

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:

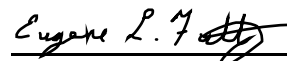
SECTION 1. The City of Lake Wales, requests that the Florida Department of Transportation implement traffic regulations that will prohibit large trucks from using the inside third lane of US 27 between Florida Route 60 and Interstate 4 in both directions, except when about to make a legal left turn; 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 17th day of March, 2020.

City of Lake Wales,



Eugene Fultz, Mayor

Attest: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk