

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2026 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY USE OF GOLF CARTS BY EVENT PERSONNEL AND DESIGNATED COUNTY STAFF DURING ENGLEWOOD BEACH WATERFEST ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED COUNTY ROADS, IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 316.212, FLORIDA STATUTES AND SECTION 2-4-10, CHARLOTTE COUNTY CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON ENGLEWOOD BEACH BY EVENT PERSONNEL AND DESIGNATED COUNTY STAFF DURING ENGLEWOOD BEACH WATERFEST ON A DESIGNATED PATH, IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-5-317, CHARLOTTE COUNTY CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE..

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Englewood Beach Waterfest ("Waterfest") will be staged at Englewood Beach in Charlotte County ("County") from Thursday, October 8, 2026, through Sunday, October 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the promoter of Waterfest, Englewood Beach Waterfest Inc., ("Promoter"), has requested that the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") designate certain County roads within the Race Village Boundary as outlined in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, for use of golf carts, as defined in Section 320.01(22), F.S., by Promoter, its staff, event vendors, racing teams, designated County staff, law enforcement, and Fire/EMS personnel (collectively "Event Personnel"); and

WHEREAS, prior to making such a designation, Section 316.212, F.S., requires the County to determine that golf carts may safely travel on the designated County road(s), and to consider such factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road(s) or street(s); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the factors in Section 316.212, F.S., and determined that golf carts may safely travel on the designated County road(s) during Waterfest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-5-317, Charlotte County Code of Laws and Ordinances, it is unlawful for any person to operate a motor-driven vehicle upon the beach and dune system of any publicly owned lands without the written consent of the local government; and

WHEREAS, Promoter has requested the Board designate and allow certain access points and paths for motor-driven vehicles to be utilized by Event Personnel on Englewood Beach, as set forth in Exhibits "B" and "D", attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to permit and provide written consent for Event Personnel to operate motor-driven vehicles upon Englewood Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it to be in the public's interest to adopt this Resolution for the purposes expressed herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida that:

1. The above Recitals and Exhibits are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution.

2. The Board, having considered the factors set forth in Section 316.212, F.S., hereby determines that golf carts may safely travel during daylight hours and between sunset and sunrise (if in compliance with the requirements of Section 316.212, F.S.) on the designated County road(s) in Exhibit "A".

3. The operation of golf carts by Event Personnel on the designated County roads, access points, and paths on Englewood Beach, as described in Exhibits "A", "B" and "D", are hereby authorized from 9:00 a.m., Thursday, October 8, 2026, until 8:00 a.m., Monday, October 12, 2026. Promoter shall ensure that every golf cart used by Event Personnel shall prominently display a sticker or decal, in substantially the form attached hereto, and incorporated herein, as Exhibit "C", identifying it as a golf cart authorized by this Resolution.

4. Pursuant to Section 316.212, F.S., all authorized golf carts that travel on the designated County road(s) 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.

5. Pursuant to Section 316.212, F.S., golf carts operating on the designated County roads between sunset and sunrise must be equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield.

6. Pursuant to Section 316.212, F.S., a golf cart may not be operated on designated County road(s) by any person under the age of fourteen (14).

7. Upon adoption of this Resolution, and prior to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, County staff shall post appropriate signage, providing notice that golf cart usage is authorized exclusively for Event Personnel and only upon the

designated County road(s), access points, and paths on Englewood Beach, as described in Exhibits "A", "B" and "D". County staff is further directed to remove the signage by 8:00 a.m. or soon thereafter, Monday, October 12, 2026.

8. This Resolution shall serve as written consent, pursuant to Section 3-5-317, Charlotte County Code of Laws and Ordinances, authorizing Event Personnel to operate motor-driven vehicles upon Englewood Beach and areas as designated on Exhibits "B" and "D".

9. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2026.


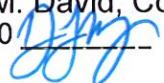
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman

ATTEST:
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of the Circuit
Court and Ex-officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

By:  _____
Thomas M. David, County Attorney
LR26-0560 



CHARLOTTE COUNTY

WaterFest- Beach Driving

Charlotte County Government



Stateplane Projection
Datum: NAD83
Units: Feet

Source: Community Development,

Metadata available upon request

Drive Lane
Access Lane to Water
Ingress/Egress

EXHIBIT "B"



(Not To Scale)

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GOLF CART
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EXHIBIT "C"

ENGLEWOOD BEACH WATERFEST ADJACENT ROADS



EXHIBIT D