

A RESOLUTION BY THE PASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ACTING AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE J. "BEN" HARRILL VILLAGES OF PASADENA HILLS STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES, AND LOW SPEED VEHICLES ON DESIGNATED ROADWAYS AND STREETS WITHIN THE J. "BEN" HARRILL VILLAGES OF PASADENA HILLS STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 316. FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 316.212 (1), Florida Statutes, provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall have the authority to designate certain roads or streets within its jurisdiction for lawful operation of golf carts, subject to certain findings and such restrictions and conditions as the Board deems necessary to ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 316.2122, Florida Statutes, authorizes and establishes requirements for the operation of a low-speed vehicle on any street or road; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 316.85, Florida Statutes, also authorizes the operation of autonomous vehicles as defined by Chapter 316.003 (2), Florida Statutes, on public roads; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted Resolution #18-60 enabling certain roads or streets within its jurisdiction for lawful operation of golf carts within the adjacent Connected City; and

WHEREAS, an important mandatory component of the VOPH 2020 Financial Plan, is the implementation of an Alternative Transportation Facility network to encourage and facilitate the safe operation of golf carts, autonomous vehicles and low-speed vehicles within the J. "Ben" Harrill Stewardship District to reduce traditional vehicular traffic volumes on County roadways, and promote interconnectivity with Alternative Transportation Facilities in Connected City, therefore reducing the transportation impacts of future development; and

WHEREAS, the VOPH 2020 Financial Plan, Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAL-20-005) and Stewardship Ordinance approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 5, 2020, mitigated the removal of the mandatory Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) requirements by requiring Alternative Transportation Facilities within the rights of way that would be constructed by developers, to allow VOPH and Connected City residents additional transportation means to the Super Park, neighborhood parks, VOPH schools and Village town centers, thus reducing traffic volumes on local roads; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to encourage and facilitate such low-speed vehicle operations in order to reduce traffic on VOPH roads, and finds that it is necessary to impose certain design, construction and operation requirements that promote public safety in the use of golf carts, autonomous vehicles and low-speed vehicles and their integration with traditional vehicle use; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Operations Department of Pasco County has determined that certain designated roads in the Villages of Pasadena Hills, and those roads in Excluded Projects situated in Villages of Pasadena Hills who implement the same requirements including restricted speeds, implementation of specific low speed vehicle and signage requirements, and other safety features as required herein and in the VOPH Master Roadway Plan, will be allowed to share their lanes or Alternative Transportation Facilities with golf carts, autonomous vehicles and low-speed vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that, provided such Alternative Transportation Facilities planned for in the Villages of Pasadena Hills are implemented consistently with those found and planned in Connected City, golf carts, autonomous vehicles and low-speed vehicles may travel safely on, or adjacent to, certain designated County roadways and streets within the J."Ben" Harrill Villages of Pasadena Stewardship District as well,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida, in regular session, duly assembled, as follows:

1. The above recitals are adopted as specific findings by the Board and are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Resolution.
2. For all purposes in this Resolution, the terms “street” and “roadway” are used interchangeably, and shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, as applicable to golf carts, autonomous vehicles, and low-speed vehicles, respectively, as the context requires and so as to insure legal consistency with the applicable provisions of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, for each such vehicle use. As used herein, the term “golf cart” shall be as defined in Chapter 316.003 (26), Florida Statutes, the term “autonomous vehicle” shall be as defined in Chapter 316.003 (2), Florida Statutes, and the term “low-speed vehicle” shall be as defined in Chapter 320.01, Florida Statutes, as such provisions may be amended from time to time.
3. For the sole purpose of such designation to ensure compliance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, for each respective vehicle use, that limited portion of any Alternative Transportation Facility which is separately identified, labeled and marked as a vehicular travel lane, shall be deemed a “street,” “road,” or “roadway” as applicable, for the purpose of authorized use for golf carts, autonomous vehicles, or low-speed vehicles pursuant to Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, and shall be a “Permitted Road” for such use under this Resolution. Nothing herein shall be construed, however, to transfer authorization for regulatory enforcement of traffic laws under Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, to the County or Sheriff’s Office, over any private street or Alternative Transportation Facility within the Villages of Pasadena Hills which is not a state public highway or a county public road. Similarly, the design and construction of all such Alternative Transportation Facilities shall be governed by the VOPH Comprehensive Plan and Pasco County Land Development Code, and not by any criteria applicable to other roadways or streets, notwithstanding the authorized use of such Alternative Transportation Facilities for alternative vehicular use. All such Alternative Transportation Facilities which contain vehicular travel lanes for golf carts, autonomous vehicles and/or low-speed vehicles, shall be owned and maintained by a Community Development District, or if such community does not have a Community Development District, then by the J. “Ben” Harrill Villages of Pasadena Hills Stewardship District. The applicable Community Development District or the J. “Ben” Harrill Villages of Pasadena Hills Stewardship District also shall govern the rules and

regulations applicable to such vehicle use on any Alternative Transportation Facility Paths, Multipurpose Trails, alleys or streets which are not County public roadways.

4. The design, construction and use of any street or roadway authorized as a "Permitted Road" hereunder for golf carts or low-speed vehicles shall be in accordance with the Pasco County Land Development Code and VOPH Master Roadway Plan, as each may be amended from time to time by the Board, and shall include the installation of traffic control, signage, and other safety features as required therein for such alternative vehicle use. Pursuant to Chapter 316.212 (1), Florida Statutes, the Community Development District shall post appropriate signs indicating that golf cart use is allowed on all such Permitted Roads.
5. With respect to golf cart use on a Permitted Road which is a public roadway, all golf carts 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, pursuant to Chapter 316.212 (6), Florida Statutes, and shall only be operated on any public roads or public streets by a person age 14 years or older, pursuant to Chapter 316.212 (7). The Board has determined that, due to the specific safety design of the golf carts may be operated on the Permitted Roads between sunset and sunrise provided that such golf carts are equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield, pursuant to Chapter 316.212 (5), Florida Statutes.
6. The posted speed limit on any Permitted Roads shall not exceed 30 miles per hour, in compliance with Chapter 316.2122, Florida Statutes, for the operation of low-speed vehicles; however, crossing a road or street at an intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit in excess of 30 miles per hour is authorized pursuant to Chapter 316.2122 (1), Florida Statutes. With respect to the operation of low-speed vehicles on any County public roadway, all such low-speed vehicles shall be equipped as required by Chapter 316.2122 (2), Florida Statutes, must be registered, insured and titled as required by Chapter 316.2122 (3), Florida Statutes, and any such operator must have a valid driver license in his or her possession, as required by Chapter 316.2122 (4), Florida Statutes.

7. The operation of autonomous vehicles on roadways already is authorized by Chapter 316.85, Florida Statutes, without specific requirements or restrictions such as those applicable to golf carts or low-speed vehicles. In the event Florida law subsequently is amended to prescribe specific requirements for the operation of autonomous vehicles on public roadways, such requirements shall be deemed applicable under this Resolution.
8. All existing subdivision and local roads identified in Appendix A within the J. "Ben" Harrill Villages of Pasadena Hills Stewardship District boundary, including alleys, shall be Permitted Roads and have met the required criteria and additional requirements of the Pasco County Traffic Operations Department. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is the J. "Ben" Harrill Villages of Pasadena Hills Stewardship District boundary map and Exhibit F: 2065 Alternative Transportation Plan of the VOPH Financial Plan.
9. All future roads listed within Appendix B of the J. Ben "Harrill" Villages of Pasadena Hills Stewardship District Boundary, including alleys, shall be Permitted Roads if meeting the required criteria of the Pasco County Traffic Operations Department.
10. Permitted Roads, in addition to those defined above, shall include all roadways with Alternative Transportation Facilities provided that such roadway does not exceed three lanes (one lane for each direction of traffic flow and a continuous center turn lane) not counting the Multipurpose Lanes. Once a roadway exceeds the maximum number of lanes and/or a Multipurpose Path is constructed adjacent to the roadway, the golf carts and other low-speed vehicles shall use the Multipurpose Path.
11. Any roadway within the J. "Ben" Harrill Villages of Pasadena Hills Stewardship District boundary which is not a Permitted Road, as defined above, shall be a "Prohibited Road;" however, to facilitate interconnectivity within the VOPH area, golf carts and low-speed vehicles may cross at grade the Prohibited Roads at the following intersections (Source: *VOPH Financial Plan: Table 6 and Exhibit B: 2065 Master Roadway Plan*)

High Intensity At-Grade Crossings:

Curley Road at Tyndall Road

Handcart Road at Tyndall Road

Underpass Crossings

Handcart Road at Village C/D boundary

Handcart Road at Village G/J Boundary

12. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 26th day of January 2021.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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