RESOLUTION NO. 18-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA RELATED TO THE "IRONMAN FLORIDA TRIATHLON"; AUTHORIZING EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC CONTROL OF PORTIONS OF SOUTH THOMAS DRIVE, THOMAS DRIVE, SURF DRIVE, FRONT BEACH ROAD, WEST PIER PARK DRIVE, PIER PARK DRIVE, BAY PARKWAY AND SR 79 ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018, AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018 FOR THE EVENT AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN THE BODY OF THE RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Ironman Florida is hosting the 20th annual Ironman Florida Triathlon, a swim, 26.2K run and 112 mile bike event (the "Event") on Saturday, November 3, 2018, which Event includes the Iron Kids Fun Run on Friday, November 2, 2018 in Panama City Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Event necessitates careful control and extraordinary usage of South Thomas Drive, Thomas Drive, Surf Drive, Front Beach Road, West Pier Park Drive, Pier Park Drive, Bay Parkway, and State Road 79, in the corporate limits of Panama City Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Panama City Beach that during the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Friday, November 2, 2018 all vehicular traffic shall be rerouted or otherwise controlled on South Thomas Drive from 9450 South Thomas Drive (Boardwalk Beach resort) for the Ironkids Fun Run.

AND be it FURTHER resolved by the City of Panama City Beach that during the hours of 4:00 A.M. and 11:59 P.M. on Saturday, November 3, 2018, all vehicular traffic shall be controlled on Front Beach Road west from South Thomas Drive to West Pier Park Drive, Pier Park Drive to Bay Parkway, then continuing to State Road 79, State Road 79 north to the City limits, and South Thomas Drive, Thomas Drive and Surf Drive east to the City limits per the attached maps which accompany this Resolution to accommodate the Event.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THIS this 27th day of September, 2018.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: [Signature]
Mike Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Jo Smith, City Clerk
1. DEPARTMENT MAKING REQUEST/NAME:
ADMINISTRATION

2. MEETING DATE:
September 27, 2018

3. REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:
Consideration of Resolution 18-135 for extraordinary traffic control on portions of South Thomas Drive, Thomas Drive, Surf Drive, Front Beach Road, W. Pier Park Drive, Pier Park Drive, Bay Parkway and SR 79 on November 2 and 3, 2018.

4. AGENDA
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6. BACKGROUND: (WHY IS THE ACTION NECESSARY, WHAT GOAL WILL BE ACHIEVED)
The 20th annual Ironman Florida Triathlon, will be held on November 3, 2018.

The event necessitates careful traffic control and extraordinary usage of South Thomas Drive, Thomas Drive, Surf Drive, Front Beach Road, W. Pier Park Drive, Pier Park Drive, Bay Parkway and State Road 79 in the corporate limits of Panama City Beach.

Staff recommends approval.
Good Morning Jo,

As you know I have had a little bit of difficulty getting a course for this year’s IRONMAN Florida. After much consideration with many local agencies I think this course is going to be good for all. I appreciate everything you do for me when it comes to these events and to all the work you do to make Panama City Beach what it is today.

Please find some notes below describing all possible scenarios with IRONMAN Florida this fall.

- I still need Mario’s signature for this permit, all others have been initialed previously
- Requesting permission to use Panama City Beach and Bay County roads to for the 20th annual IRONMAN Florida. The event will take place November 3, 2018 at the Boardwalk Beach Resort 9400 S Thomas Drive, PCB, Florida
- Additionally, request approval of the IRONKIDS Fun Run Friday 2 November 2018. The event will take place from 2 pm - 5 pm on Friday Nov.2 on S Thomas Drive
- Included in this package are the following documents:
  - Special Event Permit, course maps (Swim, Bike, and Run) also the Kids Fun Run
- We are asking for permission to use Panama City Beach roadways for the event.

If there are any questions related to this request, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me directly

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TO: Panama City Beach City Manager
FROM: IRONMAN Florida
SUBJECT: IRONMAN Florida 2018

September 11, 2018

In preparation for the 20th edition of IRONMAN Florida 2018, I would like to take this time to thank you for your continued support and consideration for this event. We are proud to be a part of this community and its continued relationship with Panama City Beach leadership and residents. Our partnership with the Tourist Development Council had continued to promote this event as a destination race within the IRONMAN circuit. The event’s popularity among athletes continues to grow with the events selling out each year. In recent years we have brought in an IRONKIDS fun run which has benefited many charities nationwide. Our IRONMAN Foundation continues to support local charities throughout the communities we conduct our events around the world. The Mission of the IRONMAN Foundation is to leave the IRONMAN Legacy through philanthropy, volunteerism, and grant making by supporting various athletic, community, education, health, human services, and public-benefit organizations around the world. Since its inception in 2003, the IRONMAN Foundation has made philanthropic contributions totaling more than $46 Million dollars to hundreds of nonprofits worldwide.

This year, IMF will be providing over $1.6 Million in grant funding worldwide within IRONMAN race communities.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.
Respectfully,

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TO: PANAMA CITY BEACH CITY MANAGER  
FROM: IRONMAN Florida  
SUBJECT: IRONKIDS Fun Run 2018  

September 11, 2018  

For several months we have been planning for IRONMAN Florida at the Boardwalk Beach Resort. As you know we start set up on Monday October 30, 2017 within the confines of the Boardwalk Beach Resort (9600 South Thomas Dr.) with the event taking place on Saturday November 3rd. On Friday November 2nd, we will have our annual IRONKIDS Fun Run to raise awareness and funds for the Children’s Tumor Foundation. We are requesting the closure of South Thomas Drive to local traffic only from 12 noon Friday Nov. 2 until 6 AM Monday Nov. 4th. Residents will access their properties from either end of South Thomas Dr. throughout the day. Detour signs will be in place to direct you to the desired property properties and access local traffic only. The closure will be entirely in front of the Boardwalk property. All traffic will be directed east or west of the Boardwalk property depending on which properties are to be accessed.

Thank you for your consideration for this request. If there are any questions please reach out to me directly so I can answer any concerns there may be.

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RUN COURSE
26.2 MILES / 2 LOOPS
PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA

TURN BY TURN DIRECTIONS
- Start at the Boardwalk Beach Resort and go east on South Thomas Dr. to Thomas Dr.
- Right on Thomas Dr.
- Right on Juan Ave.
- Left on Surf Dr.
- Left on Utes, crossing Thomas Dr.
- Bear right on Sunset Ave.
- Bear left on South Lagoon Dr.
- Right on Mystic St.
- Left on Hilltop Ave.
- Left on Treasure Cir.
- Right on Beach Dr.
- Left on Irwin St.
- Left on Thomas Dr.
- Right on Spyglass Dr.
- Left on Lookout St.
- Right on Thomad Dr. continuing into St. Andrew's State Park
- Enter park, following perimeter of parking area
- Follow path onto St. Park Cir. making a right turn
- Continue to turnaround and reverse direction
- Turn left onto St. Park Lane following cones towards the park exit
- Exit St. Park returning to the Boardwalk Beach Resort
- Turnaround on South Thomas Dr. (special needs) behind Alvin's Island
- Turn left for second loop/straight to finish at Boardwalk Beach Resort
- Finish at the Boardwalk Beach Resort

LEGEND
- Transition Area
- Start Line
- Finish Line
- 1st Loop Mile Markers
- 2nd Loop Mile Markers
- Begin 2nd Loop
- U-Turn
- Water/Aid Station

Start Elevation: 21 ft  - Finishing Elevation: 21 ft  - Gain: 148 ft
TO: Florida Department of Transportation  
FROM: IRONMAN Florida  
SUBJECT: IRONMAN Florida Bike Course  

September 12, 2018

To whom it may concern,

IRONMAN Florida is on November 3, 2018 and we are celebrating 20 years in the greater Panama City Beach / Bay County area. While planning these events we encounter many conditions that are identified by staff, law enforcement, the FDOT as well as residents within our communities.

In recent years the area of Highway 20 between Highway 79 and Highway 77 has caused us to reevaluate this area. While designing these courses we consider many conditions related to the event to include road conditions, traffic flow, and other inputs from many agencies. We have identified this area as overly congested with cyclists and motor vehicles, and 18 wheeled vehicles traveling in in both direction (east / west). We are evaluating options we consider may solve this problem. With that said we have come up with a couple of ideas we think would eliminate the concern in this area.

1) We request for a temporary road closure on Highway 20 during the hours of 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM on November 3, 2018
2) We request limited vehicular traffic to only allow 2 axle vehicles between the hours of 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

If you could please consider these options and let us know as soon as possible.
Thank you for your continued support

Respectfully,

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**TURN BY TURN DIRECTIONS**

- Left out of transition onto South Thomas Dr.
- Left onto Front Beach Rd.
- Left at Front Beach Rd./Middle Beach Rd. Merge
- Right onto West Pier-Park Dr.
- Left onto Pier Park Dr.
- Continue across Panama City Beach Pkwy onto the Bay Pkwy
- Right turn onto Highway 79 North
- Right turn onto Highway 20 East
- Right turn onto Highway 77 South
- Left onto County Rd. 388
- Left turn onto Blue Springs Rd.
- Left turn onto Highway 20 West
- Left turn onto Highway 79 South
- Right turn onto Gayle's Trails
- Left turn onto Griffin Blvd.
- Left onto Beach Park Trail (out and back)
- Left turn onto Griffin Blvd.
- Right turn onto Ashley Dr.
- Right turn onto Panama City Beach Pkwy West
- Continue on the Panama City Beach Pkwy over the Phillips Inlet Bridge
- Turn Around at the Bay County Line US 98 East, Panama City Beach Pkwy
- Right onto Front Beach Rd.
- Continue on Front Beach Rd.
- Right turn at Front Beach Rd./Middle Beach Rd. Merge
- Right turn onto South Thomas Dr.
- Right into transition

**LEGEND**

- Transition Area
- Start Line
- Finish Line
- Mile Markers
- U-Turn

**Start Elevation: 26 ft** - **Finishing Elevation: 26 ft** - **Gain: 1329 ft**
IRONMAN Florida Bike Course
Turn by Turn MAP 3

Left out of transition onto South Thomas Drive
Left onto Front Beach Road
Left at Front Beach Road / Middle Beach Road Merge
Right onto West Pier Park Drive
Left onto Pier Park Drive
Continue across Panama City Beach Parkway onto the Bay Parkway
Right turn onto Highway 79 North
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Left onto County Road 388
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Left turn onto Griffin Boulevard
Left onto Beach Park Trail (out and back)
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Right turn onto Panama City Beach Parkway West
Continue west on the Panama City Beach Parkway over the Phillips Inlet Bridge
Turn Around at the Bay County Line US 98 East (Panama City Beach Parkway)
Right onto Front Beach Road
Continue on Front Beach Road
Right turn at Front Beach Road / Middle Beach Road Merge
Right turn onto South Thomas Drive
Right into transition