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37 **WHEREAS**, The study determined that golf carts may safely be operated on or
38 across certain roads or streets within the county, after the consideration of the speed,
39 volume, and the character of motor vehicle traffic on the relevant roads or streets; and

40 **WHEREAS**, the County desires to provide additional regulations for the operation
41 of golf carts on designated roads and streets in Citrus County, Florida; and

42 **WHEREAS**, the County believes that regulations proposed in this ordinance
43 promote and enhance the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

44 **NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners, Citrus
45 County, Florida as follows:

46 **Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing Whereas Clauses are true and accurate and are
47 incorporated herein by reference and made part of this Ordinance.
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49 **Section 2. Authority.** The Board of County Commissioners is authorized to amend the
50 Citrus County Code of Ordinances pursuant to Chapter 1, General Provisions, of the
51 Code of Ordinances of Citrus County, and as otherwise authorized by applicable Florida
52 Statutes.

53 **Section 3.** The provisions of Chapter 98, Article III, entitled "Operation of Golf Carts on
54 Designated Roads" are added as follows:

55 ARTICLE III. OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON DESIGNATED ROADS

56 Sec. 98-70. Purpose and Intent.

57 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
60 and streets upon which golf carts are permitted by the County to be operated shall be
61 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
64 for sporting or recreational purposes as defined in F.S. Chapter 316.003(29)

65 Sec. 98-72. Authorized Use

- 66 (1) Golf carts may be operated on all roads and streets designated for such use by
67 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:

(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.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, golf carts may not be operated on any sidewalk within Citrus County, Florida.

(6) Golf carts may not be operated on the roads or streets of Citrus County, Florida, by any person under the age of 18 without a valid driver's license or valid learner's driver license or anyone over the age of 18 without a valid form of government-issued photographic identification.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed so as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

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.

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.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in open session, with a quorum present and voting, this ____ day of September, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

TRACI PERRY, Clerk

REBECCA BAYS, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE
RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY:

DENISE A. DYMOND LYN
County Attorney