

## RESOLUTION 2020-06

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE BANNING OF TRUCKS FROM THE LEFT LANE OF US 27 FROM FLORIDA ROUTE 60 NORTH TO INTERSTATE 4 IN BOTH DIRECTIONS EXCEPT WHEN MAKING A LEFT TURN.**

**WHEREAS**, US Highway 27 is the major north-south route connecting South Florida and the Georgia state line through Central Florida and Polk County; and

**WHEREAS**, Polk County has become a major logistics center for the state because of its central location and easy access to major highways; and

**WHEREAS**, the volume of large, tractor-trailer and other trucks traveling this route both north and south between Florida Route 60 and Interstate 4 has significantly increased, especially since the opening of the CSX Intermodal Facility in Winter Haven and the opening of a number of warehouse and distribution centers in the area of the US 27/I4 interchange: and

**WHEREAS**, these large trucks at times travel three abreast across all the travel lanes of US 27, impeding traffic and impacting the ability of emergency vehicles to respond; especially at intersections controlled by traffic signals; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed widening of US 27 to the south of Florida Route 60 is likely to further increase the automobile and truck traffic flow on US 27, further exasperating this problem; and

**WHEREAS**, the cities located along US 27 in Polk County are desirous of protecting their citizens and reducing the impact of increased truck traffic on local transportation and public safety services; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic regulations on US 27 in Polk County are the responsibility of the Florida Department of Transportation; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission/Council of the City of, Lake Wales, Florida that:

**SECTION 1.** The City of Lake Wales, requests that the Florida Department of Transportation implement traffic regulations that will prohibit large trucks from using the inside third lane of US 27 between Florida Route 60 and Interstate 4 in both directions, except when about to make a legal left turn; and

**SECTION 2.** The City of Lake Wales, requests the Florida Department of Transportation to continue to work with the cities along US 27 in Polk County to enforce these regulations to assure the safety and security of our citizens; and

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City of Lake Wales, Commission this \_\_\_ day of March, 2020.

City of Lake Wales,

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Eugene Fultz, Mayor

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Attest: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk