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Thomas Washburn, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Washburn,

Enclosed you will find the Resolution document related to the Highland Lakes Golf Cart Resolution as it relates to Highland Lakes Golf Carts – CATS Item 47957

At this time the Association is requesting to modify **Item C.** to read *“Only driving from sunrise to sunset to and from the Golf Course and the Clubhouse complex located on MacGregor Drive.”* And omitting, *“to accommodate golf play will be allowed.”* The balance of the Document would remain “as is”.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Cain, President
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Homeowners Association of Highland Lakes

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS DETERMINING THAT GOLF CARTS MAY
TRAVEL SAFELY ON OR CROSS THE DESIGNATED ROADS
THROUGH AND AROUND HIGHLAND LAKES WITH CERTAIN
CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board has received requests from representatives of the community of Highland Lakes to permit the use of golf carts on all community streets as listed in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, golf carts provide an alternative for travel to the Clubhouse Complex located on McGregor Drive which includes 3 community-owned golf courses. Golf carts are less intrusive than vehicles, as well if electric, the carts are emissions free; and

WHEREAS, State Statutes 316.212 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to permit the use of golf carts with conditions and for designated areas in any unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, golf carts by State statute definition are vehicles are incapable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, golf carts are not permitted unless authorized by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Highland Lakes has established a community use for golf carts within their community street system; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this resolution, the boundary of Highland Lakes encompasses all streets that are listed in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, there are no posted speed limits in this designated area higher than 30 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, golf cart operators are required to be licensed drivers, and use is limited to authorized areas and limited to vehicles that are incapable of exceeding 20 miles per hour. Golf carts must be equipped with all safety equipment listed in F.S. 316.212(5); and

WHEREAS, it is the Board's intent by action of this resolution to determine that golf carts may travel safely on the streets listed in Attachment 1 in this community, and in accordance with other State law provisions and penalties; and

WHEREAS, operation of golf carts will be limited to driving to and from the clubhouse complex on MacGregor Drive to ~~accommodate golf cart play~~. Operations will only be from sunrise to sunset. No nighttime driving will be allowed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY that in a regular session duly assembled on the ____ day of _____ the Board finds that golf carts equipped in the manner prescribed by this Resolution may safely travel on or cross the public roads or streets listed in Attachment 1, considering factors including the speed, volume and character of motor vehicle traffic using these roads or streets in the Highland Lakes Community, with the stipulations to include the following provisions:

- A. The golf cart operators must possess a valid driver's license.
- B. The areas encompassed by this Resolution are listed in Attachment 1.
- C. Only driving from sunrise to sunset to and from the clubhouse complex located on MacGregor Drive ~~to accommodate golf play will be allowed.~~
- D. The golf carts authorized for use are incapable of exceeding 20 miles per hour.
- E. Golf carts must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices per F.S. 316.212(S). In addition, all golf carts shall be equipped with an orange warning flag and a 'SLOW MOVING VEHICLE' sign.
- F. Appropriate signage alerting motorists to the presence of golf carts shall be installed prior to golf carts being authorized, through a separate ordinance, to travel on the roads.