owners Association, Inc. For purposes of this act, streets, roadways, and alleys in the Lake Royale Community shall have the same meaning as highways and public vehicular areas pursuant to G.S. 20-4.01. A violation of any of those laws is punishable as prescribed by those laws.

(b) This section is enforceable by any company policeman appointed under Chapter 74E of the General Statutes, certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, and employed by the Lake Royale Property Owners Association, Inc.

(c) Golf carts, all terrain vehicles (ATVs), and dirt bikes may be operated within the confines of the Lake Royale Community only if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The vehicle displays a banner or pennant of not less than 24 square inches and which is attached to a support or antenna extending at least six feet above the pavement.
- (2) The vehicle is registered with the Lake Royale Property Owners Association, Inc., and has affixed to it a current Lake Royale registration sticker.
- (3) The vehicle is not operated between dusk and sunrise unless equipped with front and rear lights as described in G.S. 20-131.
- (4) The vehicle is operated on streets, roadways, alleys, and designated trails by a person holding a valid drivers license.

~~(e)~~ (d) This section shall not be construed as in any way interfering with the ownership and control of the streets, roadways, and alleys of the Lake Royale Property Owners Association, Inc., or its members as is now vested by law in that association or its members. The speed limits within the Lake Royale Community shall be the same as those in effect at the time of ratification of this act. Any proposed change in the speed limit shall be submitted to and approved by the Boards of Commissioners of Franklin or Nash County, whichever has jurisdiction. Pursuant to G.S. 20-141, the Franklin and Nash County Boards of Commissioners may authorize by ordinance higher or lower speeds.

~~(d)~~ (e) This section applies only to the Lake Royale Community in Franklin and Nash Counties."

Section 2. Section 5 of Chapter 96 of the 1995 Session Laws, as amended by Section 1 of S.L. 1997-294, insofar as it applies to the Lake Royale Community in Franklin and Nash Counties, is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of March, 1999.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives