

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO GOLF CARTS; PROVIDING FOR GOLF CART USE ON ADDITIONAL ROADWAYS IN THE HIGHLAND LAKES AREA; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION OF A MAP DEPICTING WHERE SUCH ROADWAYS ARE LOCATED; PROVIDING FOR SIGNAGE REGARDING GOLF CART USE ON SUCH ROADWAYS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 316.212(1) of the Florida Statutes authorizes local governments to designate public roadways in their jurisdiction for golf cart use, so long as the local government determines that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the roadway, considering factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the roadway, and posts appropriate signage;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Section 316.212(1) of the Florida Statutes, Section 122-69 of the Pinellas County Code (the “Code”) provides that public roadways may be designated for golf cart use by the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) by ordinance or resolution;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance 20-22, the roads designated for golf cart use from sunrise to sunset in the Highland Lakes Area was codified as Appendix G to the Pinellas County Code.

**WHEREAS**, the Highland Lakes Homeowners Association (“HOA”) has requested Pinellas County designate additional roads within the Highland Lakes area of unincorporated Palm Harbor for golf cart use from sunrise to sunset.

**WHEREAS**, the HOA specifically requests roads to the east of Highland Lakes Boulevard between Lake Saint George Drive and Alderman Road, including Lake Pointe Road, Stirling Road, Highland Club Lane, Tay Ct. Links Court., Loch Road, Oakdale Drive, Sutton Place, Maclaren Drive, Rugby Court and any connections thereto be designated for golf cart use from sunrise to sunset.



**WHEREAS**, engineers of the County considered the roads previously designated for golf cart use in the Highlands Lake Area by Ordinance and shown on a Highland Lake Area map in Appendix F, and considered the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the roadways requested to be additionally designated for golf cart use and has determined that golf carts may safely travel on and cross these roadways, so long as appropriate signage is posted, and so long as such golf carts are operated upon certain county roads from sunrise to sunset in accordance with Section 122-68 of the Code, and recommended to the Board that the additional roads within the Highland Lakes area be designated for golf cart use from dawn to dusk;

**WHEREAS**, the Board, after considering County Staff’s recommendation and the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the roadways within the HOA, has determined that golf carts may safely travel on and cross these roadways, so long as appropriate signage is posted, and so long as such golf carts are operated in accordance with Section 122-68 of the Code.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1. Adoption of Map**

The map of the “Highland Lakes Area Addition” dated July 9, 2024 and attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted. and codified in Appendix G of the Pinellas County Code is hereby expanded, superseded and amended by the map of the “Highland Lakes Area” dated March 26, 2024 hereto as Exhibit A (the “Map”) and hereby adopted. This Map, together with the “Highland Lakes Area” map dated December 26, 2019 and codified in Appendix F of the Code pursuant to Ordinance 20-22 show all roadways with the Highland Lakes community that have been designated by the County for golf cart use.

**SECTION 2. Codification**

Consistent with Section 122-69 of the Code, the Board directs that the Map be codified in Appendix F of the Code.

**SECTION 3.**

Pursuant to Section 122-69 of the Code, the Board hereby authorizes golf cart use, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, upon the roadways depicted in the Map. Such golf cart use must be consistent with Section 122-68 of the Code.

**SECTION 4.**

Consistent with Section 316.212(1) of the Florida Statutes and Section 122-68(4) of the Code, the Board directs County Staff to install appropriate signage around the HOA indicating where golf cart use is permitted in accordance with the Map.

**SECTION 5.**

This Resolution shall take effect on \_\_\_\_\_.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

Absent and not voting:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM  
By: Joseph A. Morrissey  
Office of the County Attorney