

RESOLUTION NO. 22-104

A RESOLUTION OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO GOLF CARTS; PROVIDING FOR GOLF CART USE ON ROADWAYS IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE; 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, the Westlake Village HOA (the “HOA”) in unincorporated Palm Harbor asked County Staff to petition property owners in the HOA on their interest in having public roadways within the HOA designated for golf cart use;

WHEREAS, County Staff accordingly petitioned 682 owners within the HOA, of which 226 responded, with 146 (~65%) voting for and 80 voting against (~35%);

WHEREAS, the Board, after considering 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 122-67 of the Code.

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

SECTION 1.

The map of the “Westlake Village Neighborhood Area” dated January 19, 2022 and attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Map”) is hereby adopted. Consistent with Section 122-69 of the Code, the Board directs that the Map be codified in Appendix F of the Code.

SECTION 2.

Pursuant to Section 122-69 of the Code, the Board hereby authorizes golf cart use, at any hour, upon the roadways depicted in the Map. Such golf cart use must be consistent with Section 122-67 of the Code.

SECTION 3.

Consistent with Section 316.212(1) of the Florida Statutes and Section 122-67(5) 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 4.

This Resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

Commissioner _____ Peters _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ Long _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Justice, Long, Eggers, Flowers, and Peters.

NAYS: None.

Absent and not voting: Gerard and Seel.

Approved as to Form: *Brendan Mackesey*
Assistant County Attorney