1	ORDINANCE NO. 2025		
2	AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA,		
3	ADDING CHAPTER 98, ARTICLE III, ENTITLED		
4	OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON DESIGNATED		
5	ROADS; ADDING SECTION 98-70 ENTITLED		
6	PURPOSE AND INTENT; ADDING SECTION 98-71		
7	ENTITLED DEFINITIONS; ADDING SECTION 98-72		
8	ENTITLED AUTHORIZED USE; PROVIDING FOR		
9	SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO		
10	THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS THAT		
11	MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC		
12	HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE		
13	DATE.		
14	WHEREAS, Section 316.212(1), Florida Statutes provides that Counties may		
15	allow golf carts to be operated upon county streets provided that the local government		
16	first determine that golf carts may safely travel on or across such public roads or streets		
17	upon considering such factors as the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic		
18	using those roads or streets in question; and,		
19	WHEREAS, Section 316.212(5), Florida Statutes, requires that golf carts may only		
20	be operated on such public roads or streets during the hours between sunrise and sunset,		
21	unless the governmental agency specifically determines that such golf carts may also		
22	operate during the hours between sunset and sunrise and the golf cart is equipped with		
23	headlights, brake lights, turn signals and windshield; and,		
24	WHEREAS, Section 316.212(8), Florida Statutes, allows counties to enact		
25	restrictions and regulations regarding golf cart operation by unlicensed drivers that are		
26	more restrictive than are enumerated in Section 316.212, Florida Statutes, as long as		
27	appropriate signs are posted or the residents are otherwise informed that the regulation		
28	of golf cart operation in the designated area will be in accordance with a stricter local		
29	ordinance; and,		
30	WHEREAS, at the July 28, 2015, Board meeting, staff was authorized by the Board		
31	to proceed with the engineering study for the Old Homosassa Golf Cart project; and		
32	WHEREAS, the study prepared by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. was brought		
33	back before the Board on December 15, 2015; and		

WHEREAS, at the December 15, 2015, Board meeting, Resolution 2015-237 was

approved designating the Old Homosassa Golf Cart Boundary and allowing golf cart

travel within the boundaries indicated on Figure 1 attached to the resolution; and

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- WHEREAS, The study determined that golf carts may safely be operated on or across certain roads or streets within the county, after the consideration of the speed, volume, and the character of motor vehicle traffic on the relevant roads or streets; and
- WHEREAS, the County desires to provide additional regulations for the operation of golf carts on designated roads and streets in Citrus County, Florida; and
- WHEREAS, the County believes that regulations proposed in this ordinance promote and enhance the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.
- NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners, Citrus County, Florida as follows:
- **Section 1**. **Recitals.** The foregoing Whereas Clauses are true and accurate and are incorporated herein by reference and made part of this Ordinance.
- Section 2. Authority. The Board of County Commissioners is authorized to amend the Citrus County Code of Ordinances pursuant to Chapter 1, General Provisions, of the Code of Ordinances of Citrus County, and as otherwise authorized by applicable Florida
- 52 Statutes.

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- **Section 3.** The provisions of Chapter 98, Article III, entitled "Operation of Golf Carts on
- Designated Roads" are added as follows:
- 55 ARTICLE III. OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON DESIGNATED ROADS
- Sec. 98-70. Purpose and Intent.
- It is the intent of this Section to authorize and regulate the use of golf carts upon certain
- 58 designated streets of Citrus County, Florida, during non-restricted hours by individuals
- 59 holding a valid, current driver's license or valid, current learner's driver license. The roads
- and streets upon which golf carts are permitted by the County to be operated shall be
- designated by Resolution, which may be modified from time to time.
- 62 Sec. 98-71. Definitions.
- 63 Golf Cart. A motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course
- for sporting or recreational purposes as defined in F.S. Chapter 316.003(29)
- 65 Sec. 98-72. Authorized Use
- (1) Golf carts may be operated on all roads and streets designated for such use by Resolution of Citrus County, in accordance with Florida Statute, Section 316.212.

(2) In addition to the requirements of Florida Statutes, Section 316.212, the following restrictions shall also apply to the operation of golf carts on County designated roads and streets:

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- (a) The number of occupants in any golf cart operated on County streets designated for golf cart use shall be restricted to the number of seats on the golf cart. No occupants of a golf cart shall stand at any time while the golf cart is in motion.
- (b) All golf carts operating subject to this ordinance must be equipped with efficient brakes, reliable steering, safe tires, a rearview mirror, and red reflectorized warning devices, in both the front and rear, at all times while operated on County designated roads and streets.
- (c) Golf carts may only be operated on County designated roads and streets during the hours between official sunrise and official sunset, and by persons under the age of 18 with a valid driver's license or valid learner's driver license or anyone over the age of 18 with a valid photo identification.
- (d) Golf carts equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield may be operated between the hours of sunset and sunrise, and only by a person who holds a valid, current driver's license or by a person over the age of 18 with valid form of government-issued photographic identification.
- (e) Before golf carts may be operated under this section, the owners thereof must purchase and maintain liability insurance insuring against personal injury and damage to property of any nature relative to the operation of golf carts on County designated roads and streets. Minimum required insurance will be the same as for motor vehicles registered in the State of Florida for personal use and as designated by Florida Statutes. Proof of such insurance must be possessed at all times while operating a golf cart on County designated roads and streets.
- (3) Violations of this section shall constitute a non-criminal infraction punishable pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 316.212(9). The use of a golf cart resulting in violations of the Florida "Uniform Traffic Control" statute and the Florida "Uniform Disposition of Traffic Infractions Act" are punishable pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 316 and 318, as applicable. All other County Ordinances pertaining to the use of motor vehicles within Citrus County, Florida shall also apply to this section.
- (4) The County shall post signs along designated roads and streets where golf cart operation is authorized, advising motorists of possible golf cart traffic, and alerting the public that the operation of such golf carts is subject to the various requirements of this Ordinance.

107 108	(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, golf carts may not be operated on any sidewalk within Citrus County, Florida.		
109 110 111 112	by any person under the age of 18	n the roads or streets of Citrus County, Florida, B without a valid driver's license or valid learner's age of 18 without a valid form of government.	
113 114 115 116	Ordinance is held to be invalid or uncor	n, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this nstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, all not be construed so as to render invalid or s of this Ordinance.	
117 118 119 120	Section 5. Codification. The publisher of the County's Code of Ordinances, the Municipal Code Corporation, is directed to incorporate the addition of the provisions of Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-68 to the Citrus County Code of Ordinances where indicated.		
121 122 123 124	Section 6. Modification . The provisions of this Ordinance may be modified as a result of considerations that may arise during public hearings. Such modifications shall be incorporated into the final version of the ordinance adopted by the Board and filed with the Clerk.		
125	Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.		
126 127	PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED , in open session, with a quorum present and voting, thisday of September, 2025.		
128		BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA	
129	ATTEST:	OF CITIOS COUNTY, I LONDA	
130 131	TRACI PERRY, Clerk	REBECCA BAYS, Chairman	
132 133	APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY	′ :	
134 135	DENISE A. DYMOND LYN	<u> </u>	
136	County Attorney		