

**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY
ORDINANCE FOR VEHICLES, BICYCLES, AIRCRAFT, OR WATERCRAFT OPERATING
ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES**

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

The operation of vehicles, ATVs, bicycles, watercrafts, or aircraft for non-governmental purposes on County owned property shall be permitted only in designated areas, driveways, parking, trails, air strips, or waterways.

ARTICLE II

VEHICLES

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Vehicle shall be defined as the term is defined in N.C.G.S. § 20-4.01 (49).
- 1.2 All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) shall be defined as the term defined in N.C.G.S. § 20-4.01(1C).

SECTION 2: DESIGNATED AREAS

- 2.1 Use of electric or gas-operated vehicles, including ATVs, for non-governmental use on County property shall be limited to designated vehicular areas, driveways, parking, and trails.

SECTION 3: EXCEPTIONS

- 3.1 Article III of this provision is an exception and does not apply.

ARTICLE III

BICYCLES

SECTION 4: DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 Bicycles are defined in N.C.G.S. §20-171.8.
- 4.2 Electric-Assisted Bicycles are defined in N.C.G.S. § 20-171.8.

SECTION 5: DESIGNATED AREAS

- 5.1 Bicycles and Electric-Assisted Bicycles are permitted on County property, so long as it remains in designated bicycle areas such as trails, pathways, or bike racks.

SECTION 6: PROHIBITED

- 6.1 Other vehicles, watercraft, or aircraft are not permitted on permitted bicycling areas.

ARTICLE IV

AIRCRAFT

SECTION 7: DEFINITIONS

- 7.1 Aircraft shall be defined as in N.C.G.S. § 63-1(3), and include crafts made for profit, recreational, or hobby use.

SECTION 8: PROHIBITED

- 8.1 The use of aircraft, regardless of mode of power, on County property for non-governmental use shall be prohibited, unless permitted by State, Federal, or Local law.

SECTION 9: EXCEPTIONS

- 9.1 This provision shall not apply to “public aircrafts” as defined in N.C.G.S. § 63-1(18).

ARTICLE V

WATERCRAFT

SECTION 10: DEFINITIONS

- 10.1 Watercraft is defined in N.C.G.S. § 75A-13.3.

SECTION 11: PROHIBITED

- 11.1 Watercraft, as defined in N.C.G.S. § 75A-13.3, shall not be used in, on, or through County property for personal or commercial use.

ARTICLE VI

SPECIAL PERMISSION

SECTION 12: SPECIAL PERMISSION

- 12.1 Special permission to utilize Vehicles, Bicycles, Aircraft, or Watercraft in a manner that would otherwise violate this provision may be sought by submitting a request to the Board of Commissioners and may be granted by the Board of Commissioners under unique circumstances. The grant of special use by the Board of Commissioners may only be permitted so long as the grantee supplies adequate use fees and provides proof of insurance requirements.

ARTICLE VII

PENALTY

SECTION 13: PENALTY

- 13.1 Penalty for violating this ordinance shall constitute a civil violation punishable by a \$50.00 fine.

ARTICLE VIII

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 14: EFFECTIVE DATE

- 14.1 This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption by the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners on September 22, 2025.