

RESOLUTION NO. 16-29

**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 I; 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 automobiles, 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 golf course and the clubhouse complex on MacGregor Drive. 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 26th day of April 2016, Commissioner Long offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Gerard 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 golf course and the clubhouse complex located on MacGregor Drive 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(5). 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.

Ayes: Justice, Long, Welch, Eggers, Gerard, Seel and Morrioni.

Nays: None.

Absent and not voting: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Cheryl Doreen Pemberton
Office of the County Attorney

ATTACHMENT 1

Aberdeen Ct., Ayr Dr., Bentley Ct., Brae Ct., Braemar Terr., Braeside Ct., Briarcliff Dr., Brighton Ct., Brodie Way, Brunswick Cir., Byrnedale Ct., Byron Ct., Caledonia Ct., Caledonia Dr., Cameron Ct., Camille Dr., Carmichael St., Chalmers Ct., Chattan Ct., Chaucer Ct., Chesnut Pl., Cinnamon Hill Blvd., Curling Ct., Doone Cir., Dorchester Dr., Dugall Ct., Dunbar Ct., Dundee Dr., E. Dorchester Ct., E. Dorchester Dr., E. Links Ct., E. Woodmont Way, Eiven Ct., Gillespie Dr., Gillespie Dr N., Glengarry Dr., Gorse Ct., Gregor Ct., Heather Pl., **Highlands Blvd. except for that portion of Highlands Blvd east of Lake St. George Drive to Alderman Road**, Highlands Blvd. N., Highland Club Ln., Hilary Cir., Huntington Ct., Kenmore Ct., Kenmore Pl., Kilwinning Ct., Lake Pointe Rd., Lake St. George Dr., Links Dr., Loch Rd., Lomond Dr., Longford Dr., MacAlpin Dr N., MacAlpin Dr S., MacAlpin Dr W., MacClymont Ct., MacDonnell Ct., MacDonnell Dr., MacGregor Dr., MacLaren Dr N., MacLaren Dr., Malcolm Dr., Maplewood Ct., McMath Dr., McTavish Way, N. Dorchester Dr., N. Highland Blvd., Neil Ct., Oak Lake Dr., Pine Lake Ct., Queen Anne Dr., Queen Anne Blvd., Rugby Ct., Sherbrook Ln., Skene Terr., Sprey Ct., Stafford Cir., Stafford Dr., Stirling Rd., Sutherland Ct., Sutherland Dr., Sutton Pl., Sweetgum Pl., Tarns Ct., Tarpon Pointe Cir., Tay Ct., Thistle Ct E., Thistle Ct N., Thistle Ct S., Timberbrooke Dr., W. Links Ct., Whitebridge Dr., Whithorn Pl., Wicklow Dr., Woodstock Dr.