



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ordinance amending Section 122-68 of the County Code specific to golf carts permitted in Highland Lakes by removing the restriction “to accommodate golf cart play” (companion to item no. 32).

Recommended Action:

Conduct a public hearing and adopt an ordinance removing the restriction “to accommodate golf cart play” in Highland Lakes from the Pinellas County Code.

Strategic Plan:

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.1 Implement green technologies and practices where practical.

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.5 Provide safe and effective transportation systems to support the efficient flow of motorists, commerce, and regional connectivity.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

5.4 Strive to exceed customer expectations

Summary:

On March 29, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the advertisement of a public hearing to consider amending Section 122-68 of the County Code specific to golf carts permitted in Highland Lakes.

This amendment will allow golf carts to travel within the Highland Lakes Community to and from the golf course and the clubhouse for any activities taking place at the clubhouse complex. The current ordinance only allows golf cart travel to and from the clubhouse to accommodate golf play. The Homeowners Association of Highland Lakes is requesting a formal change be made to remove this reference.

Background Information:

Resolution No. 07-70 was approved June 5, 2007, and Ordinance No. 07-34 was approved on August 7, 2007, allowing the use of golf carts on public roads within the Highland Lakes Community. There are several stipulations stated for golf cart travel, including the following which states “Only driving from sunrise to sunset to and from the clubhouse complex located on MacGregor Drive to accommodate golf cart play will be allowed.”

The Homeowners Association of Highland Lakes, Inc. submitted a request in October 2015 to remove the stipulation “to accommodate golf cart play”. The revision allows for tidying up the wording and clarifies the stipulation to state “Only driving from sunrise to sunset to and from the golf course and the clubhouse complex located on MacGregor Drive will be allowed.”

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Ken Jacobs, Traffic Engineering Division Manager, Public Works

Partners:

Highland Lakes Community

Attachments:

Proposed Ordinance

Proposed Ordinance (strikethrough version)

Letter from Homeowners Association of Highland Lakes, Inc.