

RESOLUTION #9118

DOG ISLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STATE OF FLORIDA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors (“Board”) of Dog Island Conservation District, at its duly called meeting of September 2nd, 2023, as follows:

I. Background

It is the intent and purpose of this Resolution to carry out Chapter 2001-304, Laws of Florida, by establishing and providing for collection of a road user fee to support operation and maintenance of roads within the District.

II. Definitions

1. “District” means the Dog Island Conservation District established by Chapter 2001-304, Laws of Florida, and previous enacting legislation.
2. “Board” means the Governing Board of the Board of Directors of the District.
3. “Resolution” means a resolution or rule as defined in Section 4(14), Chapter 2001-304, Laws of Florida.

III. Road User Fees

1. Pursuant to Section 4(12), Chapter 2001-304, Laws of Florida, a road user fee is hereby imposed on the owner or operator of each motor vehicle beginning January 1st, 2024 using the roads within the District in accordance with Section IV, below. This fee is to be collected regardless of how the vehicle is transported to the island (e.g., LCM or other vessel).
2. Heavy vehicles cause greater damage to the fragile roads in the District, and increase the cost of operating/maintaining the roads. The road user fee shall, therefore depend on the size or weight of the vehicle and be imposed according to the following schedule:

<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Golf cart	\$200
One axle vehicles (including boat trailers)	\$500
ATV or UTV	\$500
Two axle vehicles or equipment, including cars, pickup trucks, 2-axle trailers and vehicles under Gross Vehicle Weight GVW of 12,500 lbs.	\$600
Dump trucks, trucks, heavy equipment or other vehicle with GVW over 12,500 lbs.	\$700

IV. Collection

1. The user fee shall be due and paid to an agent designated by the Board each time a motor vehicle disembarks from a vessel and thereafter enters upon or uses a road maintained or operated by the District. No further fee shall be charged for such vehicle unless it is removed from Dog Island and again disembarked from a vessel and enters upon or uses a District road, in which case an additional fee shall be paid.
2. At the time of payment, a receipt shall be furnished by the designated agent of the District and the funds collected shall be accounted for and forthwith delivered to the Treasurer of the District for deposit in an account used to defray the cost of maintaining and operating the District roads.
3. Only agents or persons designated by Board resolution shall be authorized to accept payment and provide a receipt for the user fee.

V. Enforcement

1. Officers and agents of the District are authorized by the Board to take all reasonable actions to enforce this Resolution, and to require compliance by filing an action for nonpayment in the County of Franklin County, Florida.
2. The District shall be awarded attorney's fees and costs if it files an action for nonpayment and obtains a judgment in its favor.
3. LCM use privileges will be suspended for nonpayment or when criminal, civil or administrative charges have been filed against a user of the LCM.
4. Transportation of vehicles aboard the LCM will be denied to persons or entities owing road use fees.

VI. Exemptions

1. The District and the vehicles which it owns or operates shall be exempt from the user fee imposed by this Resolution.
2. On a once-per-year basis, and subject to space availability as determined by the Island Manager, no fee shall be charged for a fully operational vehicle which is removed from the island for service and returned to the island.

Resolution adopted by vote of the DICD Board of Directors, 2nd of September 2023 and to become effective January 1st, 2024



William B. Stone
Chair
Dog Island Conservation District Board