

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - ---

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERMITTING THE USAGE OF GOLF CARTS ON PINE ISLAND DRIVE BETWEEN CYCLONE DRIVE AND ALFRED A. MCKETHAN PINE ISLAND PARK; GOLF CARTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL WITH OTHER VEHICLES ON PINE ISLAND DRIVE AND ALONG ALL OTHER EXISTING AND FUTURE ROADWAYS THAT CONNECT WITH PINE ISLAND DRIVE BETWEEN CYCLONE DRIVE AND ALFRED A. MCKETHAN PINE ISLAND PARK; PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 316.212, AND 316.2126, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR PLACEMENT OF "25 MPH", "NO CARTS BEYOND THIS POINT" AND "GOLF CART IN STREET" SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 316.006(3), *Florida Statutes*, Hernando County has original jurisdiction over all streets and highways located within Hernando County, excluding state roads and streets and highways within municipalities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 316.006(3), *Florida Statutes*, Hernando County may place and maintain traffic control devices, which conform to the specifications of the Florida Department of Transportation, upon all streets and highways under its jurisdiction as the County deems necessary to regulate, warn or guide traffic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 316.212(1), *Florida Statutes*, a golf cart may be operated only upon a county road that has been designated by a county, for use by golf carts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 316.2126(1)(c), *Florida Statutes*, golf carts may be operated only on roadways that have a posted speed limit of 30mph or less; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 316.212(5), *Florida Statutes*, a golf cart may be operated only during the hours between sunrise and sunset, unless the responsible governmental entity has determined that a golf cart may be operated during the hours between sunset and sunrise and the golf cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 316.212(6), *Florida Statutes*, a golf cart must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices in both the front and rear; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 316.212(7)(a)(b), *Florida Statutes*, a golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by a person; Who is under 18 years of age unless he or she possesses a valid learner's driver license or valid driver license; Who is 18 years of age or older unless he or she possesses a valid form of government-issued photographic identification; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works - Engineering Division, has determined the placement of the signage on Pine Island Drive as shown on **EXHIBIT "A"** attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that allowing golf carts on Pine Island

Drive, as shown on EXHIBIT "A", is in the public's best interest and contributes to enhanced accessibility and convenience for residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. Pursuant to Chapter 316, *Florida Statutes*, the Board of County Commissioners has received the report of the Department of Public Works - Engineering Division, and has determined that golf carts, equipped pursuant to Chapter 316 may safely travel on or cross the roads of Pine Island Drive between Cyclone Drive and Alfred A. McKethan Pine Island Park and along all other existing and future roadways that connect to Pine Island Drive between Cyclone Drive and Alfred A. McKethan Pine Island Park with the placement of necessary signage and posted speed limit as shown on EXHIBIT "A" by a person authorized by Section 316.212(7). The Board also finds that it is in the public's best interest and contributes to enhanced accessibility and convenience for residents and visitors.

SECTION 2. 25MPH, No Carts Beyond this Point and Golf Cart in Street Signs to be Placed. "25MPH", "NO CARTS BEYOND THIS POINT" and "GOLF CART IN STREET" signs may be placed within the right of way on Pine Island Drive, as shown in the attached EXHIBIT "A".

SECTION 3. Penalties. Any person found guilty of violating the golf cart restrictions established by this Resolution shall be punished according to the provisions of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law, Section 316.655, Penalties, and Chapter 318, Disposition of Traffic Infractions.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

DOUGLAS A. CHORVAT, JR.
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

BRIAN HAWKINS
CHAIRMAN

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form and
Legal Sufficiency

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