

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT DESIGNATING CERTAIN ROADS AND STREETS IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS; ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON DISTRICT-OWNED ROADWAYS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Central County Water Control District (the "District") is a Florida water control district operating and organized under Chapter 298, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 70-702, Laws of Florida, as amended; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the State Legislature amended Section 316.212, Florida Statutes, to authorize a water control district to designate certain roads for use by golf carts; and

WHEREAS, the amended Section 316.212, Florida Statutes, requires county approval before a water control district can make such a designation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 316.212(1), Florida Statutes, prior to the District making such designation, the District must first determine that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the road or street, considering factors including the speed, volume and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that the foregoing criteria have been met for certain roads and streets in the District and designates the roads and streets specified below as being appropriate for operation of golf carts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The District hereby designates only the roads and streets of the District, depicted in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, as being appropriate and authorized for the operation of golf carts as those are defined herein and under section 316.212, Florida Statutes.

Section 2.

(a) "Golf cart" as used herein means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.

(b) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Golf carts may only be operated upon those District roads and streets designated for golf cart use herein and by subsequent resolution adopted by the District. Golf carts may NOT, under any circumstances, be operated on sidewalks.

(c) A golf cart may NOT be operated on District designated roads or streets by drivers:

(i) Who are between the age of 15 and 18 years of age unless they possess a valid learner's driver license or valid driver license.

(ii) Who are 18 years of age or older unless they possess a valid form of government-issued photographic identification.

(d) To use District roads and streets, persons operating golf carts must comply with all of the equipment and operational restrictions set forth in F.S. § 316.212 and its amendments and successor statutes, including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) 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.

(ii) Except as authorized in subsection (iii) herein, golf carts may be only operated on roads and streets within, and owned, by the District only during the hours between sunrise and sunset.

(iii) A golf cart may only be operated between sunset and sunrise on roads and streets in the District if the golf cart is equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer with authority to enforce traffic laws on District roads and streets on which operation of a golf cart occurs. A violation of this section is punishable as provided in F.S. § 316.212(9) and its amendments and successor statutes.

Section 4. Pursuant to F.S. § 316.212(1), upon its adoption, this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners for approval.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners at a duly-noticed public meeting.