

## RESOLUTION 20-126

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOLF CART CROSSING AT THE INTERSECTION OF PANAMA CITY BEACH PARKWAY AND NAUTILUS STREET; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2005 the City adopted Ordinance 980, regulating the use of golf carts and designating certain city streets for golf cart use during the hours between sunrise and sunset; and

WHEREAS, Nautilus Street is a City street on which golf carts are authorized to operate, while the operation of golf carts along Panama City Beach Parkway cannot be permitted by that Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 980 provides that golf carts may be permitted to cross a street on which golf carts are not otherwise permitted at such points as are from time to time designated by FDOT when that agency has jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Panama City Beach is a destination beach community which attracts millions of visitors each year who are looking to experience a laid back and lower speed pace of life; and

WHEREAS, the City's resident population is also increasing, as more retirees and families settle down in the City to celebrate the natural resources and pace of life the City provides; and

WHEREAS, golf carts and low speed vehicles are commonly seen operating upon roads within the City on both sides of the Panama City Beach Parkway in the area of this intersection; and

WHEREAS, numerous low speed vehicles are presently tagged and permitted for use and operation within the City; and

WHEREAS, the shopping plaza and restaurants located on the north side of the Panama City Beach Parkway and Nautilus Street intersection attract visitors and residents alike, particularly those who reside in the nearby subdivisions accessible by or adjacent to Nautilus Street;

WHEREAS, this section of Panama City Beach Parkway is presently operating at a Level of Service F, such that the congestion and operational inefficiency requires the City's development of alternative means of

transportation in this area to best serve the functional travel needs of travelers through this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the speed limit for this section of the Parkway is 45 mph; and

WHEREAS, the City finds and determines that given the nature and proximity of the residential and commercial developments in this area, and with due consideration of the functional inefficiency of this segment of the Parkway, that a golf cart crossing could be established at this intersection without a material adverse impact upon traffic safety; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the appropriate officers of the City are authorized to submit a permit application to the Florida Department of Transportation to establish a golf cart crossing at the intersection of Panama City Beach Parkway and Nautilus Street.

**THIS RESOLUTION** shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



MARK SHELDON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JO SMITH, INTERIM CITY CLERK