

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-XX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9 (TRAFFIC), SECTION 9-113 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REVISE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS UNDER THE CITY'S JURISDICTION AND TO PROHIBIT OPERATION ON COUNTY OR STATE ROADS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 316, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF SUCH AMENDED ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (COO-0925-00005)

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park seeks to update and modernize its municipal code regarding the use of golf carts on City roadways to ensure clarity, efficiency, and consistency with State law; and

WHEREAS, the use of golf carts on certain municipal streets has been previously authorized and proven safe and beneficial for community mobility; and

WHEREAS, the City possesses and maintains access to records identifying the public streets and roads under the jurisdiction of the City of Pinellas Park; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is intended to provide streamlined, flexible, and legally consistent regulations for the operation of golf carts on City streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 9 (Traffic), Section 9-113 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pinellas Park is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 9-113. Golf Carts on City Roadways.

(A) Intent. It is the intent of this Section to permit and regulate the operation of golf carts upon public streets and roads under the jurisdiction of the City of Pinellas Park in accordance with §316.212, Florida Statutes, and to prohibit operation on County or State roads, except at permitted crossings per state law and subject to any applicable approvals of the maintaining authority.

(B) Definitions.

1. As defined in §320.01(22), Florida Statutes, a "golf cart" is a motor vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.

2. Low-Speed Vehicles (LSVs), as defined in §320.01(41), Florida Statutes, are distinct

from golf carts. LSVs are any four-wheeled vehicles with a top speed greater than 20 miles per hour but not exceeding 25 miles per hour. LSVs must be registered, titled, insured, and comply with applicable state safety and equipment requirements in Florida Statute, §316.2122.

3. Utility Vehicles, as defined in §320.01(42), Florida Statutes, are motor vehicles designed and manufactured for general maintenance, security, and landscaping purposes, but the term does not include any vehicle designed primarily for the transportation of persons or property on a street or highway, or a golf cart, or an all-terrain vehicle as defined in §316.2074, Florida Statutes. Utility vehicles are also excluded from regulation under this section.

(C) Authorized Use Areas. Golf carts may be operated on all public streets and roads under the City's jurisdiction, subject to §316.212, Florida Statutes. Operation on County or State roads is prohibited, except to cross such roads in the manner authorized by Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, and subject to any applicable approvals of the maintaining authority.

(D) Regulation and Operational Requirements. All golf carts operated on City streets and roads shall comply with §316.212, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, including but not limited to requirements concerning hours of operation, driver age and licensure, and required equipment.

(E) Prohibited Use. Golf carts shall not be operated on sidewalks, multi-use paths, horse trails, bridle paths, simple trails, paths or on any County or State Road not within the City's jurisdiction, except to cross as permitted by Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, and subject to any applicable approvals of the maintaining authority.

(F) Enforcement and Penalties. Violations of this Section shall constitute non-criminal traffic infractions and shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 318, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 2: Inclusion in Code. It is the intention of the City Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pinellas Park.

SECTION 3: Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final passage and adoption as provided by law.

PUBLISHED THE _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

FIRST READING _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING THE _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

PASSED THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED THIS _____, DAY OF _____, 2026.

Sandra L. Bradbury
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jennifer R. Carfagno, MMC
CITY CLERK

Business Impact Estimate

This form must be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the City's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

Proposed ordinance's title/reference: **Ordinance 2025-XX**

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This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes.

If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City is of the view that a business impact estimate is *not* required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the City is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in Florida Statutes § 163.3164, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under Florida Statutes § 163.3220-163.3243;
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the City;

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

- c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
- d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
- e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, even notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

The proposed ordinance amends regulations governing the use of golf carts on public roadways under the City’s jurisdiction and prohibits operation on County or State roads, except crossings as allowed by state law. The public purpose is to serve the public health, safety, and welfare by modernizing the municipal code to ensure clarity, efficiency, and consistency with Florida Statutes. This ordinance provides a streamlined and legally consistent framework for the safe operation of golf carts, which has proven to be a beneficial mode of transportation for community mobility.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any:

The proposed ordinance is not anticipated to have a direct negative economic impact on private, for-profit businesses. The ordinance clarifies existing regulations and does not impose new compliance requirements on businesses.

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

There are no direct compliance costs anticipated for businesses. The regulations apply to individual operators of golf carts.

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

There are no new charges or fees imposed by this ordinance. Penalties for violations are handled as non-criminal traffic infractions pursuant to existing State law.

(c) An estimate of the City’s regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

The City’s regulatory costs are minimal and will be absorbed into the existing operational budget. Minimal costs associated with public education and enforcement; no new fees or revenues are created. No new revenues are generated by this ordinance.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance:

Zero (0) businesses are expected to be directly impacted by new compliance requirements. A small number of businesses, such as those that sell or service golf carts, may see a minor, indirect positive economic impact due to the clarification and potential expansion of designated use areas.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):

This ordinance is intended to improve public safety and community mobility by providing clear and updated regulations that align with state law. It may indirectly benefit local businesses by making them more accessible to residents using golf carts for short-distance travel.