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TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: December 14, 2021

TO:	Mayor and Town Council
VIA:	Kirk Blouin, Town Manager
FROM:	John C. Randolph, Town Attorney
DATE:	December 3, 2021
RE:	Ordinance No. 30-2021

RECOMMENDATION

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It's recommended that the Town Council approve Ordinance No. 30-2021, amending Ordinance 21-2021 which restricts access to certain public beaches in the Town from sunset to sunrise so as to recognize the rights of the Root Trail property owners, thereby exempting Root Trail property owners from the restriction based upon their property rights established and recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 22 of the official records of Palm Beach County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ordinance 21-2021 was adopted so as to close beach access areas between Wells Road South to Sunset Avenue, including Wells Road, Dunbar Road, Root Trail and Sunset Avenue from sunset to sunrise the following day. Subsequent research has indicated that property owners on Root Trail have a deeded right of access. Therefore, the Town cannot close access to the beach to the Root Trail property owners. This ordinance exempts Root Trail property owners from this sunset to sunrise restriction based upon their deeded property rights set forth in Plat Book 1, Page 22 of the official records of Palm Beach County. Although the beach access at Root Trail will be gated from sunset to sunrise, Root Trail property owners shall be afforded access to the beach by way of a gate key or combination lock which will allow them, and only them, to access the beach during the restricted hours.