

## **Town of Lake Park Town Commission**

## **Agenda Request Form**

Meeting Date: July 3, 2024 Agenda Item No.

Agenda Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE I TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 30-6 PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF MICROMOBILITY DEVICES, GOLF CARTS, LOW SPEED VEHICLES, AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II SECTION 30-35 PERTAINING TO HIGH-CAPACITY PASSSENGER OR WORK VANS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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## **Summary Explanation/Background:**

This ordinance is being brought forward based on the recommendation of Palm Beach County Sherriff's office to formalize procedures relating to golf carts, low speed vehicles, and micromobility devices and in accordance with the Town's Comprehensive Plan mobility policies. Currently, State Statute regulates the device specifications of golf carts, low speed vehicles, and

micromobility devices and where they can operate, but Lake Park has not utilized the State's regulatory framework until now. This has meant that these devices were previously operating in a "gray area." To provide greater procedural clarity to our partners in law enforcement and to promote the usage of these types of mobility devices, Staff is proposing adding new language to Chapter 30, Traffic and Motor Vehicles. The new regulatory language mirrors the State's in defining golf carts, low speed vehicles, and micromobility devices and how they may be operated. This ordinance has received input from the Palm Beach County Sherriff's Office as well as the Town Attorney's office on enforcement and legal matters.

Additionally, the ordinance contemplates integration with the Town's mobility plan, specifying which types of vehicles may utilize the multimodal pathways envisioned by the mobility plan. Staff is strongly in favor of creating this framework for the safe and lawful operation of multimodal transit options in accordance with our mobility plan and comprehensive plan mobility goals. See 4.5.6, Objective 2, Policy 2.5 below:

"The Town shall evaluate developing complete street policies identified in the Mobility Plan into it's land development regulations. These land development regulations would address the anticipated users of roads, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit, motorists. The land development regulations shall evaluate appropriate designs of roadway cross-sections based upon mobility and accessibility needs."

See also, 4.5.6, Objective 9, Policy 9.4:

"The Town shall evaluate allowing the use of micro transit vehicles, such as golf carts and neighborhood electric vehicles, by residents, businesses, visitors, and private operators."

Finally, since this ordinance is amending Chapter 30, some housekeeping elements were added to Section 30-35, further refining the definition of "high-capacity passenger van or work van," in response to issues which arose in the interpretation of this definition. The new definition is designed to eliminate any ambiguity.

Recommended Motion: I MOVE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. \_\_- 2024 on first reading.