

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT HB 241/SB 350, WHICH ALLOWS AN EXCEPTION TO A PROHIBITION AGAINST DRIVING AT SLOW SPEEDS SET FORTH IN FS 316.183, TO INCLUDE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL ORDINANCES REGULATING OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR ANY OTHER CONVEYANCE ON FLOODED OR INUNDATED STREETS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Key West experiences rain and flooding events that affect many areas of the city, including, but not limited to: Atlantic Boulevard, First Street, Bertha Street, Eaton Street at White, Louisa Street, Upper United Street, and many areas in the Bahama Village neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes section 316.183 currently prohibits drivers from driving a motor vehicle at a slow speed which impedes the 'normal' movement of traffic; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to section 316.183, as proposed in HB 241 and SB 350, would allow the enactment and enforcement of a local ordinance to require slow speed motor vehicle traffic, effectively a "no wake zone," on actively flooded or inundated streets in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that a "no wake zone" ordinance would help to mitigate adverse effects caused by motor vehicles travelling at a 'normal' speed limit through flood waters,

creating waves and splashes that push damaging water into buildings and onto people and property; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that HB 241/SB 350 would grant local authority to enforce a local ordinance regarding driving speed on flooded roads, which would protect the health, welfare and safety of residents, property owners and visitors to Key West, along with citizens and business owners in every rain and flood-prone neighborhood in the state of Florida; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission urges the Florida Legislature to enact HB 241/SB 350, which would amend FS 316.183, to allow local ordinance(s) regulating the operation of a motor vehicle, boat or any other conveyance on flooded or inundated streets.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, State Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, State Representative James "Jim" Mooney, Jr., Senator DeCeglie (SB 350 Sponsor), Representative Cross (HB 241 Sponsor), and Monroe County Mayor Jim Scholl.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee	_____

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DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK