

EAST RIDGE

Community Development District

OCTOBER 30, 2023

AGENDA

East Ridge
Community Development District
475 West Town Place
Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092

October 23, 2023

Board of Supervisors
East Ridge Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the East Ridge Community Development District will be held Monday, October 30, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at 517 E. College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. Immediately following will be the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Landowners' Meeting

- I. Roll Call
- II. Determination of Number of Voting Units Represented
- III. Election of a Chairman for the Purpose of Conducting the Landowners' Meeting
- IV. Nominations for the Position of Supervisors
- V. Casting of Ballots
- VI. Tabulation of Ballots and Announcement of Results
- VII. Landowners Questions and Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

Organizational Meeting

- I. Introduction
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Public Comment Period
 - C. Oath of Office

II. Organizational Matters

- A. Information on Community Development Districts and Public Official Responsibilities and Florida Statutes Chapter 190
- B. Consideration of Resolution 2024-01, Canvassing and Certifying the Results of the Landowners Election
- C. Election of Officers
 - 1. Resolution 2024-02, Appointing Officers
 - 2. Resolution 2024-03, Appointing Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

III. Retention of District Staff

- A. Consideration of Agreement for District Management Services
 - 1. Resolution 2024-04, Appointing District Manager
- B. Consideration of Agreement for District Counsel Services
 - 2. Resolution 2024-05, Appointing District Counsel
- C. Resolution 2024-06, Selection of Registered Agent and Office
- D. Resolution 2024-07, Appointing Interim District Engineer
- E. Consideration of Interim District Engineering Agreement and Work Authorization No. 1
- F. Request Authorization to Issue RFQ for Engineering Services

IV. Designation of Meetings and Hearing Dates

- A. Consideration of Resolution 2024-08, Designation of Regular Monthly Meeting Date, Time and Location for Fiscal Year 2024
- B. Designation of Date of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules of Procedure in accordance with Section 120.54, Florida Statutes
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2024-09, Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Rules of the District
 - A. Rules of Procedure
- C. Designation of Date of Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024
 - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2024-10, Setting the Public Hearing and Approving the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget
 - 2. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Funding Agreement
 - 3. Consideration of Funding Request No. 1

- D. Resolution 2024-11, Setting Date of Public Hearing Expressing the District's Intent to Utilize the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting and Enforcing Non Ad-Valorem Assessments in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes

V. Other Organizational Matters

- A. Resolution 2024-12, Designating a Qualified Public Depository
- B. Resolution 2024-13, Authorization of Bank Account Signatories
- C. Consideration of Resolution 2024-14, Relating to Defense of Board Members
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2024-15, Adopting Internal Controls Policy
- E. Resolution 2024-16, Ratifying District Counsel Recording the “Notice of Establishment” in the Property Records of Leon County in accordance with Chapter 190.0485, Florida Statutes
 - 1. Notice of Establishment
- F. Consideration of Resolution 2024-17, Adopting Investment Guidelines
- G. Consideration of Resolution 2024-18, Authorizing Execution of Public Depositor Report
- H. Consideration of Resolution 2024-19, Designating a Policy for Public Comment
- I. Consideration of Resolution 2024-20, Adopting a Travel and Reimbursement Policy
- J. Consideration of Resolution 2024-21, Adopting Prompt Payment Policy
- K. Consideration of Resolution 2024-22, Adopting a Records Retention Policy
- L. Consideration of Compensation to Board Members
- M. Resolution 2024-23, Designating a Local Public Records Office
- N. Resolution 2024-24, Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District
- O. Consideration of Website Services Agreement
- P. Authorization to Prepare Public Facilities Report in Accordance with Chapter 189.08 Florida Statutes to Coincide with Special District Filing Date of August 1st for Leon County
- Q. Consideration of Resolution 2024-25, Authorizing Chairperson to Execute Plats, Permits, and Conveyances
- R. Consideration of Resolution 2024-26, Authorizing the Disbursement of Funds

S. Resolution 2024-27, Ratifying Actions of District Staff in Noticing Landowners Meeting

T. Appointment of Audit Committee

VI. Capital Improvements

A. Appointment of Financing Team

1. Bond Counsel

a. Consideration of Resolution 2024-28, Appointing Bond Counsel

2. Investment Banker

a. Consideration of Resolution 2024-29, Appointing an Investment Banker

3. Assessment Administrator

4. Trustee

B. Approval of Financing Team Funding Agreement

VII. Financing Matters

A. Consideration of Master Engineer's Report

B. Consideration of Master Assessment Methodology Report

C. Consideration of Resolution 2024-30, Declaring Special Assessments and Setting a Public Hearing

VIII. Other Business

A. Staff Reports

1. Attorney

a. Presentation of E-Verify Memorandum

2. Manager

B. Supervisors Requests

IX. Adjournment

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

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190.001 Short title.—This act may be cited as the “Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980.”
History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.002 Legislative findings, policies, and intent.—

(1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) There is a need for uniform, focused, and fair procedures in state law to provide a reasonable alternative for the establishment, power, operation, and duration of independent districts to manage and finance basic community development services; and that, based upon a proper and fair determination of applicable facts, an independent district can constitute a timely, efficient, effective, responsive, and economic way to deliver these basic services, thereby providing a solution to the state’s planning, management, and financing needs for delivery of capital infrastructure in order to service projected growth without overburdening other governments and their taxpayers.

(b) It is in the public interest that any independent special district created pursuant to state law not outlive its usefulness and that the operation of such a district and the exercise by the district of its powers be consistent with applicable due process, disclosure, accountability, ethics, and government-in-the-sunshine requirements which apply both to governmental entities and to their elected and appointed officials.

(c) It is in the public interest that long-range planning, management, and financing and long-term maintenance, upkeep, and operation of basic services for community development districts be under one coordinated entity.

(2) It is the policy of this state:

(a) That the needless and indiscriminate proliferation, duplication, and fragmentation of local general-purpose government services by independent districts is not in the public interest.

(b) That independent districts are a legitimate alternative method available for use by the private and public sectors, as authorized by state law, to manage and finance basic services for community developments.

(c) That the exercise by any independent district of its powers as set forth by uniform general law comply with all applicable governmental laws, rules, regulations, and policies governing planning and permitting of the development to be serviced by the district, to ensure that neither the establishment nor operation of such district is a development order under chapter 380 and that the district so established does not have any zoning or permitting powers governing development.

(d) That the process of establishing such a district pursuant to uniform general law be fair and based only on factors material to managing and financing the service delivery function of the district, so that any matter concerning permitting or planning of the development is not material or relevant.

(3) It is the legislative intent and purpose, based upon, and consistent with, its findings of fact and declarations of policy, to authorize a uniform procedure by general law to establish an independent special district as an alternative method to manage and finance basic services for community development. It is further the legislative intent and purpose to provide by general law for the uniform operation, exercise of power, and procedure for termination of any such independent district. It is further the purpose and intent of the Legislature that a district created under this chapter not have or exercise any zoning or development permitting power, that the establishment of the independent community development district as provided in this act not be a development order within the meaning of chapter 380, and that all applicable planning and permitting laws, rules, regulations, and policies control the development of the land to be serviced by the district. It is further the purpose and intent

of the Legislature that no debt or obligation of a district constitute a burden on any local general-purpose government without its consent.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 1, ch. 84-360.

190.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) “Ad valorem bonds” means bonds which are payable from the proceeds of ad valorem taxes levied on real and tangible personal property and which are generally referred to as general obligation bonds.

(2) “Assessable improvements” means, without limitation, any and all public improvements and community facilities that the district is empowered to provide in accordance with this act.

(3) “Assessment bonds” means special obligations of the district which are payable solely from proceeds of the special assessments levied for an assessable project.

(4) “Board” or “board of supervisors” means the governing board of the district or, if such board has been abolished, the board, body, or commission succeeding to the principal functions thereof or to whom the powers given to the board by this act have been given by law.

(5) “Bond” includes “certificate,” and the provisions which are applicable to bonds are equally applicable to certificates. The term “bond” includes any general obligation bond, assessment bond, refunding bond, revenue bond, and other such obligation in the nature of a bond as is provided for in this act, as the case may be.

(6) “Community development district” means a local unit of special-purpose government which is created pursuant to this act and limited to the performance of those specialized functions authorized by this act; the governing head of which is a body created, organized, and constituted and authorized to function specifically as prescribed in this act for the purpose of the delivery of urban community development services; and the formation, powers, governing body, operation, duration, accountability, requirements for disclosure, and termination of which are as required by general law.

(7) “Compact, urban, mixed-use district” means a district located within a municipality and within a community redevelopment area created pursuant to s. 163.356, that consists of a maximum of 75 acres, and has development entitlements of at least 400,000 square feet of retail development and 500 residential units.

(8) “Cost,” when used with reference to any project, includes, but is not limited to:

(a) The expenses of determining the feasibility or practicability of acquisition, construction, or reconstruction.

(b) The cost of surveys, estimates, plans, and specifications.

(c) The cost of improvements.

(d) Engineering, fiscal, and legal expenses and charges.

(e) The cost of all labor, materials, machinery, and equipment.

(f) The cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements, and franchises acquired.

(g) Financing charges.

(h) The creation of initial reserve and debt service funds.

(i) Working capital.

(j) Interest charges incurred or estimated to be incurred on money borrowed prior to and during construction and acquisition and for such reasonable period of time after completion of construction or acquisition as the board may determine.

(k) The cost of issuance of bonds pursuant to this act, including advertisements and printing.

(l) The cost of any election held pursuant to this act and all other expenses of issuance of bonds.

(m) The discount, if any, on the sale or exchange of bonds.

(n) Administrative expenses.

(o) Such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of any project or to the financing thereof, or to the development of any lands within the district.

(p) Payments, contributions, dedications, fair share or concurrency obligations, and any other exactions required

as a condition to receive any government approval or permit necessary to accomplish any district purpose.

(9) "District" means the community development district.

(10) "District manager" means the manager of the district.

(11) "District roads" means highways, streets, roads, alleys, sidewalks, landscaping, storm drains, bridges, and thoroughfares of all kinds and descriptions.

(12) "Elector" means a landowner or qualified elector.

(13) "General obligation bonds" means bonds which are secured by, or provide for their payment by, the pledge, in addition to those special taxes levied for their discharge and such other sources as may be provided for their payment or pledged as security under the resolution authorizing their issuance, of the full faith and credit and taxing power of the district and for payment of which recourse may be had against the general fund of the district.

(14) "Landowner" means the owner of a freehold estate as appears by the deed record, including a trustee, a private corporation, and an owner of a condominium unit; it does not include a reversioner, remainderman, mortgagee, or any governmental entity, who shall not be counted and need not be notified of proceedings under this act. Landowner shall also mean the owner of a ground lease from a governmental entity, which leasehold interest has a remaining term, excluding all renewal options, in excess of 50 years.

(15) "Local general-purpose government" means a county, municipality, or consolidated city-county government.

(16) "Project" means any development, improvement, property, utility, facility, works, enterprise, or service now existing or hereafter undertaken or established under the provisions of this act.

(17) "Qualified elector" means any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida and of the district, and who registers to vote with the supervisor of elections in the county in which the district land is located.

(18) "Refunding bonds" means bonds issued to refinance outstanding bonds of any type and the interest and redemption premium thereon. Refunding bonds shall be issuable and payable in the same manner as the refinanced bonds, except that no approval by the electorate shall be required unless required by the State Constitution.

(19) "Revenue bonds" means obligations of the district which are payable from revenues derived from sources other than ad valorem taxes on real or tangible personal property and which do not pledge the property, credit, or general tax revenue of the district.

(20) "Sewer system" means any plant, system, facility, or property, and additions, extensions, and improvements thereto at any future time constructed or acquired as part thereof, useful or necessary or having the present capacity for future use in connection with the collection, treatment, purification, or disposal of sewage, including, without limitation, industrial wastes resulting from any process of industry, manufacture, trade, or business or from the development of any natural resource. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "sewer system" includes treatment plants, pumping stations, lift stations, valves, force mains, intercepting sewers, laterals, pressure lines, mains, and all necessary appurtenances and equipment; all sewer mains, laterals, and other devices for the reception and collection of sewage from premises connected therewith; and all real and personal property and any interest therein, rights, easements, and franchises of any nature relating to any such system and necessary or convenient for operation thereof.

(21) "Water management and control facilities" means any lakes, canals, ditches, reservoirs, dams, levees, sluiceways, floodways, curbs, gutters, pumping stations, or any other works, structures, or facilities for the conservation, control, development, utilization, and disposal of water, and any purposes appurtenant, necessary, or incidental thereto. The term "water management and control facilities" includes all real and personal property and any interest therein, rights, easements, and franchises of any nature relating to any such water management and control facilities or necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, operation, or maintenance thereof.

(22) "Water system" means any plant, system, facility, or property and additions, extensions, and improvements thereto at any future time constructed or acquired as part thereof, useful or necessary or having the present capacity for future use in connection with the development of sources, treatment, or purification and distribution of water. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "water system" includes dams, reservoirs, storage, tanks, mains, lines, valves, hydrants, pumping stations, chilled water distribution systems, laterals, and pipes for the purpose of carrying water to the premises connected with such system, and all rights, easements, and franchises of any nature relating to any such system and necessary or convenient for the operation thereof.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 2, ch. 84-360; s. 10, ch. 87-363; s. 2, ch. 91-308; s. 33, ch. 2000-364; s. 1, ch. 2007-160; s. 1, ch. 2009-142.

190.004 Preemption; sole authority.—

(1) This act constitutes the sole authorization for the future establishment of independent community development districts which have any of the specialized functions and powers provided by this act.

(2) The adoption of chapter 84-360, Laws of Florida, does not affect the validity of the establishment of any community development district or other special district existing on June 29, 1984; and existing community development districts will be subject to the provisions of chapter 190, as amended. All actions taken prior to July 1, 2000, by a community development district existing on June 29, 1984, if taken pursuant to the authority contained in chapter 80-407, Laws of Florida, or this chapter are hereby deemed to have adequate statutory authority. Nothing herein shall affect the validity of any outstanding indebtedness of a community development district established prior to June 29, 1984, and such district is hereby authorized to continue to comply with all terms and requirements of trust indentures or loan agreements relating to such outstanding indebtedness.

(3) The establishment of an independent community development district as provided in this act is not a development order within the meaning of chapter 380. All governmental planning, environmental, and land development laws, regulations, and ordinances apply to all development of the land within a community development district. Community development districts do not have the power of a local government to adopt a comprehensive plan, building code, or land development code, as those terms are defined in the Community Planning Act. A district shall take no action which is inconsistent with applicable comprehensive plans, ordinances, or regulations of the applicable local general-purpose government.

(4) The exclusive charter for a community development district shall be the uniform community development district charter as set forth in ss. 190.006-190.041, including the special powers provided by s. 190.012.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 3, ch. 84-360; s. 27, ch. 85-55; s. 34, ch. 87-224; s. 34, ch. 99-378; s. 9, ch. 2000-304; s. 39, ch. 2011-139.

190.005 Establishment of district.—

(1) The exclusive and uniform method for the establishment of a community development district with a size of 2,500 acres or more shall be pursuant to a rule, adopted under chapter 120 by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, granting a petition for the establishment of a community development district.

(a) A petition for the establishment of a community development district shall be filed by the petitioner with the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission. The petition shall contain:

1. A metes and bounds description of the external boundaries of the district. Any real property within the external boundaries of the district which is to be excluded from the district shall be specifically described, and the last known address of all owners of such real property shall be listed. The petition shall also address the impact of the proposed district on any real property within the external boundaries of the district which is to be excluded from the district.

2. The written consent to the establishment of the district by all landowners whose real property is to be included in the district or documentation demonstrating that the petitioner has control by deed, trust agreement, contract, or option of 100 percent of the real property to be included in the district, and when real property to be

included in the district is owned by a governmental entity and subject to a ground lease as described in s. 190.003(14), the written consent by such governmental entity.

3. A designation of five persons to be the initial members of the board of supervisors, who shall serve in that office until replaced by elected members as provided in s. 190.006.

4. The proposed name of the district.

5. A map of the proposed district showing current major trunk water mains and sewer interceptors and outfalls if in existence.

6. Based upon available data, the proposed timetable for construction of the district services and the estimated cost of constructing the proposed services. These estimates shall be submitted in good faith but are not binding and may be subject to change.

7. A designation of the future general distribution, location, and extent of public and private uses of land proposed for the area within the district by the future land use plan element of the effective local government comprehensive plan of which all mandatory elements have been adopted by the applicable general-purpose local government in compliance with the Community Planning Act.

8. A statement of estimated regulatory costs in accordance with the requirements of s. 120.541.

(b) Prior to filing the petition, the petitioner shall:

1. Pay a filing fee of \$15,000 to the county, if located within an unincorporated area, or to the municipality, if located within an incorporated area, and to each municipality the boundaries of which are contiguous with, or contain all or a portion of the land within, the external boundaries of the district.

2. Submit a copy of the petition to the county, if located within an unincorporated area, or to the municipality, if located within an incorporated area, and to each municipality the boundaries of which are contiguous with, or contain all or a portion of, the land within the external boundaries of the district.

3. If land to be included within a district is located partially within the unincorporated area of one or more counties and partially within a municipality or within two or more municipalities, pay a \$15,000 filing fee to each entity. Districts established across county boundaries shall be required to maintain records, hold meetings and hearings, and publish notices only in the county where the majority of the acreage within the district lies.

(c) Such county and each such municipality required by law to receive a petition may conduct a public hearing to consider the relationship of the petition to the factors specified in paragraph (e). The public hearing shall be concluded within 45 days after the date the petition is filed unless an extension of time is requested by the petitioner and granted by the county or municipality. The county or municipality holding such public hearing may by resolution express its support of, or objection to the granting of, the petition by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission. A resolution must base any objection to the granting of the petition upon the factors specified in paragraph (e). Such county or municipality may present its resolution of support or objection at the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission hearing and shall be afforded an opportunity to present relevant information in support of its resolution.

(d) A local public hearing on the petition shall be conducted by a hearing officer in conformance with the applicable requirements and procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act. The hearing shall include oral and written comments on the petition pertinent to the factors specified in paragraph (e). The hearing shall be held at an accessible location in the county in which the community development district is to be located. The petitioner shall cause a notice of the hearing to be published for 4 successive weeks on a publicly accessible website as provided in s. 50.0311 or, if published in print, in a newspaper at least once a week for the 4 successive weeks immediately prior to the hearing as provided in chapter 50. Such notice shall give the time and place for the hearing, a description of the area to be included in the district, which description shall include a map showing clearly the area to be covered by the district, and any other relevant information which the establishing governing bodies may require. If published in the print edition of a newspaper, the advertisement may not be placed in the

portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement must be published in a newspaper in the county and of general interest and readership in the community pursuant to chapter 50. Whenever possible, the advertisement shall appear in a newspaper that is published at least weekly, unless the only newspaper in the community is published less than weekly. If the notice is published in the print edition of the newspaper, the map must also be included in any online advertisement pursuant to s. 50.0211. All affected units of general-purpose local government and the general public shall be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the petition.

(e) The Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission shall consider the entire record of the local hearing, the transcript of the hearing, resolutions adopted by local general-purpose governments as provided in paragraph (c), and the following factors and make a determination to grant or deny a petition for the establishment of a community development district:

1. Whether all statements contained within the petition have been found to be true and correct.
2. Whether the establishment of the district is inconsistent with any applicable element or portion of the state comprehensive plan or of the effective local government comprehensive plan.
3. Whether the area of land within the proposed district is of sufficient size, is sufficiently compact, and is sufficiently contiguous to be developable as one functional interrelated community.
4. Whether the district is the best alternative available for delivering community development services and facilities to the area that will be served by the district.
5. Whether the community development services and facilities of the district will be incompatible with the capacity and uses of existing local and regional community development services and facilities.
6. Whether the area that will be served by the district is amenable to separate special-district government.

(f) The Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission shall not adopt any rule which would expand, modify, or delete any provision of the uniform community development district charter as set forth in ss. 190.006-190.041, except as provided in s. 190.012. A rule establishing a community development district shall only contain the following:

1. A metes and bounds description of the external boundaries of the district and any real property within the external boundaries of the district which is to be excluded.
2. The names of five persons designated to be the initial members of the board of supervisors.
3. The name of the district.

(g) The Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission may adopt rules setting forth its procedures for considering petitions to establish, expand, modify, or delete uniform community development districts or portions thereof consistent with the provisions of this section.

(2) The exclusive and uniform method for the establishment of a community development district of less than 2,500 acres in size or a community development district of up to 7,000 acres in size located within a connected-city corridor established pursuant to s. 163.3246(13) shall be pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the county commission of the county having jurisdiction over the majority of land in the area in which the district is to be located granting a petition for the establishment of a community development district as follows:

(a) A petition for the establishment of a community development district shall be filed by the petitioner with the county commission. The petition shall contain the same information as required in paragraph (1)(a).

(b) A public hearing on the petition shall be conducted by the county commission in accordance with the requirements and procedures of paragraph (1)(d).

(c) The county commission shall consider the record of the public hearing and the factors set forth in paragraph (1)(e) in making its determination to grant or deny a petition for the establishment of a community development district.

(d) The county commission may not adopt any ordinance which would expand, modify, or delete any provision of

the uniform community development district charter as set forth in ss. 190.006-190.041. An ordinance establishing a community development district shall only include the matters provided for in paragraph (1)(f) unless the commission consents to any of the optional powers under s. 190.012(2) at the request of the petitioner.

(e) If all of the land in the area for the proposed district is within the territorial jurisdiction of a municipal corporation, then the petition requesting establishment of a community development district under this act shall be filed by the petitioner with that particular municipal corporation. In such event, the duties of the county, hereinabove described, in action upon the petition shall be the duties of the municipal corporation. If any of the land area of a proposed district is within the land area of a municipality, the county commission may not create the district without municipal approval. If all of the land in the area for the proposed district, even if less than 2,500 acres, is within the territorial jurisdiction of two or more municipalities or two or more counties, except for proposed districts within a connected-city corridor established pursuant to s. 163.3246(13), the petition shall be filed with the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission and proceed in accordance with subsection (1).

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, within 90 days after a petition for the establishment of a community development district has been filed pursuant to this subsection, the governing body of the county or municipal corporation may transfer the petition to the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, which shall make the determination to grant or deny the petition as provided in subsection (1). A county or municipal corporation shall have no right or power to grant or deny a petition that has been transferred to the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission.

(3) The governing body of any existing special district, created to provide one or more of the public improvements and community facilities authorized by this act, may petition for reestablishment of the existing district as a community development district pursuant to this act. The petition shall contain the information specified in subparagraphs (1)(a)1., 3., 4., 5., 6., and 7. and shall not require payment of a fee pursuant to paragraph (1)(b). In such case, the new district so formed shall assume the existing obligations, indebtedness, and guarantees of indebtedness of the district so subsumed, and the existing district shall be terminated.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; ss. 4, 5, ch. 84-360; s. 28, ch. 85-55; s. 35, ch. 87-224; s. 34, ch. 96-410; s. 6, ch. 98-146; s. 35, ch. 99-378; s. 34, ch. 2000-364; s. 2, ch. 2007-160; s. 33, ch. 2008-4; s. 4, ch. 2009-142; s. 40, ch. 2011-139; s. 6, ch. 2012-212; s. 13, ch. 2015-30; s. 1, ch. 2016-94; s. 10, ch. 2018-158; s. 17, ch. 2021-17; s. 16, ch. 2022-103.

190.006 Board of supervisors; members and meetings.—

(1) The board of the district shall exercise the powers granted to the district pursuant to this act. The board shall consist of five members; except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall hold office for a term of 2 years or 4 years, as provided in this section, and until a successor is chosen and qualifies. The members of the board must be residents of the state and citizens of the United States.

(2)(a) Within 90 days following the effective date of the rule or ordinance establishing the district, there shall be held a meeting of the landowners of the district for the purpose of electing five supervisors for the district. Notice of the landowners' meeting shall be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper which is in general circulation in the area of the district, the last day of such publication to be not fewer than 14 days or more than 28 days before the date of the election. The landowners, when assembled at such meeting, shall organize by electing a chair who shall conduct the meeting. The chair may be any person present at the meeting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions.

(b) At such meeting, each landowner shall be entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her and located within the district for each person to be elected. A landowner may vote in person or by proxy in writing. Each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property, or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more

than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy need not be notarized. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as 1 acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a period of 4 years, and the three candidates receiving the next largest number of votes shall be elected for a period of 2 years, with the term of office for each successful candidate commencing upon election. The members of the first board elected by landowners shall serve their respective 4-year or 2-year terms; however, the next election by landowners shall be held on the first Tuesday in November. Thereafter, there shall be an election of supervisors for the district every 2 years in November on a date established by the board and noticed pursuant to paragraph (a). The second and subsequent landowners' election shall be announced at a public meeting of the board at least 90 days prior to the date of the landowners' meeting and shall also be noticed pursuant to paragraph (a). Instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election, along with sample proxies, shall be provided during the board meeting that announces the landowners' meeting. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to serve for a 4-year period, and the remaining candidate elected shall serve for a 2-year period.

(3)(a)1. If the board proposes to exercise the ad valorem taxing power authorized by s. 190.021, the district board shall call an election at which the members of the board of supervisors will be elected. Such election shall be held in conjunction with a primary or general election unless the district bears the cost of a special election. Each member shall be elected by the qualified electors of the district for a term of 4 years, except that, at the first such election, three members shall be elected for a period of 4 years and two members shall be elected for a period of 2 years. All elected board members must be qualified electors of the district.

2.a. Regardless of whether a district has proposed to levy ad valorem taxes, commencing 6 years after the initial appointment of members or, for a district exceeding 5,000 acres in area or for a compact, urban, mixed-use district, 10 years after the initial appointment of members, the position of each member whose term has expired shall be filled by a qualified elector of the district, elected by the qualified electors of the district. However, for those districts established after June 21, 1991, and for those existing districts established after December 31, 1983, which have less than 50 qualified electors on June 21, 1991, sub-subparagraphs b. and d. shall apply. If, in the 6th year after the initial appointment of members, or 10 years after such initial appointment for districts exceeding 5,000 acres in area or for a compact, urban, mixed-use district, there are not at least 250 qualified electors in the district, or for a district exceeding 5,000 acres or for a compact, urban, mixed-use district, there are not at least 500 qualified electors, members of the board shall continue to be elected by landowners.

b. After the 6th or 10th year, once a district reaches 250 or 500 qualified electors, respectively, then the positions of two board members whose terms are expiring shall be filled by qualified electors of the district, elected by the qualified electors of the district for 4-year terms. The remaining board member whose term is expiring shall be elected for a 4-year term by the landowners and is not required to be a qualified elector. Thereafter, as terms expire, board members shall be qualified electors elected by qualified electors of the district for a term of 4 years.

c. Once a district qualifies to have any of its board members elected by the qualified electors of the district, the initial and all subsequent elections by the qualified electors of the district shall be held at the general election in November. The board shall adopt a resolution if necessary to implement this requirement when the board determines the number of qualified electors as required by sub-subparagraph d., to extend or reduce the terms of current board members.

d. On or before June 1 of each year, the board shall determine the number of qualified electors in the district as of the immediately preceding April 15. The board shall use and rely upon the official records maintained by the

supervisor of elections and property appraiser or tax collector in each county in making this determination. Such determination shall be made at a properly noticed meeting of the board and shall become a part of the official minutes of the district.

(b) Elections of board members by qualified electors held pursuant to this subsection shall be nonpartisan and shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general elections. The district shall publish a notice of the qualifying period set by the supervisor of elections for each election at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the qualifying period. Board members shall assume the office on the second Tuesday following their election. If no elector qualifies for a seat to be filled in an election, a vacancy in that seat shall be declared by the board effective on the second Tuesday following the election. Within 90 days thereafter, the board shall appoint a qualified elector to fill the vacancy. Until such appointment, the incumbent board member in that seat shall remain in office.

(c) Candidates seeking election to office by qualified electors under this subsection shall conduct their campaigns in accordance with the provisions of chapter 106 and shall file qualifying papers and qualify for individual seats in accordance with s. 99.061.

(d) The supervisor of elections shall appoint the inspectors and clerks of elections, prepare and furnish the ballots, designate polling places, and canvass the returns of the election of board members by qualified electors. The county canvassing board shall declare and certify the results of the election.

(4) Members of the board shall be known as supervisors and, upon entering into office, shall take and subscribe to the oath of office as prescribed by s. 876.05. They shall hold office for the terms for which they were elected or appointed and until their successors are chosen and qualified. If, during the term of office, a vacancy occurs, the remaining members of the board shall fill the vacancy by an appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(5) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for the purposes of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. Action taken by the district shall be upon a vote of a majority of the members present unless general law or a rule of the district requires a greater number.

(6) As soon as practicable after each election or appointment, the board shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and by electing a secretary, who need not be a member of the board, and such other officers as the board may deem necessary.

(7) The board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings of (name of district) Community Development District," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts. The record book shall at reasonable times be opened to inspection in the same manner as state, county, and municipal records pursuant to chapter 119. The record book shall be kept at the office or other regular place of business maintained by the board in the county or municipality in which the district is located or within the boundaries of a development of regional impact or Florida Quality Development, or combination of a development of regional impact and Florida Quality Development, which includes the district.

(8) Each supervisor shall be entitled to receive for his or her services an amount not to exceed \$200 per meeting of the board of supervisors, not to exceed \$4,800 per year per supervisor, or an amount established by the electors at referendum. In addition, each supervisor shall receive travel and per diem expenses as set forth in s. 112.061.

(9) All meetings of the board shall be open to the public and governed by the provisions of chapter 286.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 6, ch. 84-360; s. 23, ch. 85-80; s. 3, ch. 91-308; s. 962, ch. 95-147; s. 36, ch. 99-378; s. 19, ch. 2000-158; s. 35, ch. 2004-345; s. 32, ch. 2004-353; s. 3, ch. 2007-160; s. 33, ch. 2008-95; s. 2, ch. 2009-142.

190.007 Board of supervisors; general duties.—

(1) The board shall employ, and fix the compensation of, a district manager. The district manager shall have charge and supervision of the works of the district and shall be responsible for preserving and maintaining any improvement or facility constructed or erected pursuant to the provisions of this act, for maintaining and

operating the equipment owned by the district, and for performing such other duties as may be prescribed by the board. It shall not be a conflict of interest under chapter 112 for a board member or the district manager or another employee of the district to be a stockholder, officer, or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner. The district manager may hire or otherwise employ and terminate the employment of such other persons, including, without limitation, professional, supervisory, and clerical employees, as may be necessary and authorized by the board. The compensation and other conditions of employment of the officers and employees of the district shall be as provided by the board. For purposes of s. 8(h)(2), Art. II of the State Constitution, a board member or a public employee of a district does not abuse his or her public position if the board member or public employee commits an act or omission that is authorized under this subsection, s. 112.313(7), (12), (15), or (16), or s. 112.3143(3)(b), and an abuse of a board member's public position does not include any act or omission in connection with a vote when the board member has followed the procedures required by s. 112.3143.

(2) The board shall designate a person who is a resident of the state as treasurer of the district, who shall have charge of the funds of the district. Such funds shall be disbursed only upon the order, or pursuant to the resolution, of the board by warrant or check countersigned by the treasurer and by such other person as may be authorized by the board. The board may give the treasurer such other or additional powers and duties as the board may deem appropriate and may fix his or her compensation. The board may require the treasurer to give a bond in such amount, on such terms, and with such sureties as may be deemed satisfactory to the board to secure the performance by the treasurer of his or her powers and duties. The financial records of the board shall be audited by an independent certified public accountant at least once a year.

(3) The board is authorized to select as a depository for its funds any qualified public depository as defined in s. 280.02 which meets all the requirements of chapter 280 and has been designated by the Chief Financial Officer as a qualified public depository, upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of interest by such depository upon the funds so deposited as the board may deem just and reasonable.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 7, ch. 84-360; s. 32, ch. 86-191; s. 963, ch. 95-147; s. 170, ch. 2003-261; s. 4, ch. 2007-160; s. 3, ch. 2020-77.

190.008 Budget; reports and reviews.—

(1) The district shall provide financial reports in such form and such manner as prescribed pursuant to this chapter and chapter 218.

(2)(a) On or before each June 15, the district manager shall prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year to be submitted to the board for board approval. The proposed budget shall include at the direction of the board an estimate of all necessary expenditures of the district for the ensuing fiscal year and an estimate of income to the district from the taxes, assessments, and other revenues provided in this act. The board shall consider the proposed budget item by item and may either approve the budget as proposed by the district manager or modify the same in part or in whole. The board shall indicate its approval of the budget by resolution, which resolution shall provide for a hearing on the budget as approved. Notice of the hearing on the budget shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the district once a week for 2 consecutive weeks, except that the first publication shall be not fewer than 15 days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall further contain a designation of the day, time, and place of the public hearing. At the time and place designated in the notice, the board shall hear all objections to the budget as proposed and may make such changes as the board deems necessary. At the conclusion of the budget hearing, the board shall, by resolution, adopt the budget as finally approved by the board. The budget shall be adopted prior to October 1 of each year.

(b) At least 60 days prior to adoption, the district board shall submit to the local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the area included in the district, for purposes of disclosure and information only, the proposed annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year and any proposed long-term financial plan or program of the district for future operations.

(c) The local governing authorities may review the proposed annual budget and any long-term financial plan or program and may submit written comments to the board for its assistance and information in adopting its annual budget and long-term financial plan or program.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 5, ch. 2007-160.

190.009 Disclosure of public financing.—

(1) The district shall take affirmative steps to provide for the full disclosure of information relating to the public financing and maintenance of improvements to real property undertaken by the district. Such information shall be made available to all existing residents, and to all prospective residents, of the district. The district shall furnish each developer of a residential development within the district with sufficient copies of that information to provide each prospective initial purchaser of property in that development with a copy, and any developer of a residential development within the district, when required by law to provide a public offering statement, shall include a copy of such information relating to the public financing and maintenance of improvements in the public offering statement. The district shall file the disclosure documents required by this subsection and any amendments thereto in the property records of each county in which the district is located.

(2) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall keep a current list of districts and their disclosures pursuant to this act and shall make such studies and reports and take such actions as it deems necessary.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 17, ch. 81-167; s. 15, ch. 83-55; s. 1, ch. 85-60; s. 2, ch. 90-46; s. 9, ch. 94-218; s. 37, ch. 99-378; s. 6, ch. 2007-160; s. 10, ch. 2008-240; s. 70, ch. 2011-142.

190.011 General powers.—The district shall have, and the body may exercise, the following powers:

(1) To sue and be sued in the name of the district; to adopt and use a seal and authorize the use of a facsimile thereof; to acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise, and to dispose of, real and personal property, or any estate therein; and to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers.

(2) To apply for coverage of its employees under the state retirement system in the same manner as if such employees were state employees, subject to necessary action by the district to pay employer contributions into the state retirement fund.

(3) To contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal, or other appropriate services of a professional nature. Such contracts shall be subject to public bidding or competitive negotiation requirements as set forth in s. 190.033.

(4) To borrow money and accept gifts; to apply for and use grants or loans of money or other property from the United States, the state, a unit of local government, or any person for any district purposes and enter into agreements required in connection therewith; and to hold, use, and dispose of such moneys or property for any district purposes in accordance with the terms of the gift, grant, loan, or agreement relating thereto.

(5) To adopt rules and orders pursuant to the provisions of chapter 120 prescribing the powers, duties, and functions of the officers of the district; the conduct of the business of the district; the maintenance of records; and the form of certificates evidencing tax liens and all other documents and records of the district. The board may also adopt administrative rules with respect to any of the projects of the district and define the area to be included therein. The board may also adopt resolutions which may be necessary for the conduct of district business.

(6) To maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate within a county in which the district is located or within the boundaries of a development of regional impact or a Florida Quality Development, or a combination of a development of regional impact and a Florida Quality Development, which includes the district, which office must be reasonably accessible to the landowners. Meetings pursuant to s. 189.015(3) of a district within the boundaries of a development of regional impact or Florida Quality Development, or a combination of a development of regional impact and a Florida Quality Development, may be held at such office.

(7)(a) To hold, control, and acquire by donation, purchase, or condemnation, or dispose of, any public easements, dedications to public use, platted reservations for public purposes, or any reservations for those purposes authorized by this act and to make use of such easements, dedications, or reservations for any of the purposes authorized by this act.

(b) When real property in the district is owned by a governmental entity and subject to a ground lease as described in s. 190.003(14), to collect ground rent from landowners pursuant to a contract with such governmental entity and to contract with the county tax collector for collection of such ground rent using the procedures authorized in s. 197.3631, other than the procedures contained in s. 197.3632.

(8) To lease as lessor or lessee to or from any person, firm, corporation, association, or body, public or private, any projects of the type that the district is authorized to undertake and facilities or property of any nature for the use of the district to carry out any of the purposes authorized by this act.

(9) To borrow money and issue bonds, certificates, warrants, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness as hereinafter provided; to levy such tax and special assessments as may be authorized; and to charge, collect, and enforce fees and other user charges.

(10) To raise, by user charges or fees authorized by resolution of the board, amounts of money which are necessary for the conduct of the district activities and services and to enforce their receipt and collection in the manner prescribed by resolution not inconsistent with law.

(11) To exercise within the district, or beyond the district with prior approval by resolution of the governing body of the county if the taking will occur in an unincorporated area or with prior approval by resolution of the governing body of the municipality if the taking will occur within a municipality, the right and power of eminent domain, pursuant to the provisions of chapters 73 and 74, over any property within the state, except municipal, county, state, and federal property, for the uses and purposes of the district relating solely to water, sewer, district roads, and water management, specifically including, without limitation, the power for the taking of easements for the drainage of the land of one person over and through the land of another.

(12) To cooperate with, or contract with, other governmental agencies as may be necessary, convenient, incidental, or proper in connection with any of the powers, duties, or purposes authorized by this act.

(13) To assess and impose upon lands in the district ad valorem taxes as provided by this act.

(14) To determine, order, levy, impose, collect, and enforce special assessments pursuant to this act and chapter 170. Such special assessments may, in the discretion of the district, be collected and enforced pursuant to the provisions of ss. 197.3631, 197.3632, and 197.3635, chapter 170, or chapter 173.

(15) To exercise all of the powers necessary, convenient, incidental, or proper in connection with any of the powers, duties, or purposes authorized by this act.

(16) To exercise such special powers as may be authorized by this act.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 8, ch. 84-360; s. 46, ch. 89-169; s. 4, ch. 91-308; s. 38, ch. 99-378; s. 1, ch. 2003-39; s. 7, ch. 2007-160; s. 5, ch. 2009-142; s. 69, ch. 2014-22.

190.012 Special powers; public improvements and community facilities.—The district shall have, and the board may exercise, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction and permitting authority of all applicable governmental bodies, agencies, and special districts having authority with respect to any area included therein, any or all of the following special powers relating to public improvements and community facilities authorized by this act:

(1) To finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems, facilities, and basic infrastructures for the following:

(a) Water management and control for the lands within the district and to connect some or any of such facilities with roads and bridges.

(b) Water supply, sewer, and wastewater management, reclamation, and reuse or any combination thereof, and to construct and operate connecting intercepting or outlet sewers and sewer mains and pipes and water mains,

conduits, or pipelines in, along, and under any street, alley, highway, or other public place or ways, and to dispose of any effluent, residue, or other byproducts of such system or sewer system.

(c) Bridges or culverts that may be needed across any drain, ditch, canal, floodway, holding basin, excavation, public highway, tract, grade, fill, or cut and roadways over levees and embankments, and to construct any and all of such works and improvements across, through, or over any public right-of-way, highway, grade, fill, or cut.

(d)1. District roads equal to or exceeding the applicable specifications of the county in which such district roads are located; roads and improvements to existing public roads that are owned by or conveyed to the local general-purpose government, the state, or the Federal Government; street lights; alleys; landscaping; hardscaping; and the undergrounding of electric utility lines. Districts may request the underground placement of utility lines by the local retail electric utility provider in accordance with the utility's tariff on file with the Public Service Commission and may finance the required contribution.

2. Buses, trolleys, transit shelters, ridesharing facilities and services, parking improvements, and related signage.

(e) Investigation and remediation costs associated with the cleanup of actual or perceived environmental contamination within the district under the supervision or direction of a competent governmental authority unless the covered costs benefit any person who is a landowner within the district and who caused or contributed to the contamination.

(f) Conservation areas, mitigation areas, and wildlife habitat, including the maintenance of any plant or animal species, and any related interest in real or personal property.

(g) Any other project within or without the boundaries of a district when a local government issued a development order pursuant to s. 380.06 approving or expressly requiring the construction or funding of the project by the district, or when the project is the subject of an agreement between the district and a governmental entity and is consistent with the local government comprehensive plan of the local government within which the project is to be located.

(h) Any other project, facility, or service required by a development approval, interlocal agreement, zoning condition, or permit issued by a governmental authority with jurisdiction in the district.

(2) After the local general-purpose government within the jurisdiction of which a power specified in this subsection is to be exercised consents to the exercise of such power by the district, the district shall have the power to plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain additional systems and facilities for:

(a) Parks and facilities for indoor and outdoor recreational, cultural, and educational uses.

(b) Fire prevention and control, including fire stations, water mains and plugs, fire trucks, and other vehicles and equipment.

(c) School buildings and related structures and site improvements, which may be leased, sold, or donated to the school district, for use in the educational system when authorized by the district school board.

(d) Security, including, but not limited to, guardhouses, fences and gates, electronic intrusion-detection systems, and patrol cars, when authorized by proper governmental agencies; except that the district may not exercise any police power, but may contract with the appropriate local general-purpose government agencies for an increased level of such services within the district boundaries. However, this paragraph does not prohibit a district from contracting with a towing operator to remove a vehicle or vessel from a district-owned facility or property if the district follows the authorization and notice and procedural requirements in s. 715.07 for an owner or lessee of private property. The district's selection of a towing operator is not subject to public bidding if the towing operator is included in an approved list of towing operators maintained by the local government that has jurisdiction over the district's facility or property.

(e) Control and elimination of mosquitoes and other arthropods of public health importance.

(f) Waste collection and disposal.

(3) To adopt and enforce appropriate rules following the procedures of chapter 120, in connection with the provision of one or more services through its systems and facilities.

(4)(a) To adopt rules necessary for the district to enforce certain deed restrictions pertaining to the use and operation of real property within the district and outside the district pursuant to an interlocal agreement under chapter 163 if within another district or, if not within another district, with the consent of the county or municipality in which the deed restriction enforcement is proposed to occur. For the purpose of this subsection, the term "deed restrictions" means those covenants, conditions, restrictions, compliance mechanisms, and enforcement remedies contained in any applicable declarations of covenants and restrictions that govern the use and operation of real property and, for which covenants, conditions, and restrictions, there is no homeowners' association or property owner's association having respective enforcement powers unless, with respect to a homeowners' association whose board is under member control, the association and the district agree in writing to enforcement by the district. The district may adopt by rule all or certain portions of the deed restrictions that:

1. Relate to limitations, prohibitions, compliance mechanisms, or enforcement remedies that apply only to external appearances or uses and are deemed by the district to be generally beneficial for the district's landowners and for which enforcement by the district is appropriate, as determined by the district's board of supervisors; or

2. Are consistent with the requirements of a development order or regulatory agency permit.

(b) The board may vote to adopt such rules only when all of the following conditions exist:

1. The district was in existence on the effective date of this subsection, or is located within a development that consists of multiple developments of regional impact and a Florida Quality Development.

2. For residential districts, the majority of the board has been elected by qualified electors pursuant to the provisions of s. 190.006.

3. For residential districts, less than 25 percent of residential units are in a homeowners' association.

4. The declarant in any applicable declarations of covenants and restrictions has provided the board with a written agreement that such rules may be adopted. A memorandum of the agreement shall be recorded in the public records.

(c) Within 60 days after such rules take effect, the district shall record a notice of rule adoption stating generally what rules were adopted and where a copy of the rules may be obtained. Districts may impose fines for violations of such rules and enforce such rules and fines in circuit court through injunctive relief.

(d) The owners of property located outside the boundary of the district shall elect an advisor to the district board pursuant to paragraph (e). The sole responsibilities of the district board advisor are to review enforcement actions proposed by the district board against properties located outside the district and make recommendations relating to those proposed actions. Before the district board may enforce its rules against any owner of property located outside the district, the district board shall request the district board advisor to make a recommendation on the proposed enforcement action. The district board advisor must render a recommendation within 30 days after receiving a request from the district board or is deemed to have no objection to the district board's proposed decision or action.

(e)1. Whenever an interlocal agreement is entered into pursuant to paragraph (a), a district board advisor seat shall be created for one elected landowner whose property is within the jurisdiction of the governmental entity entering into the interlocal agreement but not within the boundaries of the district. The district board advisor shall be elected by landowners whose land is subject to enforcement by the district but whose land is not within the boundaries of the district. The district board advisor shall be elected for a 2-year term. The first election for a district board advisor shall be within 90 days after the effective date of the interlocal agreement between the district and the governmental entity.

2. The election of the district board advisor shall occur at a meeting of eligible landowners. The district shall publish notice of the meeting and election once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the parties to the interlocal agreement. The notice must include instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election and how to obtain a proxy form. The last day of publication may not be less than 14 days or more than 28 days before the date of the election. The landowners, when assembled at the meeting, shall organize by electing a chair who shall conduct the meeting. The chair may be any person present at the meeting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions.

3. At the meeting, each landowner is entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned by him or her and located within the district for each person to be elected. A landowner may vote in person or by proxy in writing. Each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property, or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy need not be notarized. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as 1 acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. For purposes of determining voting interests, platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots may not be aggregated for purposes of determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy.

4. If a vacancy occurs in the district advisor seat, a special landowner election shall be held within 60 days after the vacancy using the notice, proxy, and acreage voting provisions of this subsection.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 51, ch. 83-217; s. 9, ch. 84-360; s. 47, ch. 89-169; s. 8, ch. 93-51; s. 39, ch. 99-378; s. 15, ch. 2000-317; s. 47, ch. 2000-364; s. 33, ch. 2004-345; s. 30, ch. 2004-353; s. 8, ch. 2007-160; s. 9, ch. 2009-142; s. 2, ch. 2016-94; s. 11, ch. 2018-158.

190.0125 Purchase, privatization, or sale of water, sewer, or wastewater reuse utility by district.—No community development district may purchase or sell a water, sewer, or wastewater reuse utility that provides service to the public for compensation, or enter into a wastewater facility privatization contract for a wastewater facility, until the governing body of the community development district has held a public hearing on the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract and made a determination that the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract is in the public interest. In determining if the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract is in the public interest, the community development district shall consider, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) The most recent available income and expense statement for the utility;
- (2) The most recent available balance sheet for the utility, listing assets and liabilities and clearly showing the amount of contributions-in-aid-of-construction and the accumulated depreciation thereon;
- (3) A statement of the existing rate base of the utility for regulatory purposes;
- (4) The physical condition of the utility facilities being purchased, sold, or subject to a wastewater facility privatization contract;
- (5) The reasonableness of the purchase, sales, or wastewater facility privatization contract price and terms;
- (6) The impacts of the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract on utility customers, both positive and negative;
- (7)(a) Any additional investment required and the ability and willingness of the purchaser or the private firm under a wastewater facility privatization contract to make that investment, whether the purchaser is the community development district or the entity purchasing the utility from the community development district;
- (b) In the case of a wastewater facility privatization contract, the terms and conditions on which the private firm will provide capital investment and financing or a combination thereof for contemplated capital

replacements, additions, expansions, and repairs. The community development district shall give significant weight to this criteria.

(8) The alternatives to the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract and the potential impact on utility customers if the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract is not made;

(9)(a) The ability of the purchaser or the private firm under a wastewater facility privatization contract to provide and maintain high-quality and cost-effective utility service, whether the purchaser is the community development district or the entity purchasing the utility from the community development district;

(b) In the case of a wastewater facility privatization contract, the community development district shall give significant weight to the technical expertise and experience of the private firm in carrying out the obligations specified in the wastewater facility privatization contract; and

(10) All moneys paid by a private firm to a community development district pursuant to a wastewater facility privatization contract shall be used for the purpose of reducing or offsetting property taxes, wastewater service rates, or debt reduction or making infrastructure improvements or capital asset expenditures or other public purpose; provided, however, nothing herein shall preclude the community development district from using all or part of the moneys for the purpose of the community development district's qualification for relief from the repayment of federal grant awards associated with the wastewater system as may be required by federal law or regulation.

The community development district shall prepare a statement showing that the purchase, sale, or wastewater facility privatization contract is in the public interest, including a summary of the purchaser's or private firm's experience in water, sewer, or wastewater reuse utility operation and a showing of financial ability to provide the service, whether the purchaser or private firm is the community development district or the entity purchasing the utility from the community development district.

History.—s. 3, ch. 84-84; s. 9, ch. 93-51; s. 9, ch. 96-202.

190.013 Water management and control plan.—In the event that the board assumes the responsibility for providing water management and control for the district as provided in s. 190.012(1)(a) which is to be financed by benefit special assessments, the board shall proceed to adopt water management and control plans, assess for benefits, and apportion and levy special assessments, as follows:

(1) The board shall cause to be made by the district's engineer, or such other engineer or engineers as the board may employ for that purpose, complete and comprehensive water management and control plans for the lands located within the district that will be improved in any part or in whole by any system of facilities that may be outlined and adopted, and the engineer shall make a report in writing to the board with maps and profiles of said surveys and an estimate of the cost of carrying out and completing the plans.

(2) Upon the completion of such plans, the board shall hold a hearing thereon to hear objections thereto, shall give notice of the time and place fixed for such hearing by publication once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the general area of the district, and shall permit the inspection of the plan at the office of the district by all persons interested. All objections to the plan shall be filed at or before the time fixed in the notice for the hearing and shall be in writing.

(3) After the hearing, the board shall consider the proposed plan and any objections thereto and may modify, reject, or adopt the plan or continue the hearing to a day certain for further consideration of the proposed plan or modifications thereof.

(4) When the board approves a plan, a resolution shall be adopted and a certified copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the secretary and incorporated by him or her into the records of the district.

(5) The water management and control plan may be altered in detail from time to time until the appraisal record herein provided is filed, but not in such manner as to affect materially the conditions of its adoption. After

the appraisal record has been filed, no alteration of the plan shall be made, except as provided by this act.

(6) Within 20 days after the final adoption of the plan by the board, the board shall proceed pursuant to s. 298.301.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 5, ch. 91-308; s. 964, ch. 95-147; s. 26, ch. 97-40.

190.014 Issuance of bond anticipation notes.—In addition to the other powers provided for in this act, and not in limitation thereof, the district shall have the power, at any time, and from time to time after the issuance of any bonds of the district shall have been authorized, to borrow money for the purposes for which such bonds are to be issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds and to issue bond anticipation notes in a principal sum not in excess of the authorized maximum amount of such bond issue. Such notes shall be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate as the board may determine in compliance with s. 215.84, mature at such time or times not later than 5 years from the date of issuance, and be in such form and executed in such manner as the board shall prescribe. Such notes may be sold at either public or private sale or, if such notes shall be renewal notes, may be exchanged for notes then outstanding on such terms as the board shall determine. Such notes shall be paid from the proceeds of such bonds when issued. The board may, in its discretion, in lieu of retiring the notes by means of bonds, retire them by means of current revenues or from any taxes or assessments levied for the payment of such bonds; but in such event a like amount of the bonds authorized shall not be issued. Non-ad valorem assessments levied to pay interest on bond anticipation notes shall not constitute an installment of assessments under s. 190.022.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 9, ch. 83-215; s. 9, ch. 2007-160.

190.015 Short-term borrowing.—The district at any time may obtain loans, in such amount and on such terms and conditions as the board may approve, for the purpose of paying any of the expenses of the district or any costs incurred or that may be incurred in connection with any of the projects of the district, which loans shall bear such interest as the board may determine in compliance with s. 215.84, and may be payable from and secured by a pledge of such funds, revenues, taxes, and assessments as the board may determine, subject, however, to the provisions contained in any proceeding under which bonds were theretofore issued and are then outstanding. For the purpose of defraying such costs and expenses, the district may issue negotiable notes, warrants, or other evidences of debt to be payable at such times, to bear such interest as the board may determine in compliance with s. 215.84, and to be sold or discounted at such price or prices not less than 95 percent of par value and on such terms as the board may deem advisable. The board shall have the right to provide for the payment thereof by pledging the whole or any part of the funds, revenues, taxes, and assessments of the district. The approval of the electors residing in the district shall not be necessary except when required by the State Constitution.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 80, ch. 81-259; s. 10, ch. 83-215.

190.016 Bonds.—

(1) **SALE OF BONDS.**—Bonds may be sold in blocks or installments at different times, or an entire issue or series may be sold at one time. Bonds may be sold at public or private sale after such advertisement, if any, as the board may deem advisable but not in any event at less than 90 percent of the par value thereof, together with accrued interest thereon. Bonds may be sold or exchanged for refunding bonds. Special assessment and revenue bonds may be delivered by the district as payment of the purchase price of any project or part thereof, or a combination of projects or parts thereof, or as the purchase price or exchange for any property, real, personal, or mixed, including franchises or services rendered by any contractor, engineer, or other person, all at one time or in blocks from time to time, in such manner and upon such terms as the board in its discretion shall determine. The price or prices for any bonds sold, exchanged, or delivered may be:

- (a) The money paid for the bonds;
- (b) The principal amount, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption or exchange, or outstanding

obligations exchanged for refunding bonds; and

(c) In the case of special assessment or revenue bonds, the amount of any indebtedness to contractors or other persons paid with such bonds, or the fair value of any properties exchanged for the bonds, as determined by the board.

(2) **AUTHORIZATION AND FORM OF BONDS.**—Any general obligation bonds, benefit bonds, or revenue bonds may be authorized by resolution or resolutions of the board which shall be adopted by a majority of all the members thereof then in office. Such resolution or resolutions may be adopted at the same meeting at which they are introduced and need not be published or posted. The board may, by resolution, authorize the issuance of bonds and fix the aggregate amount of bonds to be issued; the purpose or purposes for which the moneys derived therefrom shall be expended, including, but not limited to, payment of costs as defined in s. 190.003(8); the rate or rates of interest, in compliance with s. 215.84; the denomination of the bonds; whether or not the bonds are to be issued in one or more series; the date or dates of maturity, which shall not exceed 40 years from their respective dates of issuance; the medium of payment; the place or places within or without the state where payment shall be made; registration privileges; redemption terms and privileges, whether with or without premium; the manner of execution; the form of the bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto; the manner of execution of bonds and coupons; and any and all other terms, covenants, and conditions thereof and the establishment of revenue or other funds. Such authorizing resolution or resolutions may further provide for the contracts authorized by s. 159.825(1)(f) and (g) regardless of the tax treatment of such bonds being authorized, subject to the finding by the board of a net saving to the district resulting by reason thereof. Such authorizing resolution may further provide that such bonds may be executed in accordance with the Registered Public Obligations Act, except that bonds not issued in registered form shall be valid if manually countersigned by an officer designated by appropriate resolution of the board. The seal of the district may be affixed, lithographed, engraved, or otherwise reproduced in facsimile on such bonds. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds, such signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he or she had remained in office until such delivery.

(3) **INTERIM CERTIFICATES; REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES.**—Pending the preparation of definitive bonds, the board may issue interim certificates or receipts or temporary bonds, in such form and with such provisions as the board may determine, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds have been executed and are available for delivery. The board may also provide for the replacement of any bonds which become mutilated, lost, or destroyed.

(4) **NEGOTIABILITY OF BONDS.**—Any bond issued under this act or any temporary bond, in the absence of an express recital on the face thereof that it is nonnegotiable, shall be fully negotiable and shall be and constitute a negotiable instrument within the meaning and for all purposes of the law merchant and the laws of the state.

(5) **DEFEASANCE.**—The board may make such provision with respect to the defeasance of the right, title, and interest of the holders of any of the bonds and obligations of the district in any revenues, funds, or other properties by which such bonds are secured as the board deems appropriate and, without limitation on the foregoing, may provide that when such bonds or obligations become due and payable or shall have been called for redemption and the whole amount of the principal and interest and premium, if any, due and payable upon the bonds or obligations then outstanding shall be held in trust for such purpose and provision shall also be made for paying all other sums payable in connection with such bonds or other obligations, then and in such event the right, title, and interest of the holders of the bonds in any revenues, funds, or other properties by which such bonds are secured shall thereupon cease, terminate, and become void; and the board may apply any surplus in any sinking fund established in connection with such bonds or obligations and all balances remaining in all other funds or accounts other than money held for the redemption or payment of the bonds or other obligations to any lawful

purpose of the district as the board shall determine.

(6) **ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL BONDS.**—If the proceeds of any bonds are less than the cost of completing the project in connection with which such bonds were issued, the board may authorize the issuance of additional bonds, upon such terms and conditions as the board may provide in the resolution authorizing the issuance thereof, but only in compliance with the resolution or other proceedings authorizing the issuance of the original bonds.

(7) **REFUNDING BONDS.**—The district shall have the power to issue bonds to provide for the retirement or refunding of any bonds or obligations of the district that at the time of such issuance are or subsequently thereto become due and payable, or that at the time of issuance have been called or are or will be subject to call for redemption within 10 years thereafter, or the surrender of which can be procured from the holders thereof at prices satisfactory to the board. Refunding bonds may be issued at any time when in the judgment of the board such issuance will be advantageous to the district. No approval of the qualified electors residing in the district shall be required for the issuance of refunding bonds except in cases in which such approval is required by the State Constitution. The board may by resolution confer upon the holders of such refunding bonds all rights, powers, and remedies to which the holders would be entitled if they continued to be the owners and had possession of the bonds for the refinancing of which such refunding bonds are issued, including, but not limited to, the preservation of the lien of such bonds on the revenues of any project or on pledged funds, without extinguishment, impairment, or diminution thereof. The provisions of this act pertaining to bonds of the district shall, unless the context otherwise requires, govern the issuance of refunding bonds, the form and other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof, and the duties of the board with respect to them.

(8) **REVENUE BONDS.**—

(a) The district shall have the power to issue revenue bonds from time to time without limitation as to amount. Such revenue bonds may be secured by, or payable from, the gross or net pledge of the revenues to be derived from any project or combination of projects; from the rates, fees, or other charges to be collected from the users of any project or projects; from any revenue-producing undertaking or activity of the district; from special assessments; or from any other source or pledged security. Such bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness of the district, and the approval of the qualified electors shall not be required unless such bonds are additionally secured by the full faith and credit and taxing power of the district.

(b) Any two or more projects may be combined and consolidated into a single project and may hereafter be operated and maintained as a single project. The revenue bonds authorized herein may be issued to finance any one or more of such projects, regardless of whether or not such projects have been combined and consolidated into a single project. If the board deems it advisable, the proceedings authorizing such revenue bonds may provide that the district may thereafter combine the projects then being financed or theretofore financed with other projects to be subsequently financed by the district and that revenue bonds to be thereafter issued by the district shall be on parity with the revenue bonds then being issued, all on such terms, conditions, and limitations as shall have been provided in the proceeding which authorized the original bonds.

(9) **GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.**—

(a) The district shall have the power from time to time to issue general obligation bonds to finance or refinance capital projects or to refund outstanding bonds in an aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time not in excess of 35 percent of the assessed value of the taxable property within the district as shown on the pertinent tax records at the time of the authorization of the general obligation bonds for which the full faith and credit of the district is pledged. Except for refunding bonds, no general obligation bonds shall be issued unless the bonds are issued to finance or refinance a capital project and the issuance has been approved at an election held in accordance with the requirements for such election as prescribed by the State Constitution. Such elections shall be called to be held in the district by the board of county commissioners of the county upon the request of the board of the district. The expenses of calling and holding an election shall be at the expense of the district, and

the district shall reimburse the county for any expenses incurred in calling or holding such election.

(b) The district may pledge its full faith and credit for the payment of the principal and interest on such general obligation bonds and for any reserve funds provided therefor and may unconditionally and irrevocably pledge itself to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the district, to the extent necessary for the payment thereof, without limitations as to rate or amount.

(c) If the board determines to issue general obligation bonds for more than one capital project, the approval of the issuance of the bonds for each and all such projects may be submitted to the electors on one and the same ballot. The failure of the electors to approve the issuance of bonds for any one or more capital projects shall not defeat the approval of bonds for any capital project which has been approved by the electors.

(d) In arriving at the amount of general obligation bonds permitted to be outstanding at any one time pursuant to paragraph (a), there shall not be included any general obligation bonds which are additionally secured by the pledge of:

1. Special assessments levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the general obligation bonds so additionally secured, which assessments have been equalized and confirmed by resolution or ordinance of the board pursuant to s. 170.08.

2. Water revenues, sewer revenues, or water and sewer revenues of the district to be derived from user fees in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the general obligation bonds so additionally secured.

3. Any combination of assessments and revenues described in subparagraphs 1. and 2.

(10) BONDS AS LEGAL INVESTMENT OR SECURITY.—

(a) Notwithstanding any provisions of any other law to the contrary, all bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall constitute legal investments for savings banks, banks, trust companies, insurance companies, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, and other fiduciaries and for any board, body, agency, instrumentality, county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state and shall be and constitute security which may be deposited by banks or trust companies as security for deposits of state, county, municipal, or other public funds or by insurance companies as required or voluntary statutory deposits.

(b) Any bonds issued by the district shall be incontestable in the hands of bona fide purchasers or holders for value and shall not be invalid because of any irregularity or defect in the proceedings for the issue and sale thereof.

(11) COVENANTS.—Any resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds may contain such covenants as the board may deem advisable, and all such covenants shall constitute valid and legally binding and enforceable contracts between the district and the bondholders, regardless of the time of issuance thereof. Such covenants may include, without limitation, covenants concerning the disposition of the bond proceeds; the use and disposition of project revenues; the pledging of revenues, taxes, and assessments; the obligations of the district with respect to the operation of the project and the maintenance of adequate project revenues; the issuance of additional bonds; the appointment, powers, and duties of trustees and receivers; the acquisition of outstanding bonds and obligations; restrictions on the establishing of competing projects or facilities; restrictions on the sale or disposal of the assets and property of the district; the priority of assessment liens; the priority of claims by bondholders on the taxing power of the district; the maintenance of deposits to assure the payment of revenues by users of district facilities and services; the discontinuance of district services by reason of delinquent payments; acceleration upon default; the execution of necessary instruments; the procedure for amending or abrogating covenants with the bondholders; and such other covenants as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the security of the bondholders.

(12) VALIDATION PROCEEDINGS.—The power of the district to issue bonds under the provisions of this act may be determined, and any of the bonds of the district maturing over a period of more than 5 years shall be validated and confirmed, by court decree, under the provisions of chapter 75 and laws amendatory thereof or supplementary

thereto.

(13) ACT FURNISHES FULL AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE OF BONDS.—This act constitutes full and complete authority for the issuance of bonds and the exercise of the powers of the district provided herein. No procedures or proceedings, publications, notices, consents, approvals, orders, acts, or things by the board, or any board, officers, commission, department, agency, or instrumentality of the district, other than those required by this act, shall be required to perform anything under this act, except that the issuance or sale of bonds pursuant to the provisions of this act shall comply with the general law requirements applicable to the issuance or sale of bonds by the district. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the district to utilize bond proceeds to fund the ongoing operations of the district.

(14) PLEDGE BY THE STATE TO THE BONDHOLDERS OF THE DISTRICT.—The state pledges to the holders of any bonds issued under this act that it will not limit or alter the rights of the district to own, acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, maintain, operate, or furnish the projects or to levy and collect the taxes, assessments, rentals, rates, fees, and other charges provided for herein and to fulfill the terms of any agreement made with the holders of such bonds or other obligations and that it will not in any way impair the rights or remedies of such holders.

(15) DEFAULT.—A default on the bonds or obligations of a district shall not constitute a debt or obligation of a local general-purpose government or the state.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 11, ch. 83-215; s. 10, ch. 84-360; s. 24, ch. 85-80; s. 6, ch. 91-308; s. 965, ch. 95-147; s. 8, ch. 98-47; s. 6, ch. 2009-142.

190.017 Trust agreements.—Any issue of bonds shall be secured by a trust agreement by and between the district and a corporate trustee or trustees, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the state. The resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or such trust agreement may pledge the revenues to be received from any projects of the district and may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the bondholders as the board may approve, including, without limitation, covenants setting forth the duties of the district in relation to: the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, operation, and insurance of any projects; the fixing and revising of the rates, fees, and charges; and the custody, safeguarding, and application of all moneys and for the employment of consulting engineers in connection with such acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, or operation. It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company within or without the state which may act as a depository of the proceeds of bonds or of revenues to furnish such indemnifying bonds or to pledge such securities as may be required by the district. Such resolution or trust agreement may set forth the rights and remedies of the bondholders and of the trustee, if any, and may restrict the individual right of action by bondholders. The board may provide for the payment of proceeds of the sale of the bonds and the revenues of any project to such officer, board, or depository as it may designate for the custody thereof and may provide for the method of disbursement thereof with such safeguards and restrictions as it may determine. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of such resolution or trust agreement may be treated as part of the cost of operation of the project to which such trust agreement pertains.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.021 Taxes; non-ad valorem assessments.—

(1) AD VALOREM TAXES.—An elected board shall have the power to levy and assess an ad valorem tax on all the taxable property in the district to construct, operate, and maintain assessable improvements; to pay the principal of, and interest on, any general obligation bonds of the district; and to provide for any sinking or other funds established in connection with any such bonds. An ad valorem tax levied by the board for operating purposes, exclusive of debt service on bonds, shall not exceed 3 mills, except that a district authorized by a local general-purpose government to exercise one or more powers specified in s. 190.012(2) may levy an additional 2 mills for

operating purposes, exclusive of debt service on bonds. The ad valorem tax provided for herein shall be in addition to county and all other ad valorem taxes provided for by law. Such tax shall be assessed, levied, and collected in the same manner and same time as county taxes. The levy of ad valorem taxes shall be approved by referendum when required by the State Constitution.

(2) **BENEFIT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.**—The board shall annually determine, order, and levy the annual installment of the total benefit special assessments for bonds issued and related expenses to finance district facilities and projects which are levied under this act. These assessments may be due and collected during each year that county taxes are due and collected, in which case such annual installment and levy shall be evidenced to and certified to the property appraiser by the board not later than August 31 of each year, and such assessment shall be entered by the property appraiser on the county tax rolls, and shall be collected and enforced by the tax collector in the same manner and at the same time as county taxes, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid to the district. However, this subsection shall not prohibit the district in its discretion from using the method prescribed in either s. 197.363 or s. 197.3632 for collecting and enforcing these assessments. Notice of the proposed amount of the assessment pursuant to s. 200.069 that includes the date and time of the hearing may be used in lieu of the notice provisions of s. 197.3632(4)(b). These benefit special assessments shall be a lien on the property against which assessed until paid and shall be enforceable in like manner as county taxes. The amount of the assessment for the exercise of the district's powers under ss. 190.011 and 190.012 shall be determined by the board based upon a report of the district's engineer and assessed by the board upon such lands, which may be part or all of the lands within the district benefited by the improvement, apportioned between benefited lands in proportion to the benefits received by each tract of land.

(3) **MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.**—To maintain and preserve the facilities and projects of the district, the board may levy a maintenance special assessment. This assessment may be evidenced to and certified to the property appraiser by the board of supervisors not later than August 31 of each year and shall be entered by the property appraiser on the county tax rolls and shall be collected and enforced by the tax collector in the same manner and at the same time as county taxes, and the proceeds therefrom shall be paid to the district. However, this subsection shall not prohibit the district in its discretion from using the method prescribed in either s. 197.363 or s. 197.3632 for collecting and enforcing these assessments. Notice of the proposed amount of the assessment pursuant to s. 200.069 that includes the date and time of the hearing may be used in lieu of the notice provisions of s. 197.3632(4)(b). These maintenance special assessments shall be a lien on the property against which assessed until paid and shall be enforceable in like manner as county taxes. The amount of the maintenance special assessment for the exercise of the district's powers under ss. 190.011 and 190.012 shall be determined by the board based upon a report of the district's engineer and assessed by the board upon such lands, which may be all of the lands within the district benefited by the maintenance thereof, apportioned between the benefited lands in proportion to the benefits received by each tract of land.

(4) **ENFORCEMENT OF TAXES.**—The collection and enforcement of all taxes levied by the district shall be at the same time and in like manner as county taxes, and the provisions of the Florida Statutes relating to the sale of lands for unpaid and delinquent county taxes; the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax certificates for such unpaid and delinquent county taxes; the redemption thereof; the issuance to individuals of tax deeds based thereon; and all other procedures in connection therewith shall be applicable to the district to the same extent as if such statutory provisions were expressly set forth herein. All taxes shall be subject to the same discounts as county taxes.

(5) **WHEN UNPAID TAX IS DELINQUENT; PENALTY.**—All taxes provided for in this act shall become delinquent and bear penalties on the amount of such taxes in the same manner as county taxes.

(6) **TAX EXEMPTION.**—All bonds issued hereunder and interest paid thereon and all fees, charges, and other revenues derived by the district from the projects provided by this act are exempt from all taxes by the state or by

any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof; however, any interest, income, or profits on debt obligations issued hereunder are not exempt from the tax imposed by chapter 220. Further, districts are not exempt from the provisions of chapter 212.

(7) **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.**—Nothing in this act shall be deemed to affect any benefit tax, maintenance tax, non-ad valorem assessment, ad valorem tax, or special assessment imposed by a community development district as of June 21, 1991. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect any tax or assessment pledged to secure or authorized pursuant to a trust indenture under this chapter, and the district imposing such tax or assessment is hereby authorized to impose such tax or assessment under the terms required by the trust indenture. The terms benefit taxes or maintenance taxes used in this chapter prior to June 21, 1991, are redesignated as benefit or maintenance special assessments pursuant to this act, and such terms may be used interchangeably under the terms of an existing trust indenture.

(8) **STATUS OF ASSESSMENTS.**—Benefit special assessments, maintenance special assessments, and special assessments are non-ad valorem assessments as defined by s. 197.3632.

(9) **ASSESSMENTS CONSTITUTE LIENS; COLLECTION.**—Benefit special assessments and maintenance special assessments authorized by this section, and special assessments authorized by s. 190.022 and chapter 170, shall constitute a lien on the property against which assessed from the date of imposition thereof until paid, coequal with the lien of state, county, municipal, and school board taxes. These non-ad valorem assessments may be collected, at the district's discretion, by the tax collector pursuant to the provisions of s. 197.363 or s. 197.3632, or in accordance with other collection measures provided by law.

(10) **LAND OWNED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.**—Except as otherwise provided by law, no levy of ad valorem taxes or non-ad valorem assessments under this chapter, or chapter 170, chapter 197, or otherwise, by a board of a district on property of a governmental entity that is subject to a ground lease as described in s. 190.003(14), shall constitute a lien or encumbrance on the underlying fee interest of such governmental entity.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 11, ch. 84-360; s. 48, ch. 89-169; s. 7, ch. 91-308; s. 40, ch. 99-378; s. 35, ch. 2000-364; s. 10, ch. 2007-160; s. 7, ch. 2009-142.

190.022 Special assessments.—

(1) The board may levy special assessments for the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, or maintenance of district facilities authorized under this chapter using the procedures for levy and collection provided in chapter 170 or chapter 197.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 170.09, district assessments may be made payable in no more than 30 yearly installments.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 12, ch. 84-360; s. 8, ch. 91-308; s. 41, ch. 99-378.

190.023 Issuance of certificates of indebtedness based on assessments for assessable improvements; assessment bonds.—

(1) The board may, after any assessments for assessable improvements are made, determined, and confirmed as provided in s. 190.022, issue certificates of indebtedness for the amount so assessed against the abutting property or property otherwise benefited, as the case may be; and separate certificates shall be issued against each part or parcel of land or property assessed, which certificates shall state the general nature of the improvement for which the assessment is made. The certificates shall be payable in annual installments in accordance with the installments of the special assessment for which they are issued. The board may determine the interest to be borne by such certificates, in compliance with s. 215.84, and may sell such certificates at either private or public sale and determine the form, manner of execution, and other details of such certificates. The certificates shall recite that they are payable only from the special assessments levied and collected from the part or parcel of land or property against which they are issued. The proceeds of such certificates may be pledged for the payment of principal of and interest on any revenue bonds or general obligation bonds issued to finance in whole or in part

such assessable improvement, or, if not so pledged, may be used to pay the cost or part of the cost of such assessable improvements.

(2) The district may also issue assessment bonds or other obligations payable from a special fund into which such certificates of indebtedness referred to in the preceding subsection may be deposited; or, if such certificates of indebtedness have not been issued, the district may assign to such special fund for the benefit of the holders of such assessment bonds or other obligations, or to a trustee for such bondholders, the assessment liens provided for in this act unless such certificates of indebtedness or assessment liens have been theretofore pledged for any bonds or other obligations authorized hereunder. In the event of the creation of such special fund and the issuance of such assessment bonds or other obligations, the proceeds of such certificates of indebtedness or assessment liens deposited therein shall be used only for the payment of the assessment bonds or other obligations issued as provided in this section. The district is authorized to covenant with the holders of such assessment bonds or other obligations that it will diligently and faithfully enforce and collect all the special assessments and interest and penalties thereon for which such certificates of indebtedness or assessment liens have been deposited in or assigned to such fund; to foreclose such assessment liens so assigned to such special fund or represented by the certificates of indebtedness deposited in the special fund, after such assessment liens have become delinquent, and deposit the proceeds derived from such foreclosure, including interest and penalties, in such special fund; and to make any other covenants deemed necessary or advisable in order to properly secure the holders of such assessment bonds or other obligations.

(3) The assessment bonds or other obligations issued pursuant to this section shall have such dates of issue and maturity as shall be deemed advisable by the board; however, the maturities of such assessment bonds or other obligations shall not be more than 2 years after the due date of the last installment which will be payable on any of the special assessments for which such assessment liens, or the certificates of indebtedness representing such assessment liens, are assigned to or deposited in such special fund.

(4) Such assessment bonds or other obligations issued under this section shall bear such interest as the board may determine, not to exceed a rate which is in compliance with s. 215.84, and shall be executed, shall have such provisions for redemption prior to maturity, shall be sold in the manner and be subject to all of the applicable provisions contained in this act for revenue bonds, except as the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

(5) All assessment bonds or other obligations issued under the provisions of this act, except certificates of indebtedness issued against separate lots or parcels of land or property as provided in this section, shall be and constitute and shall have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the law merchant and the laws of the state.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 81, ch. 81-259; s. 12, ch. 83-215.

190.024 Tax liens.—All taxes of the district provided for in this act, together with all penalties for default in the payment of the same and all costs in collecting the same, including a reasonable attorney's fee fixed by the court and taxed as a cost in the action brought to enforce payment, shall, from January 1 for each year the property is liable to assessment and until paid, constitute a lien of equal dignity with the liens for state and county taxes and other taxes of equal dignity with state and county taxes upon all the lands against which such taxes shall be levied. A sale of any of the real property within the district for state and county or other taxes shall not operate to relieve or release the property so sold from the lien for subsequent district taxes or installments of district taxes, which lien may be enforced against such property as though no such sale thereof had been made. The provisions of ss. 194.171, 197.122, 197.333, and 197.432 shall be applicable to district taxes with the same force and effect as if such provisions were expressly set forth in this act.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 33, ch. 82-226; s. 202, ch. 85-342; s. 27, ch. 95-280.

190.025 Payment of taxes and redemption of tax liens by the district; sharing in proceeds of tax sale.—

(1) The district has the right to:

(a) Pay any delinquent state, county, district, municipal, or other tax or assessment upon lands located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the district; and

(b) To redeem or purchase any tax sales certificates issued or sold on account of any state, county, district, municipal, or other taxes or assessments upon lands located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the district.

(2) Delinquent taxes paid, or tax sales certificates redeemed or purchased, by the district, together with all penalties for the default in payment of the same and all costs in collecting the same and a reasonable attorney's fee, shall constitute a lien in favor of the district of equal dignity with the liens of state and county taxes and other taxes of equal dignity with state and county taxes upon all the real property against which the taxes were levied. The lien of the district may be foreclosed in the manner provided in this act.

(3) In any sale of land pursuant to s. 197.542 and amendments thereto, the district may certify to the clerk of the circuit court of the county holding such sale the amount of taxes due to the district upon the lands sought to be sold; and the district shall share in the disbursement of the sales proceeds in accordance with the provisions of this act and under the laws of the state.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 203, ch. 85-342.

190.026 Foreclosure of liens.—Any lien in favor of the district arising under this act may be foreclosed by the district by foreclosure proceedings in the name of the district in a court of competent jurisdiction as provided by general law in like manner as is provided in chapter 170 or chapter 173 and amendments thereto; the provisions of those chapters shall be applicable to such proceedings with the same force and effect as if those provisions were expressly set forth in this act. Any act required or authorized to be done by or on behalf of a municipality in foreclosure proceedings under chapter 170 or chapter 173 may be performed by such officer or agent of the district as the board of supervisors may designate. Such foreclosure proceedings may be brought at any time after the expiration of 1 year from the date any tax, or installment thereof, becomes delinquent; however no lien shall be foreclosed against any political subdivision or agency of the state. Other legal remedies shall remain available.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 11, ch. 2007-160.

190.031 Mandatory use of certain district facilities and services.—To the full extent permitted by law, the district shall require all lands, buildings, premises, persons, firms, and corporations within the district to use the water management and control facilities and water and sewer facilities of the district.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.033 Bids required.—

(1) No contract shall be let by the board for any goods, supplies, or materials to be purchased when the amount thereof to be paid by the district shall exceed the amount provided in s. 287.017 for category four, unless notice of bids or other competitive solicitation, including requests for proposals or qualifications, is advertised once in a newspaper in general circulation in the county and in the district. Any board seeking to construct or improve a public building, structure, or other public works shall comply with the bidding procedures of s. 255.20 and other applicable general law. In each case, the bid of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder shall be accepted unless all bids are rejected because the bids are too high, or the board determines it is in the best interests of the district to reject all bids. In each case in which requests for proposals, qualifications, or other competitive solicitations are used, the district shall determine which response is most advantageous for the district and award the contract to that proposer. The board may require the bidders or proposers to furnish bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the board. If the district does not receive a response to its competitive solicitation, the district may proceed to purchase such goods, supplies, materials, or construction services in the manner it deems

in the best interests of the district. Nothing in this section shall prevent the board from undertaking and performing the construction, operation, and maintenance of any project or facility authorized by this act by the employment of labor, material, and machinery.

(2) The provisions of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, s. 287.055, apply to contracts for engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping services let by the board.

(3) Contracts for maintenance services for any district facility or project shall be subject to competitive solicitation requirements when the amount thereof to be paid by the district exceeds the amount provided in s. 287.017 for category four. The district shall adopt rules, policies, or procedures establishing competitive solicitation procedures for maintenance services. Contracts for other services shall not be subject to competitive solicitation unless the district adopts a rule, policy, or procedure applying competitive solicitation procedures to said contracts.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 9, ch. 91-308; s. 113, ch. 94-119; s. 42, ch. 99-378; s. 12, ch. 2007-160.

190.035 Fees, rentals, and charges; procedure for adoption and modifications; minimum revenue requirements.—

(1) The district is authorized to prescribe, fix, establish, and collect rates, fees, rentals, or other charges, hereinafter sometimes referred to as “revenues,” and to revise the same from time to time, for the facilities and services furnished by the district, within the limits of the district, including, but not limited to, recreational facilities, water management and control facilities, and water and sewer systems; to recover the costs of making connection with any district facility or system; and to provide for reasonable penalties against any user or property for any such rates, fees, rentals, or other charges that are delinquent.

(2) No such rates, fees, rentals, or other charges for any of the facilities or services of the district shall be fixed until after a public hearing at which all the users of the proposed facility or services or owners, tenants, or occupants served or to be served thereby and all other interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates, fees, rentals, or other charges. Rates, fees, rentals, and other charges shall be adopted under the administrative rulemaking authority of the district, but shall not apply to district leases. Notice of such public hearing setting forth the proposed schedule or schedules of rates, fees, rentals, and other charges shall have been published in a newspaper in the county and of general circulation in the district at least once and at least 10 days prior to such public hearing. The rulemaking hearing may be adjourned from time to time. After such hearing, such schedule or schedules, either as initially proposed or as modified or amended, may be finally adopted. A copy of the schedule or schedules of such rates, fees, rentals, or charges as finally adopted shall be kept on file in an office designated by the board and shall be open at all reasonable times to public inspection. The rates, fees, rentals, or charges so fixed for any class of users or property served shall be extended to cover any additional users or properties thereafter served which shall fall in the same class, without the necessity of any notice or hearing.

(3) Such rates, fees, rentals, and charges shall be just and equitable and uniform for users of the same class, and when appropriate may be based or computed either upon the amount of service furnished, upon the number of average number of persons residing or working in or otherwise occupying the premises served, or upon any other factor affecting the use of the facilities furnished, or upon any combination of the foregoing factors, as may be determined by the board on an equitable basis.

(4) The rates, fees, rentals, or other charges prescribed shall be such as will produce revenues, together with any other assessments, taxes, revenues, or funds available or pledged for such purpose, at least sufficient to provide for the items hereinafter listed, but not necessarily in the order stated:

(a) To provide for all expenses of operation and maintenance of such facility or service;

(b) To pay when due all bonds and interest thereon for the payment of which such revenues are, or shall have been, pledged or encumbered, including reserves for such purpose; and

(c) To provide for any other funds which may be required under the resolution or resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to this act.

(5) The board shall have the power to enter into contracts for the use of the projects of the district and with respect to the services and facilities furnished or to be furnished by the district.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 10, ch. 91-308.

190.036 Recovery of delinquent charges.—In the event that any rates, fees, rentals, charges, or delinquent penalties shall not be paid as and when due and shall be in default for 60 days or more, the unpaid balance thereof and all interest accrued thereon, together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs, may be recovered by the district in a civil action.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.037 Discontinuance of service.—In the event the fees, rentals, or other charges for water and sewer services, or either of them, are not paid when due, the board shall have the power, under such reasonable rules and regulations as the board may adopt, to discontinue and shut off both water and sewer services until such fees, rentals, or other charges, including interest, penalties, and charges for the shutting off and discontinuance and the restoration of such water and sewer services or both, are fully paid; and, for such purposes, the board may enter on any lands, waters, or premises of any person, firm, corporation, or body, public or private, within the district limits. Such delinquent fees, rentals, or other charges, together with interest, penalties, and charges for the shutting off and discontinuance and the restoration of such services and facilities and reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses, may be recovered by the district, which may also enforce payment of such delinquent fees, rentals, or other charges by any other lawful method of enforcement.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 82, ch. 81-259.

190.041 Enforcement and penalties.—The board or any aggrieved person may have recourse to such remedies in law and at equity as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this act, including injunctive relief to enjoin or restrain any person violating the provisions of this act or any bylaws, resolutions, regulations, rules, codes, or orders adopted under this act. In case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained, or any building, structure, land, or water is used, in violation of this act or of any code, order, resolution, or other regulation made under authority conferred by this act or under law, the board or any citizen residing in the district may institute any appropriate action or proceeding to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance, or use; to restrain, correct, or avoid such violation; to prevent the occupancy of such building, structure, land, or water; and to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business, or use in or about such premises, land, or water.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 83, ch. 81-259.

190.043 Suits against the district.—Any suit or action brought or maintained against the district for damages arising out of tort, including, without limitation, any claim arising upon account of an act causing an injury or loss of property, personal injury, or death, shall be subject to the limitations provided in s. 768.28.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.044 Exemption of district property from execution.—All district property shall be exempt from levy and sale by virtue of an execution, and no execution or other judicial process shall issue against such property, nor shall any judgment against the district be a charge or lien on its property or revenues; however, nothing contained herein shall apply to or limit the rights of bondholders to pursue any remedy for the enforcement of any lien or pledge given by the district in connection with any of the bonds or obligations of the district.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.046 Termination, contraction, or expansion of district.—

(1) A landowner or the board may petition to contract or expand the boundaries of a community development district in the following manner:

(a) The petition shall contain the same information required by s. 190.005(1)(a)1. and 8. In addition, if the petitioner seeks to expand the district, the petition shall describe the proposed timetable for construction of any district services to the area, the estimated cost of constructing the proposed services, and the designation of the future general distribution, location, and extent of public and private uses of land proposed for the area by the future land use plan element of the adopted local government local comprehensive plan. If the petitioner seeks to contract the district, the petition shall describe what services and facilities are currently provided by the district to the area being removed, and the designation of the future general distribution, location, and extent of public and private uses of land proposed for the area by the future land element of the adopted local government comprehensive plan.

(b) For those districts initially established by county ordinance, the petition for ordinance amendment shall be filed with the county commission. If the land to be included or excluded is, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of a municipality, then the county commission shall not amend the ordinance without municipal approval. A public hearing shall be held in the same manner and with the same public notice as other ordinance amendments. The county commission shall consider the record of the public hearing and the factors set forth in s. 190.005(1)(e) in making its determination to grant or deny the petition for ordinance amendment.

(c) For those districts initially established by municipal ordinance pursuant to s. 190.005(2)(e), the municipality shall assume the duties of the county commission set forth in paragraph (b); however, if any of the land to be included or excluded, in whole or in part, is outside the boundaries of the municipality, then the municipality shall not amend its ordinance without county commission approval.

(d)1. For those districts initially established by administrative rule pursuant to s. 190.005(1), the petition shall be filed with the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission.

2. Prior to filing the petition, the petitioner shall pay a filing fee of \$1,500, to the county if the district or the land to be added or deleted from the district is located within an unincorporated area or to the municipality if the district or the land to be added or deleted is located within an incorporated area, and to each municipality the boundaries of which are contiguous with or contain all or a portion of the land within or to be added to or deleted from the external boundaries of the district. The petitioner shall submit a copy of the petition to the same entities entitled to receive the filing fee. In addition, if the district is not the petitioner, the petitioner shall file the petition with the district board of supervisors.

3. Each county and each municipality shall have the option of holding a public hearing as provided by s. 190.005(1)(c). However, the public hearing shall be limited to consideration of the contents of the petition and whether the petition for amendment should be supported by the county or municipality.

4. The district board of supervisors shall, in lieu of a hearing officer, hold the local public hearing provided for by s. 190.005(1)(d). This local public hearing shall be noticed in the same manner as provided in s. 190.005(1)(d). Within 45 days of the conclusion of the hearing, the district board of supervisors shall transmit to the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission the full record of the local hearing, the transcript of the hearing, any resolutions adopted by the local general-purpose governments, and its recommendation whether to grant the petition for amendment. The commission shall then proceed in accordance with s. 190.005(1)(e).

5. A rule amending a district boundary shall describe the land to be added or deleted.

(e)1. During the existence of a district initially established by administrative rule, the process to amend the boundaries of the district pursuant to paragraphs (a)-(d) shall not permit a cumulative net total greater than 50 percent of the land in the initial district, and in no event greater than 1,000 acres on a cumulative net basis.

2. During the existence of a district initially established by county or municipal ordinance, the process to amend

the boundaries of the district pursuant to paragraphs (a)-(d) shall not permit a cumulative net total greater than 50 percent of the land in the initial district, and in no event greater than 1,000 acres on a cumulative net basis.

(f) Petitions to amend the boundaries of the district that exceed the amount of land specified in paragraph (e) shall be processed in accordance with s. 190.005, and the petition shall include only the elements set forth in s. 190.005(1)(a)1. and 5.-8. and the consent required by paragraph (g). However, the resulting administrative rule or ordinance may only amend the boundaries of the district and may not establish a new district or cause a new 6-year or 10-year period to begin pursuant to s. 190.006(3)(a)2. The filing fee for such petitions shall be as set forth in s. 190.005(1)(b), as applicable.

(g) In all cases of a petition to amend the boundaries of a district, the filing of the petition by the district board of supervisors constitutes consent of the landowners within the district. In all cases, written consent of those landowners whose land is to be added to or deleted from the district as provided in s. 190.005(1)(a)2. is required.

(h) For a petition to establish a new community development district of less than 2,500 acres on land located solely in one county or one municipality, sufficiently contiguous lands located within the county or municipality which the petitioner anticipates adding to the boundaries of the district within 10 years after the effective date of the ordinance establishing the district may also be identified. If such sufficiently contiguous land is identified, the petition must include a legal description of each additional parcel within the sufficiently contiguous land, the current owner of the parcel, the acreage of the parcel, and the current land use designation of the parcel. At least 14 days before the hearing required under s. 190.005(2)(b), the petitioner must give the current owner of each such parcel notice of filing the petition to establish the district, the date and time of the public hearing on the petition, and the name and address of the petitioner. A parcel may not be included in the district without the written consent of the owner of the parcel.

1. After establishment of the district, a person may petition the county or municipality to amend the boundaries of the district to include a previously identified parcel that was a proposed addition to the district before its establishment. A filing fee may not be charged for this petition. Each such petition must include:

- a. A legal description by metes and bounds of the parcel to be added;
- b. A new legal description by metes and bounds of the district;
- c. Written consent of all owners of the parcel to be added;
- d. A map of the district including the parcel to be added;
- e. A description of the development proposed on the additional parcel; and
- f. A copy of the original petition identifying the parcel to be added.

2. Before filing with the county or municipality, the person must provide the petition to the district and to the owner of the proposed additional parcel, if the owner is not the petitioner.

3. Once the petition is determined sufficient and complete, the county or municipality must process the addition of the parcel to the district as an amendment to the ordinance that establishes the district. The county or municipality may process all petitions to amend the ordinance for parcels identified in the original petition, even if, by adding such parcels, the district exceeds 2,500 acres.

4. The petitioner shall cause to be published in a newspaper qualified to publish legal notices in the proposed district a notice of the intent to amend the ordinance that establishes the district. The notice must be in addition to any notice required for adoption of the ordinance amendment. Such notice must be published as provided in chapter 50 at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing on the ordinance amendment. The notice must include a general description of the land to be added to the district and the date and time of the scheduled hearing to amend the ordinance. The petitioner shall deliver, including by mail or hand delivery, the notice of the hearing on the ordinance amendment to the owner of the parcel and to the district at least 14 days before the scheduled hearing.

5. The amendment of a district by the addition of a parcel pursuant to this paragraph does not alter the

transition from landowner voting to qualified elector voting pursuant to s. 190.006, even if the total size of the district after the addition of the parcel exceeds 5,000 acres. Upon adoption of the ordinance expanding the district, the petitioner must cause to be recorded a notice of boundary amendment which reflects the new boundaries of the district.

6. This paragraph is intended to facilitate the orderly addition of lands to a district under certain circumstances and does not preclude the addition of lands to any district using the procedures in the other provisions of this section.

(2) The district shall remain in existence unless:

(a) The district is merged with another district as provided in subsection (3) or subsection (4);

(b) All of the specific community development systems, facilities, and services that it is authorized to perform have been transferred to a general-purpose unit of local government in the manner provided in subsections (5), (6), and (7); or

(c) The district is dissolved as provided in subsection (8), subsection (9), or subsection (10).

(3) The district may merge with other community development districts upon filing a petition for merger, which petition shall include the elements set forth in s. 190.005(1) and which shall be evaluated using the criteria set forth in s. 190.005(1)(e). The filing fee shall be as set forth in s. 190.005(1)(b). In addition, the petition shall state whether a new district is to be established or whether one district shall be the surviving district. A community development district may also merge with another type of special district created by special act pursuant to the terms of that special act or by filing a petition for establishment of a new district pursuant to s. 190.005. The government formed by a merger involving a community development district pursuant to this section shall assume all indebtedness of, and receive title to, all property owned by the preexisting special districts, and the rights of creditors and liens upon property are not impaired by such merger. Any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against any district that is a party to the merger may be continued as if the merger had not occurred, or the surviving district may be substituted in the proceeding for the district that ceased to exist. Prior to filing a petition, the districts desiring to merge shall enter into a merger agreement and shall provide for the proper allocation of the indebtedness so assumed and the manner in which such debt shall be retired. The approval of the merger agreement and the petition by the board of supervisors of the district shall constitute consent of the landowners within the district. A community development district merging with another type of district may also enter into a merger agreement to address issues of transition, including the allocation of indebtedness and retirement of debt.

(4)(a) To achieve economies of scale, reduce costs to affected district residents and businesses in areas with multiple existing districts, and encourage the merger of multiple districts, up to five districts that were established by the same local general-purpose government and whose board memberships are composed entirely of qualified electors may merge into one surviving district through adoption of an ordinance by the local general-purpose government, notwithstanding the acreage limitations otherwise set forth for the establishment of a district in this chapter. The filing of a petition by the majority of the members of each district board of supervisors seeking to merge constitutes consent of the landowners within each applicable district.

(b) In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection (3), a merger agreement entered into between the district boards subject to this subsection must also:

1. Require the surviving merged district board to consist of five elected board members.

2. Require each at-large board seat to represent the entire geographic area of the surviving merged district.

3. Ensure that each district to be merged is entitled to elect at least one board member from its former boundary.

4. Ensure a fair allocation of board membership to represent the districts being merged. To that end:

a. If two districts merge, two board members shall be elected from each of the districts and one member shall

be elected at-large.

b. If three districts merge, one board member shall be elected from each of the three districts and two board members shall be elected at-large.

c. If four districts merge, one board member shall be elected from each of the four districts and one board member shall be elected at-large.

d. If five districts merge, one board member shall be elected from each of the five districts.

5. Require the election of board members for the surviving merged district to be held at the next general election following the merger, at which time all terms of preexisting board members shall end and the merger shall be legally in effect.

(c) Before filing the merger petition with the local general-purpose government under this subsection, each district proposing to merge must hold a public hearing within its district to provide information about and take public comment on the proposed merger, merger agreement, and assignment of board seats. Notice of the hearing shall be published at least 14 days before the hearing. If, after the public hearing, a district board decides that it no longer wants to merge and cancels the proposed merger agreement, the remaining districts must each hold another public hearing on the revised merger agreement. A petition to merge may not be filed for at least 30 days after the last public hearing held by the districts proposing to merge.

(5) The local general-purpose government within the geographical boundaries of which the district lies may adopt a nonemergency ordinance providing for a plan for the transfer of a specific community development service from a district to the local general-purpose government. The plan must provide for the assumption and guarantee of the district debt that is related to the service by the local general-purpose government and must demonstrate the ability of the local general-purpose government to provide such service:

(a) As efficiently as the district.

(b) At a level of quality equal to or higher than the level of quality actually delivered by the district to the users of the service.

(c) At a charge equal to or lower than the actual charge by the district to the users of the service.

(6) No later than 30 days following the adoption of a transfer plan ordinance, the board of supervisors may file, in the circuit court for the county in which the local general-purpose government that adopted the ordinance is located, a petition seeking review by certiorari of the factual and legal basis for the adoption of the transfer plan ordinance.

(7) Upon the transfer of all of the community development services of the district to a general-purpose unit of local government, the district shall be terminated in accordance with a plan of termination which shall be adopted by the board of supervisors and filed with the clerk of the circuit court.

(8) If, within 5 years after the effective date of the rule or ordinance establishing the district, a landowner has not received a development permit, as defined in chapter 380, on some part or all of the area covered by the district, then the district will be automatically dissolved and a judge of the circuit court shall cause a statement to that effect to be filed in the public records.

(9) In the event the district has become inactive pursuant to s. 189.062, the respective board of county commissioners or city commission shall be informed and it shall take appropriate action.

(10) If a district has no outstanding financial obligations and no operating or maintenance responsibilities, upon the petition of the district, the district may be dissolved by a nonemergency ordinance of the general-purpose local governmental entity that established the district or, if the district was established by rule of the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, the district may be dissolved by repeal of such rule of the commission.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; ss. 13, 19, ch. 84-360; s. 49, ch. 89-169; s. 11, ch. 91-308; s. 43, ch. 99-378; s. 34, ch. 2004-345; s. 31, ch. 2004-353; s. 10, ch. 2009-142; s. 22, ch. 2013-15; s. 70, ch. 2014-22; s. 3, ch. 2016-94; s. 4, ch. 2017-3; s. 1, ch. 2019-164; s. 18, ch. 2021-17.

190.047 Incorporation or annexation of district.—

(1) Upon attaining the population standards for incorporation contained in s. 165.061 and as determined by the Department of Economic Opportunity, any district wholly contained within the unincorporated area of a county that also meets the other requirements for incorporation contained in s. 165.061 shall hold a referendum at a general election on the question of whether to incorporate. However, any district contiguous to the boundary of a municipality may be annexed to such municipality pursuant to the provisions of chapter 171.

(2) The Department of Economic Opportunity shall annually monitor the status of the district for purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section.

History.—s. 14, ch. 84-360; s. 13, ch. 2007-160; s. 71, ch. 2011-142.

190.048 Sale of real estate within a district; required disclosure to purchaser.—Subsequent to the establishment of a district under this chapter, each contract for the initial sale of a parcel of real property and each contract for the initial sale of a residential unit within the district shall include, immediately prior to the space reserved in the contract for the signature of the purchaser, the following disclosure statement in boldfaced and conspicuous type which is larger than the type in the remaining text of the contract: “THE (Name of District) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND ARE SET ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW.”

History.—s. 15, ch. 84-360; s. 3, ch. 90-46; s. 44, ch. 99-378.

190.0485 Notice of establishment.—Within 30 days after the effective date of a rule or ordinance establishing a community development district under this act, the district shall cause to be recorded in the property records in the county in which it is located a “Notice of Establishment of the Community Development District.” The notice shall, at a minimum, include the legal description of the district and a copy of the disclosure statement specified in s. 190.048.

History.—s. 45, ch. 99-378.

190.049 Special acts prohibited.—Pursuant to s. 11(a)(21), Art. III of the State Constitution, there shall be no special law or general law of local application creating an independent special district which has the powers enumerated in two or more of the paragraphs contained in s. 190.012, unless such district is created pursuant to the provisions of s. 189.031.

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407; s. 16, ch. 84-360; s. 47, ch. 99-378; s. 71, ch. 2014-22.

B.

RESOLUTION 2024-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAST
RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CANVASSING AND
CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE LANDOWNER’S ELECTION OF
SUPERVISORS HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION 190.006(2), FLORIDA
STATUTES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the East Ridge Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, a landowners meeting is required to be held within 90 days of the District’s creation and every two years following the creation of the District for the purpose of electing supervisors of the District; and

WHEREAS, such landowners meeting, the minutes of which shall be attached hereto as **Exhibit A** upon approval thereof, was held on October 30, 2023, immediately prior to the meeting of the District’s Board of Supervisors, and at which the below recited persons were duly elected by virtue of the votes cast in his/her favor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District, by means of this Resolution, desires to canvas the votes and declare and certify the results of said election.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The following persons are found, certified, and declared to have been duly elected as Supervisors of and for the District, having been elected by the votes cast in their favor as shown:

_____	Seat 1	Votes _____
_____	Seat 2	Votes _____
_____	Seat 3	Votes _____
_____	Seat 4	Votes _____
_____	Seat 5	Votes _____

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, and by virtue of the number of votes cast for the Supervisor, the above-named persons are declared to have been elected for the following terms of office:

_____	4 Year Term
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_____	4 Year Term
_____	2 Year Term
_____	2 Year Term
_____	2 Year Term

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Minutes of Landowner Meeting and Election

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1.

RESOLUTION 2024-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING THE OFFICERS OF
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to elect the Officers of the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The following persons are elected to the offices shown:

Chairperson	_____
Vice Chairperson	_____
Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

2.

RESOLUTION 2024-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A TREASURER
AND ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to appoint a Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to appoint an Assistant Treasurer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. _____ is appointed Treasurer.

SECTION 2. _____ is appointed Assistant Treasurer.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

1.

RESOLUTION 2024-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER; APPOINTING A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE COORDINATOR; APPOINTING A REGISTERED FINANCIAL ADVISOR IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS; APPOINTING A DESIGNATED INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ADMINISTER INVESTMENT DIRECTION WITH REGARD TO DISTRICT FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.007(1), *Florida Statutes*, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to employ and fix compensation of a District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a Methodology Consultant to advise regarding the proposed issuance of special assessment bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the appointment of a Methodology Consultant is necessary, appropriate and in the District’s best interests; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a District Manager and Methodology Consultant and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Governmental Management Services, L.L.C is appointed as District Manager and Methodology Consultant and shall be compensated for their services, pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Manager Fee Agreement

Exhibit A: District Manager Fee Agreement

**AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SERVICES
BETWEEN EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND
GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.L.C.**

Date of Agreement: October 30, 2023

Between: Governmental Management Services, L.L.C.
 475 West Town Place, Suite 114
 St. Augustine, FL 32092

(Hereinafter referred to as "Manager");

And: East Ridge Community Development District
 475 West Town Place, Suite 114
 St. Augustine, FL 32092

A unit of special purpose local government located within the City of
Tallahassee, Florida

(Hereinafter referred to as "District").

**GENERAL MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND
ACCOUNTING SERVICES**

This engagement is for the Manager to provide District Management Services for the District. The duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Meetings, Hearings, Workshops, Etc.

- The Manager will organize, conduct, and provide minutes for all meetings of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, scheduling meetings, providing agenda packages and meeting materials in the form requested by the District Board of Supervisors, and publishing Board meeting, public hearing notices, and landowner election notices pursuant to Florida law.
- The Manager will consult with the District Board of Supervisors and its designated representatives, and when necessary, organize such meetings, discussions, project site visits, workshops, and hearings as may pertain to the administration and accomplishment of the various projects and services provided by the District.

Records

- The Manager will maintain "Record of Proceedings" for the District within the boundaries of the local government in which the District is located and include meeting minutes, agreements, resolutions, and other records required by law or contract and provide access to such records as necessary for proper District function or compliance with Florida's public records laws.

District Operations

- The Manager will act as the primary point of contact for District-related matters.
- The Manager will consult with and advise the District on matters related to the operation and maintenance of the District's public infrastructure.
- The Manager will make recommendations and assist in matters relating to solicitation, approval, rejection, amendment renewal and cancellation of contracts for services to the District. In advance of expiration of contracts, the Manager will advise the Board as to need for renewal or additional procurement activities and implement same.
- On or before October 1st of every year, the Manager will prepare an annual inventory of all District owned tangible personal property and equipment in accordance with all applicable rules and standards.
- The Manager will recommend and advise the Board, in consultation with the District Engineer of the appropriate amount and type of insurance and be responsible for procuring all necessary insurance.
- The Manager will ensure compliance with all statutes affecting the District by performing the following tasks (and such other tasks required by law but not specifically identified herein):
 - File name and location of the Registered Agent and Office location annually with Department of Community Affairs and the County.
 - Provide legal description and boundary map as provided by District Engineer to the Supervisor of Elections
 - Provide the regular meeting schedule of the Board to County.
 - File all required financial reports to the Department of Revenue, Auditor General, the County, and other governmental agencies with jurisdiction in compliance with Florida law
 - File request letter to the Supervisor of Election of the County for number of registered voters as of April 15, each year. Report annually the number of registered voters in the District by June 1, of each year.

- Transmit Public Facilities Report and related updates to appropriate agencies.
- Prepare and file annual public depositor report.

Accounting and Reporting

- The Manager will implement an integrated management reporting system compliant with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for government and fund accounting which will allow the District to represent fairly and with full disclosure the financial position of the District. The District's accounting activities will be overseen by a degreed accountant.
- The Manager will prepare reports as appropriate under applicable law, accounting standards, and bond trust indenture requirements. The Manager will track the District's general fund and bond fund activities and provide monthly and annual financial statements (including budget to actual summary).
- The Manager will administer the processing, review and approval, and timely payment of all invoices and purchase orders.
- The Manager will oversee District's capital and general fund accounts.
- The Manager will recommend and implement investment policies and procedures pursuant to State law, and provide Cash Management services to obtain maximum earnings for District operations through investment of surplus funds to the State Board of Administration.

Audits

- The Manager will provide audit support to auditors for the required Annual Audit, and will ensure completion and submission of audit and Annual Financial Statements to the County, Auditor General, and other appropriate government entities in compliance with Florida law.

Budgeting

- The Manager will prepare and provide a proposed budget for Board approval and submission to County in compliance with state law. The Manager will prepare final budget and backup material for and present the budget at all budget meetings, hearings, and workshops. The Manager will ensure that all budget meetings, hearings, and workshops are properly noticed.
- The Manager will administer the adopted budget and prepare budget amendments on an ongoing basis as necessary.

Capital Program Administration

- The Manager will maintain proper capital fund and project fund accounting procedures and records.
- The Manager will coordinate with District staff to provide for appropriate bid and or proposal/qualification processes for Capital Project Construction.
- The Manager will oversee and implement bond issue related compliance, i.e., coordination of annual arbitrage report, transmittal of annual audit and budget to the trustee, transmittal of annual audit to bond holders and underwriters, annual/quarterly disclosure reporting, etc.
- The Manager will provide dissemination agent services related to required reporting, as referenced in Exhibit A.

Maintenance Contract Administration

- The parties further understand and recognize that the scope and number of contracts to be administered under the District management fees may be limited and/ or multiple fees may be required to the extent extraordinary staff time is required. Any Maintenance Contract Administration shall be by separate agreement between the parties.
- Coordinate activities with onsite District staff for planning, developing, controlling and evaluating field maintenance contracts and programs.
- Develop and oversee the annual maintenance program as identified in the adopted budget of the District, develop policies, purchase requests and help coordinate competitive bidding, when necessary.
- Review and sign purchase orders and service contracts to facilitate District operations. Approve invoices for payment and coordinate with onsite staff for same.
- Develop and implement a capital improvement plan based on the approved District Reserve Study and Board of Supervisors approval of the plan.
- Answer questions and requests from District residents, as applicable.

- Coordinate with City and County officials regarding District issues.
- Coordinate with insurance carriers, District and non-District, for damages to District property.
- Prepare, as required, portions of the District operations budget and monitor budget line-item activity.
- Correspond as required with the District Board of Supervisors and with the public as District representative. Provide the Board of Supervisors status reports in advance of each Board meeting or as required.
- Administrate daily activities and conduct monthly on-site inspections.
- Help develop and enforce District policies and procedures including preventing, resident and non-resident, intrusion and/or damage to District property; ensure restoration is completed if necessary.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Assessments & Revenue Collection

- The Manager will develop and administer the annual assessment roll for the District. This includes administering the tax roll for the District for assessments collected by the County and administering assessments for Off Tax Roll parcels/lots.
- The Manager will provide payoff information and pre-payment amounts as requested by property owners and collect prepayment of assessments as necessary.
- The Manager will monitor development of the District and perform Assessment True-up Analysis when appropriate.
- The Manager will issue estoppel letters as needed for property transfers.
- The Manager will maintain the District's Lien Book, in which is recorded the details of any District debt and the related debt service assessments. The Lien Book will account for all District debt and show the allocation of debt principal to assessed properties within the District.

Dissemination Agent Services

- Collect financial and other factual and relevant information noted in the duties specifically set in the CDA (“Continuing Disclosure Agreement”). and to distribute such information supplied by the District, including the audited financial statements for the District (collectively, the “Annual Report”), to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) through Electronic Municipal Market Access system (“EMMA”) and to any state repository established in Florida (the “State Repository”), as required by the CDA.
- Work with the District and Trustee and report any “Significant Events”, disclosed to Manager by the District, all in accordance with CDA.
- Determine, each year prior to the date for providing the Annual Report, the name and address of each National Repository and each State Repository, if any, and to file a report with the District and the Trustee certifying that the Annual Report has been provided to the National Repositories and State Repository, stating the Annual Report was provided and listing all the repositories to which it was provided (when applicable).
- Comply with the terms of the CDA as Dissemination Agent for the duration of this Agreement.

Amenity Management Services

- Onsite staffing levels consisting of seasonal facility / pool attendant employees “(Facility Attendant)” of Contractor to meet the current staffing level requirements.
- Services will be offered between March 1st and September 30th. The hours of operations between Monday and Friday will be from 4 PM to 8 PM. The hours of operations between Saturday and Sunday will be from 2 PM to 8 PM.
- Any additional services in excess of the annual adopted budget will require the Board of Supervisors’ approval.
- Contractor will provide managerial oversight of the Amenity providing on-site or on-call management services as needed both with the seasonal staff as well as to address support needs in the Amenity Center year-round.

FEES AND TERM OF SERVICES

All services will be completed on a timely basis in accordance with the District needs and statutory requirements.

The District agrees to compensate the Manager in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in the attached Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C. Payment shall be made in equal monthly installments at the beginning of each month, or as described on the fee schedules and may be amended annually as evidenced by the budget approved by the Board.

This Agreement shall automatically renew each Fiscal Year of the District, unless otherwise terminated by either party. The District will consider price adjustments each twelve (12) month period to compensate for market conditions and the planned workload of the District to be performed during the next twelve (12) month period. Evidence of price or fee adjustments will be approved by the Board in its adopted or amended Fiscal Year Budget.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The District shall provide for the timely services of its legal counsel, engineer and any other consultants, contractors, or employees, as required, for the Manager to perform the duties outlined in this Contract. Expenses incurred in providing this support shall be the sole responsibility of the District.

TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT

This Contract may be terminated as follows:

1. By the District for "good cause," which shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or dereliction of duties by the Manager which termination may be immediate; or
2. By the Manager or District, for any reason, upon 60 days written notice.

In the event this Contract is terminated in either manner above stated, the Manager will make all reasonable effort to provide for an orderly transfer of the books and records of the District to the District or its designee.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All invoices are due and payable when received.
2. This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
3. In the event that any provision of this contract shall be determined to be

unenforceable or invalid by a court such unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Contract which shall remain in full force and effect.

4. The rights and obligations of the District as defined by this Contract shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the District. There shall be no assignment of this Contract by the Manager, without the approval of the District.
5. The District acknowledges that the Manager is not a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker, nor is the Manager registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, the District acknowledges that the Manager does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice.
6. To the extent allowable under applicable law (and only to the extent of the limitations of liability set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes), except to the extent caused by the negligence, reckless, and/or willful misconduct of the Manager, the District agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Manager and its officers, supervisors, staff, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, demands, assessments or judgments asserted and any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, court costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, that Manager may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the grossly negligent or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the District. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the Manager may be entitled and shall continue after the Manager has ceased to be engaged under this Contract.

The Manager agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the District and its officers, supervisors, staff, and employees from and against any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, demands, assessments or judgments asserted and any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, court costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, that the Manager may hereafter incur, become responsible for, or be caused to pay out arising out of or relating to the failure to perform under this Contract or at law, or grossly negligent, reckless, and/or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the Manager. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the District may be entitled and shall continue after the Manager has ceased to be engaged under this Contract. In addition to any other conditions and/or limitations set forth herein, the District shall be obligated to indemnify Manager only if such indemnification obligation is covered by the District's insurance.

7. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the District's sovereign

immunity or any waiver of the limitations of liability as provided in Section 768.28 Florida Statutes, or other applicable law. Nothing in this Contract shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

8. Any amendment or change to this Contract shall be in writing and executed by all parties.
9. The Manager, on behalf of itself and its subcontractors, hereby warrants compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations applicable to their employees. The Manager further agrees that the District is a public employer subject to the E-Verify requirements provided in Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and such provisions of said statute are applicable to this Agreement, including, but not limited to registration with and use of the E-Verify system. The Manager agrees to utilize the E-Verify system to verify work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The Manager shall provide sufficient evidence that it is registered with the E-Verify system before commencement of performance under this Agreement. If the District has a good faith belief that the Manager is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District shall terminate this Agreement. The Manager shall require an affidavit from each subcontractor providing that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Manager shall retain a copy of each such affidavit for the term of this Agreement and all renewals thereof. If the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor of the Manager performing work under this Agreement is in violation of Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or has knowingly hired, recruited, or referred an alien that is not duly authorized to work by the federal immigration laws or the Attorney General of the United States for employment under this Agreement, the District promptly notify the Manager and order the Manager to immediately terminate its subcontract with the subcontractor. The Manager shall be liable for any additional costs incurred by the District as a result of the termination of any contract, including this Agreement, based on Manager's failure to comply with the E-Verify requirements referenced in this subsection.
10. The Manager shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the following insurance:
 - Workers' Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
 - Commercial General Liability Insurance covering the Contractor's legal liability for bodily injuries, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability, and covering at least the following hazards:
 - Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in

- connection with any subcontractors' operation.
- Employer's Liability Coverage with limits of at least \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per accident or disease.
 - Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injuries in limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and for property damage, providing coverage for any accident arising out of or resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use by the Contractor of any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed.

The District, its staff, consultants, and supervisors shall be named as additional insured. The Contractor shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida.

If the Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right but not the obligation to secure such required insurance in which event the Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District's obtaining the required insurance.

11. Manager shall, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, comply with the public records laws of the State of Florida. Failure of the Manager to comply with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, may subject the Manager to penalties pursuant to Section 119.10, Florida Statutes. In the event Manager fails to comply with this section or Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the District shall be entitled to all remedies at law or in equity. The following statement is required to be included in this Agreement pursuant to Section 119.0701(2), Florida Statutes:

IF THE MANAGER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE MANAGER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT/CONTRACT, THE MANAGER MAY CONTACT THE MANAGER CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS FOR THE DISTRICT AT:

GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.L.C.
475 WEST TOWN PLACE, SUITE 114
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA 32092
TELEPHONE: (904) 940-5850
EMAIL: INFO@GMSNF.COM

NOTICES

All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail return receipt requested, or express mail with proof of receipt. If sent to the District, notice shall be to:

East Ridge Community Development District
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, FL 32092
Attn: Chairperson

With a copy to:

East Ridge Community Development District
c/o Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 East College Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Attn: Jennifer Kilinski, District Counsel

If notice is sent to Manager, it shall be sent to:

Governmental Management Services, L.L.C.
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, FL 32092
Attn: Jim Oliver, Managing Partner
JOLIVER@GMSNF.COM

Governmental Management Services, L.L.C.
1001 Bradford Way
Kingston, TN 37763
Attn: Darrin Mossing, President
DMOSSING@GMSTNN.COM

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This Contract shall represent the entire agreement between the Manager and the District. Both Manager and District understand and agree with the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

Approved by:

Board of Supervisors East Ridge
Community Development
District

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

By _____
Chairman

Governmental Management
Services, L.L.C.

Witness

By _____
Jim Oliver, Partner

EXHIBIT A

DISTRICT MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Manager Administrative Services		Fiscal Year 2024 Fees
Management, Administrative, and Accounting Services: - Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments (plus reimbursables) - Our Agreement contemplates 12 meetings, and 1 workshop		\$45,000
Assessment Methodology Preparation: Per Bond Issue		\$20,000
Annual Construction Accounting Fee (per bond issue): Year One Paid at issuance, while active		\$5,000
Annual Assessment Administration: Beginning with the first assessment to individual unit owners, direct assessment or utilizing tax collector. (i.e., District with 1 Bond Issue = \$7,500)		\$5,000 + \$2,500 for each bond issue
Dissemination Agent Services: - Annual Fee for 1st Bond Issuance (\$2,500 for each additional series of Bonds)		\$7,500
Annual Information Technology Fees: Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments		\$1,800
Annual Website Maintenance: Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments		\$1,200
Website Creation: One-time fee for the creation of an ADA compliant website, if applicable		\$2,500

EXHIBIT B

MISCELLANEOUS FEES SCHEDULE

Item	Cost
Agenda Package Hardcopy (if Applicable)	\$2.50 per regular Agenda Mtg.
Copy	\$0.15 / black and white page
Binders, Envelopes, Storage Boxes, and other Office Supplies	Actual Cost
USPS / FedEx / UPS	Actual Cost
Conference Calls	Actual Cost
Offsite Physical Records Storage & Archival	\$50.00 A Month
Additional Service Available:	Cost
Other Services ** - New Bond Issuance Cost (per bond issue) - Refinance Bond Issuance Cost (per bond issue) - Debt Service Assessment Methodology Preparation - SERC Preparation & Assistance w/ Petition - Prepaid Estoppel Letter – One Lot - Prepaid Estoppel Letter – Multiple Lots - Prepaid Estoppel Letter – Partial Payoffs - Annual Fee for 1st Bond Issuance (\$1,000 for each additional series of Bonds)	\$ 25,000 \$ 15,000 \$ 20,000 \$ 5,000 \$ 250 \$ 350 \$ 500 \$ 3,000
One-Time Conversion Fee: To recreate historical Accounting and Administrative Records Need For The Transition.	Included
Extended or Extra Board Meetings: Our agreement includes five (5) meetings in the management fee. Extra meetings are available at a \$2,000 fee per meeting. Any meeting duration exceeding the noted 3-hour duration may be charged a meeting overage fee.	\$2,000 / Mtg. \$250.00 / Hour
Staff Hourly Rates For Additional District Project Requests: - District Manager - Recording Secretary/Administration - Accounting - Assessment Roll Administration - Other (Negotiated Prior To Fulfilling The Request)	\$175/hr. \$75/hr. \$125/hr. \$135/hr. TBD
Facility Maintenance and Repair Services: - The Maintenance Technician is an onsite part-time position. Including general handyman services, pressure washing, basic non-licensed electrical repairs, basic non-licensed plumbing repairs, Painting, cleaning, trash removal, etcetera. - The Agreement is based upon \$40.00/Hour excluding the daily charge for mobilization and usage of tools for assignments. We will itemize all reimbursable pass-through expenses.	\$40.00 / Hour

Miscellaneous Fees are reviewed by GMS annually; itemization of all miscellaneous fees and units consumed are included in the monthly invoice and presented to the Board of Supervisors for their approval as part of the Agenda packages. GMS strives to work with the District to minimize reimbursable expenses by utilizing electronic agendas and similar approaches.

EXHIBIT C

AMENITY MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Property/Amenity Management Services		FY '24 GMS Fees
Seasonal Facility / Pool Attendant: - The Facility Attendant position is an on-site part-time position - Services are offered between March 1st to September 30th - Monday – Friday from 4 PM to 8 PM - Saturday – Sunday from 2 PM to 8 PM - Amounts in excess of the annual adopted budget will require the Board of Supervisors’ approval.	Not Contracted But Available	
Annual Amenity Management Services: Services include a monthly fee, in equal parts, to provide managerial oversight of the Amenity providing on-site or on-call management services as needed both with the seasonal staff as well as to address support needs in the Amenity Center year-round.	Not Contracted But Available	
Janitorial Services: - The Janitorial Technician is an onsite part-time position - The hours and days of service will be scheduled at the direction of the Property/Amenity Manager. Schedule to include three (3) days a week in the summer and two (2) days a week in the winter - Excludes Supply expenses	Not Contracted But Available	
Pool Maintenance: - The Pool Maintenance Technician is an onsite part-time position - The hours and days of service will be scheduled at the direction of the Property/Amenity Manager. Schedule to include three (3) days a week in the summer and two (2) days a week in the winter - Excludes Pool Chemical expenses	Not Contracted But Available	
Field Operations Management - Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments - On-Site a minimum of Two (2) times a month doing inspections and/or coordinating with vendors.	Not Contracted But Available	
Additional Services: - All other requested items not specifically denoted in Exhibits “A,” “B”, or “C” will be subject to either a flat rate proposal or an hourly rate proposal to the District. - GMS will be subcontracting to Riverside Management Services, Inc. for the Services outlined in Exhibit ”C.”		
Totals		TBD

B.

2.

RESOLUTION 2024-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.011, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a District Counsel and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC, is appointed as District Counsel and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Attorney Retainer Agreement

Exhibit A: Attorney Retainer Agreement



KILINSKI | VAN WYK
P.O. Box 6386, Tallahassee, Florida 32314

**KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC
FEE AGREEMENT
East Ridge CDD**

I. PARTIES

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the following parties:

A. East Ridge Community Development District ("Client")
c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C.
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092

and

B. Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC ("**Kilinski | Van Wyk**")
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

In consideration of the mutual agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

- A. The Client agrees to employ and retain Kilinski | Van Wyk as its general legal counsel.
- B. Kilinski | Van Wyk accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client regarding those matters referenced above.

III. FEES

The Client agrees to compensate Kilinski | Van Wyk for services rendered regarding any matters covered by this Agreement according to the hourly billing rates for individual Kilinski | Van Wyk lawyers set forth herein, plus actual expenses incurred by Kilinski | Van Wyk in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy (**Attachment A**, incorporated herein by reference). For Fiscal Year 2024, the discounted hourly rates will be \$325 - \$365 per hour for partners, \$285 - \$325 for of counsel lawyers, \$265-\$285 per hour for associates, and \$190 per hour for paralegals. All hourly rates may be increased annually by up to \$5 per hour.

The Client agrees to pay Kilinski | Van Wyk monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of a statement from Kilinski | Van Wyk. Kilinski | Van Wyk shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Fee Agreement if any such billing statement remains unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing

statements shall be a basis for Kilinski | Van Wyk to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by Kilinski | Van Wyk as part of the representation.

IV. CLIENT FILES

The files and work product materials ("Client File") of the Client generated or received by Kilinski | Van Wyk will be maintained by Kilinski | Van Wyk in accordance with Florida Bar rules. At the conclusion of the representation, the Client File will be stored by Kilinski | Van Wyk for a minimum of five (5) years. After the five (5) year storage period, the Client hereby acknowledges and consents that Kilinski | Van Wyk may confidentially destroy or shred the Client File, unless Kilinski | Van Wyk is provided a written request from the Client requesting return of the Client File, to which Kilinski | Van Wyk will return the Client File at Client's expense.

V. DEFAULT

In the event of a dispute arising under this Agreement, whether or not a lawsuit or other proceeding is filed, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including attorneys' fees and costs incurred in litigating entitlement to attorneys' fees and costs, as well as in determining or quantifying the amount of recoverable attorneys' fees and costs. The reasonable costs to which the prevailing party is entitled shall include costs that are taxable under any applicable statute, rule, or guideline, as well as non-taxable costs, including, but not limited to, costs of investigation, telephone charges, mailing and delivery charges, information technology support charges, consultant and expert witness fees, travel expenses, court reporter fees, and mediator fees, regardless of whether such costs are otherwise taxable. Venue of any such action shall be exclusive in the state courts of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida.

VI. CONFLICTS

It is important to disclose that Kilinski | Van Wyk represents a number of special districts, builders, developers, property owners' associations and other entities throughout Florida relating to community development districts and other special districts. In the course of Kilinski | Van Wyk's representation of Client, Kilinski | Van Wyk may be asked to represent Client on transactions between Client and the developer and/or builders involved in the Client's project, when at the same time Kilinski | Van Wyk may be representing such developer and/or builders on matters unrelated to Client. By accepting this Agreement, Client agrees that (1) Client was provided with an explanation of the implications of the common representation(s) and the advantages and risks involved; (2) Kilinski | Van Wyk will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of Kilinski | Van Wyk's other representations; and, (3) there is not a substantial risk that Kilinski | Van Wyk's representation of Client would be materially limited by Kilinski | Van Wyk's responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this fee proposal will constitute your waiver of any "conflict" with Kilinski | Van Wyk's representation of various special districts, builders, developers, property owners' associations and other entities relating to community development districts and other special districts in Florida.

VII. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon providing prior written notice to the other party at its regular place of business. All fees due and payable in accordance with this Agreement shall accrue and become payable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement through the date of termination.

VIII. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be deemed fully executed upon its signing by Kilinski | Van Wyk and the Client. The contract formed between Kilinski | Van Wyk and the Client shall be the operational contract between the parties.

IX. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and agreed to by:

EAST RIDGE CDD

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC



By: Jennifer Kilinski

Its: Authorized Member

Date: October 30, 2023

ATTACHMENT A

KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The following is the expense reimbursement policy for the Agreement. All expenses are billed monthly. Billings ordinarily reflect expenses for the most recent month, except where there are delays in receiving bills from third party vendors.

Telephone. All telephone charges are billed at an amount approximating actual cost.

Facsimile. There are no charges for faxes.

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

Travel. Travel (including airfare, rental cars, taxicabs, hotel, meals, tips, etc.) is billed at actual cost. Where air travel is required, coach class is used wherever feasible. Out-of-town mileage is billed at the IRS approved reimbursement rate (i.e., pursuant to Chapter 112, Florida Statutes).

Other Expenses. Other outside expenses, such as court reporters, agency copies, large print projects, etc. are billed at actual cost.

Word Processing and Secretarial Overtime. No charge is made for word processing. No charge is made for secretarial overtime except in major litigation matters where unusual overtime demands are imposed.

C.

RESOLUTION 2024-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a registered agent and a registered office location for the purposes of accepting any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law to be served upon the District in accordance with Section 189.014(1), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Governmental Management Services, L.L.C. is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for East Ridge Community Development District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Registered Office shall be located at Governmental Management Services, L.L.C., 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092

SECTION 3. In accordance with Section 189.014, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is hereby directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the City of Tallahassee, Florida, and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

D.

RESOLUTION 2024-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE
COMPENSATION OF THE INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 190.011, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, legal or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an Interim District Engineer and to provide compensation for their services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. Moore Bass Consulting, Inc. is appointed as Interim District Engineer and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until the District has undergone the Request for Qualifications process and enters into a continuing services contract with the selected firm.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Interim District Engineering Agreement

Exhibit A: Interim District Engineering Agreement

Exhibit B: Schedule of Rates

RFQ for District Engineering Services

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (“RFQ”) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”), located in Tallahassee, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and, if so authorized, may provide general engineering services as well as engineering services on an ongoing basis and for the design and construction administration associated with the District’s capital improvement plan. The District may select one or more engineering firms to provide engineering services on an ongoing basis.

Any firm or individual (“Applicant”) desiring to provide professional services to the District must: 1) hold applicable federal, state and local licenses; 2) be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Florida law; and 3) furnish a statement (“Qualification Statement”) of its qualifications and past experience on U.S. General Service Administration’s “Architect-Engineer Qualifications, Standard Form No. 330,” with pertinent supporting data. Among other things, Applicants must submit information relating to: a) the ability and adequacy of the Applicant’s professional personnel; b) whether the Applicant is a certified minority business enterprise; c) the Applicant’s willingness to meet time and budget requirements; d) the Applicant’s past experience and performance, including but not limited to past experience as a District Engineer for any community development districts and past experience in Tallahassee, Florida; e) the geographic location of the Applicant’s headquarters and offices; f) and the current and projected workloads of the Applicant. Further, each Applicant must identify the specific individual affiliated with the Applicant who would be handling District meetings, construction services, and other engineering tasks.

The District will review all Applicants and will comply with Florida law, including the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiations Act, Chapter 287, Florida Statutes (“CCNA”). All Applicants must submit one electronic copy and one hard copy of Standard Form No. 330 and Qualification Statement by 12:00 p.m. on _____, _____, 2023 and to the attention of Governmental Management Services, L.L.C., located at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092; Ph: (904) 940-5850 (“District Manager’s Office”).

The Board of Supervisors shall select and rank the Applicants using the requirements set forth in the CCNA and the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager’s Office, and the highest ranked Applicant will be requested to enter into contract negotiations. If an agreement cannot be reached between the District and the highest ranked Applicant, negotiations will cease and begin with the next highest ranked Applicant, and if these negotiations are unsuccessful, will continue to the third highest ranked Applicant. The District reserves the right to reject any and all Qualification Statements. Additionally, there is no express or implied obligation for the District to reimburse Applicants for any expenses associated with the preparation and submittal of the Qualification Statements in response to this request.

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager’s Office, must be filed in writing with the District Manager’s Office, within seventy-two (72) hours after the publication of this Notice. The formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days after the initial notice of protest was filed. Failure to timely file a notice of protest or failure to timely file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of any right to object or protest with respect to aforesaid Notice or evaluation criteria provisions. Any person who files a notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Any and all questions relative to this RFQ shall be directed in writing by e-mail only to Howard McGaffney at hmcgaffney@gmsnf.com with e-mail copy to Jennifer Kilinski at jennifer@cddlattorneys.com

District Manager

Publish on _____ (must be published at least 14 days prior to submittal deadline)

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DISTRICT ENGINEER REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

1) Ability and Adequacy of Professional Personnel (Weight: 25 Points)

Consider the capabilities and experience of key personnel within the firm including certification, training, and education; affiliations and memberships with professional organizations; etc.

2) Consultant's Past Performance (Weight: 25 Points)

Past performance for other Community Development Districts in other contracts; amount of experience on similar projects; character, integrity, reputation of respondent; etc.

3) Geographic Location (Weight: 20 Points)

Consider the geographic location of the firm's headquarters, offices and personnel in relation to the project.

4) Willingness to Meet Time and Budget Requirements (Weight: 15 Points)

Consider the consultant's ability and desire to meet time and budget requirements including rates, staffing levels and past performance on previous projects; etc.

5) Certified Minority Business Enterprise (Weight: 5 Points)

Consider whether the firm is a Certified Minority Business Enterprise. Award either all eligible points or none.

6) Recent, Current and Projected Workloads (Weight: 10 Points)

Consider the recent, current and projected workloads of the firm.

E.

INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____ 2023, by and between:

EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, with a mailing address c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (the "District"); and

MOORE BASS CONSULTING, INC., a Florida corporation, with a business address of 805 N. Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32303 ("Engineer").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, as codified in Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, (the "Act"), as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing acquiring, and/or maintaining certain infrastructure improvements and services within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to employ Engineer on an interim basis to perform engineering, surveying, planning, landscaping, construction administration, environmental management, and permitting, financial and economic studies, as defined by a separate work authorization or work authorizations; and

WHEREAS, Engineer shall serve as the District's professional representative in each service or project to which this Agreement applies and will give consultation and advice to the District during performance of its services.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the acts and deeds to be performed by the parties and the payments by the District to Engineer of the sums of money herein specified, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The Recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein and form a material part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF SERVICES. Engineer will provide general engineering planning and/or study services, as authorized by one or more Work Authorization(s), hereinafter defined, including:

- A.** Preparation of any necessary reports and attendance at meetings of the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board");
- B.** Assistance in meeting with necessary parties involving bond issues, special reports, feasibility studies, or other tasks;
- C.** Any other items requested by the Board.

SECTION 3. REPRESENTATIONS. Engineer hereby represents to the District that:

- A. It has the experience and skill to perform the services required to be performed by this Agreement;
- B. It shall design to and comply with limitation, professional registration and licensing requirements (both corporate and individual for all required basic disciplines) in effect during the term of this Agreement, and shall, if requested by the District, provide certification of compliance with all registration and licensing requirements;
- C. It shall perform said services in accordance with generally accepted professional standards in the most expeditious and economical manner, and to the extent consistent with the best interests of the District; and
- D. It is adequately financed to meet any financial obligations it may be required to incur under this Agreement.

SECTION 4. METHOD OF AUTHORIZATION. Each service or project shall be authorized in writing by the District ("Work Authorization"). The Work Authorization shall include the scope of work, compensation, project schedule, and special provisions or conditions specific to the service or project being authorized. Authorization of services or projects under this Agreement shall be at the sole discretion of the District. Work Authorization Number 1 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby *approved*.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION. It is understood and agreed that the payment of compensation for services under this Agreement shall be stipulated in each Work Authorization. Services rendered by Engineer under this Agreement shall not exceed the amounts specifically authorized by each written Work Authorization. One of the following methods will be utilized:

- A. *Lump Sum Amount* - The District and Engineer shall mutually agree to a lump sum amount for the services to be rendered payable monthly in direct proportion to the work accomplished.
- B. *Hourly Personnel Rates* - For services or projects where scope of services is not clearly defined, or recurring services or other projects where the District desires the use of the hourly compensation rates, the District and Engineer shall use the hourly compensation rates outlined in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. The District and Engineer may agree to a "not to exceed" amount when utilizing hourly personnel rates for a specific Work Authorization.

SECTION 6. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES. Reimbursable expenses consist of actual expenditures made by Engineer, its employees, or its consultants in the interest of the project for the incidental expenses as listed as follows:

- A. Expenses of transportation and living when traveling in connection with a project, for long distance phone calls and telegrams, and fees paid for securing approval of authorities having jurisdiction over the project. All expenditures shall be made in accordance with Chapter 112, *Florida Statutes*, and in accordance with the District's travel policy.
- B. Expense of reproduction, postage, and handling of drawings and specifications.

SECTION 7. TERM OF AGREEMENT. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement is for interim engineering services. It is further understood and agreed that the term of this Agreement will be from the time of execution of this Agreement by the parties until such time as the District notifies Engineer that it has entered into a subsequent agreement for engineering services.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL CONSULTANTS. When authorized in writing by the District, additional special consulting services may be utilized by Engineer and paid for on a cost basis.

SECTION 9. BOOKS AND RECORDS. Engineer shall maintain comprehensive books and records relating to any services performed under this Agreement, which shall be retained by Engineer for a period of at least four (4) years from and after completion of any services hereunder. The District, or its authorized representative, shall have the right to audit such books and records at all reasonable times upon prior notice to Engineer.

SECTION 10. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.

A. All rights in and title to all plans, drawings, specifications, ideas, concepts, designs, sketches, models, programs, software, creation, inventions, reports, or other tangible work product originally developed by Engineer pursuant to this Agreement (“Work Product”) shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of the District when developed and shall be considered work for hire.

B. Engineer shall deliver all Work Product to the District upon completion thereof unless it is necessary for Engineer, in the District’s sole discretion, to retain possession for a longer period of time. Upon early termination of Engineer’s services hereunder, Engineer shall deliver all such Work Product whether complete or not. The District shall have all rights to use any and all Work Product. Engineer shall retain copies of the Work Product for its permanent records, provided the Work Product is not used without the District’s prior express written consent. Engineer agrees not to recreate any Work Product contemplated by this Agreement, or portions thereof, which if constructed or otherwise materialized, would be reasonably identifiable with the project.

C. The District exclusively retains all manufacturing rights to all materials or designs developed under this Agreement. To the extent the services performed under this Agreement produce or include copyrightable or patentable materials or designs, such materials or designs are work made for hire for the District as the author, creator, or inventor thereof upon creation, and the District shall have all rights therein including, without limitation, the right of reproduction, with respect to such work. Engineer hereby assigns to the District any and all rights Engineer may have including, without limitation, the copyright, with respect to such work. Engineer acknowledges that the District is the motivating factor for and, for the purpose of copyright or patent, has the right to direct and supervise the preparation of such copyrightable or patentable materials or designs.

SECTION 11. ACCOUNTING RECORDS. Records of Engineer pertaining to the services provided hereunder shall be kept on a basis of generally accepted accounting principles and shall be available to the District or its authorized representative for observation or audit at mutually agreeable times.

SECTION 12. REUSE OF DOCUMENTS. All documents including drawings and specifications furnished by Engineer pursuant to this Agreement are instruments of service. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by the District or others on extensions of the work for which they were provided or on any other project. Any reuse without specific written consent by Engineer will be at the District’s sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer. All documents including drawings, plans and specifications furnished by Engineer to the District are subject to reuse in accordance with Section 287.055(10), *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 13. ESTIMATE OF COST. Since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment or over a contractor’s(s’) methods of determining prices, or over competitive

bidding or market conditions, its opinions of probable cost provided as a service hereunder are to be made on the basis of its experience and qualifications and represent its best judgment as a design professional familiar with the construction industry, but Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or the construction costs will not vary from opinions of probable cost prepared by it. If the District wishes greater assurance as to the construction costs, it shall employ an independent cost estimator at its own expense. Services to modify approved documents to bring the construction cost within any limitation established by the District will be considered additional services and justify additional fees.

SECTION 14. INSURANCE. Subject to the provisions of this Section, Engineer shall maintain insurance during the performance of its services under this Agreement, with limits of liability not less than the following:

Workers' Compensation	Statutory
General Liability	
Bodily Injury (including Contractual)	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Property Damage (including Contractual)	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Automobile Liability	Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000
Bodily Injury / Property Damage	
Professional Liability for Errors and Omissions	\$2,000,000

If any such policy of insurance is a "claims made" policy, and not an "occurrence" policy, Engineer shall, without interruption, and at the District's option, maintain the insurance for at least five (5) years after the one year anniversary of this Agreement.

The District, its officers, supervisors, agents, staff, and representatives shall be named as additional insured parties, except with respect to the Worker's Compensation Insurance and the Professional Liability for Errors and Omissions Insurance both for which only proof of insurance shall be provided. Engineer shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with the requirements of this Section. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the state of Florida.

If Engineer fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right (without any obligation to do so, however), to secure such required insurance in which event, Engineer shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District's obtaining the required insurance.

SECTION 15. CONTINGENT FEE. Engineer warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Engineer, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Engineer, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Engineer and each of its agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Engineer, shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of any public or governmental authority having appropriate jurisdiction. If Engineer fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation of an alleged violation, made by any local, State or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any action of Engineer or any of its agents, servants, or employees, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within five (5) days after receipt of any such notice, or request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Engineer and each of its agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Engineer, shall maintain the highest standard of care, skill, diligence, and professional competency for such work and/or services. Any designs, drawings, reports, or specifications prepared or furnished by Engineer that contain errors, conflicts, or omissions will be promptly corrected by Engineer at no cost to the District.

SECTION 18. AUDIT. Engineer agrees that the District or any of its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of four (4) years after expenditure of funds under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, and records of Engineer involving transactions related to this Agreement. Engineer agrees that payment made under this Agreement shall be subject to reduction for amounts charged thereto that are found on the basis of audit examination not to constitute allowable costs. All required records shall be maintained until an audit is completed and all questions arising therefrom are resolved, or three (3) years after completion of all work under this Agreement.

SECTION 19. INDEMNIFICATION. Engineer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the District and the District's officers and employees harmless from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, which may come against the District and the District's officers and employees, to the extent caused wholly or in part by negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful acts, omissions, or defaults by Engineer or persons employed or utilized by Engineer the course of any work done under this Agreement. To the extent a limitation on liability is required by Section 725.06, *Florida Statutes* or other applicable law, liability under this section shall in no event exceed the greater of the insurance limits set forth herein or Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000). Engineer agrees such limitation bears a reasonable commercial relationship to the contract and was part of the project specifications or bid documents.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 558.0035, *FLORIDA STATUTES* (2023), AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.

SECTION 20. PUBLIC RECORDS. Engineer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Engineer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including, but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Engineer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform

the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, hereinafter defined, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term, if Engineer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Engineer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Engineer, Engineer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Engineer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Howard McGaffney**.

IF THE ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 400-1758, HMCGAFFNEY@GMSNF.COM, OR 475 WEST TOWN PLACE, SUITE 114, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32092.

SECTION 21. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents, and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, electronic mail or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to the District: East Ridge Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C/
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Attn: Howard McGaffney, District Manager

With a copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to Engineer: Moore Bass Consulting, Inc.
805 N. Gadsden Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32303
Attn: Amir Darabi, P.E.

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other

parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days' written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

SECTION 22. EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION. Engineer agrees that it shall bear the responsibility for verifying the employment status, under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, of all persons it employs in the performance of this Agreement.

SECTION 23. CONTROLLING LAW. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be controlled and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall exclusively be in the court of appropriate jurisdiction, in and for Leon County, Florida.

SECTION 24. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor Engineer shall assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement without the express written consent of the other. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent Engineer from employing such independent professional associates and consultants as Engineer deems appropriate, pursuant to Section 8 herein.

SECTION 25. TERMINATION. The District may terminate this Agreement for cause immediately upon notice to Engineer. The District or Engineer may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice. At such time as Engineer receives notification of the intent of the District to terminate this Agreement, Engineer shall not perform any further services unless directed to do so in writing by the District. In the event of any termination or breach of any kind, Engineer shall not be entitled to consequential damages of any kind (including but not limited to lost profits), but instead Engineer's sole remedy will be to recover payment for services rendered to the date of the notice of termination, subject to any offsets the District may have against the Engineer.

SECTION 26. RECOVERY OF COSTS AND FEES. In the event either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 27. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto and formally approved by the Board.

SECTION 28. AGREEMENT. This Agreement reflects the negotiated agreement of the parties, each represented by competent legal counsel. Accordingly, this Agreement shall be construed as if both parties jointly prepared it, and no presumption against one party or the other shall govern the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 29. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The District and Engineer agree and acknowledge that Engineer shall serve as an independent contractor of the District. Neither Engineer nor employees of Engineer, if any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any federal or state unemployment, insurance laws, or any other potentially applicable laws. Engineer agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of Engineer, if any, in the performance of this Agreement. Engineer shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and Engineer shall have no authority to represent as agent, employee, or in any other capacity the District unless set forth differently herein or authorized by vote of the Board.

SECTION 30. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such

counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

SECTION 31. E-VERIFY. Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and shall comply with all requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as to the use of subcontractors. The District may terminate the Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, Florida Statutes. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), Florida Statutes, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

MOORE BASS CONSULTING, INC.

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Work Authorization Number 1
Exhibit B: Schedule of Rates

Exhibit A: Work Authorization Number 1

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 1
East Ridge Community Development District, City of Tallahassee, Florida**

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

Moore Bass Consulting, Inc. is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for East Ridge Community Development District (the "District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated ("Engineering Agreement") as follows:

I. Scope of Work

The District will engage the services of Moore Bass Consulting, Inc. as the Interim Engineer to prepare an Engineer's Report to support the District's bond issuances and attendance at meetings and bond validation proceedings regarding the District's issuance of bonds. Engineer's Report will include a description of the District services and the following associated exhibits will be prepared and included as part of the report: a map of the District boundary with existing potable water, sewer and reuse water service; a conceptual site plan within the District boundary; a map of the land use within the District boundary and surroundings area; a location map of the District; and a legal description of the District boundary.

II. Fees

The District will compensate Moore Bass Consulting, Inc. pursuant to the actual costs incurred for completing this work in accordance with the hourly rates set forth in the Engineering Agreement. The District will reimburse all direct costs which include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, etc., pursuant to the Agreement.

This proposal, together with Engineering Agreement, represents the entire understanding between the District and Moore Bass Consulting, Inc. with regard to the referenced work authorization. If you wish to accept this work authorization, please sign both copies where indicated, and return one complete copy to our office. Upon receipt, we will promptly schedule our services.

Thank you for considering Moore Bass Consulting, Inc; we look forward to helping you create a quality project.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

By: _____
Authorized Representative of
East Ridge Community
Development District

By: Amir Darabi, P.E.
Moore Bass Consulting, Inc.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

RESOLUTION 2024-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ANNUAL
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024; AND PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is required by Section 189.015, *Florida Statutes*, to file quarterly, semi-annually, or annually a schedule (including date, time, and location) of its regular meetings with local governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, further, in accordance with the above-referenced statute, the District shall also publish quarterly, semi-annually, or annually the District’s regular meeting schedule in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county in which the District is located; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the annual meeting schedule for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 (“Fiscal Year 2023/2024”), attached as **Exhibit A**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The Fiscal Year 2023/2024 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Annual Meeting Schedule

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024**

The Board of Supervisors of East Ridge Community Development District will hold their regular meetings for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 at _____, on the _____ day of every _____, at _____, unless otherwise indicated as follows:

[Add Meeting Dates]

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from Governmental Management Services, L.L.C, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 or by calling (904) 940-5850.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

District Manager

B.

1.

RESOLUTION 2024-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) is authorized by Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, to adopt rules and orders pursuant to Chapter 120, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure on _____, _____, 2023 at _____ : _____ .m., at _____.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 120.54, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Notice of Rule Development (Rules of Procedure)

**NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, *Florida Statutes*, the East Ridge Community Development District (“District”) hereby gives notice of its intention to develop Rules of Procedure to govern the operations of the District.

The Rules of Procedure will address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

The purpose and effect of the Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. The legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, *Florida Statutes* (2023). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, *Florida Statutes* (2023).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C., 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (904) 940-5850.

Governmental Management Services, L.L.C., District Manager
East Ridge Community Development District

Run Date: _____, 2023

PUBLISH: [AT LEAST 29 DAYS PRIOR TO ADOPTION DATE; AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO NOTICE OF RULEMAKING]

Notice of Rulemaking (Rules of Procedure)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of the East Ridge Community Development District (the "District") on _____, 2023 at ____:____.m., at 517 E. College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. Prior notice of rule development was published in a newspaper of general circulation on _____, 2023.

The Rules of Procedure may address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

Specific legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2023). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2023).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager's Office, c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (904)_940-5850.

Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to the District Manager's Office.

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing without additional notice. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. At the hearing, staff or Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by speaker telephone.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least three business days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

Governmental Management Services, Inc., District Manager
East Ridge Community Development District

Run Date: _____, 2023

PUBLISH: [AT LEAST 28 DAYS PRIOR TO ADOPTION DATE]

a.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The East Ridge Community Development District (“District”) was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (“Rules”) is to describe the general operations of the District.
- (2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- (3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

- (1) Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board (“Supervisors”) appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.
 - (a) Supervisors shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.
 - (b) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.
 - (c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.
 - (d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.
- (2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - (a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District’s behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a

meeting, the Vice-Chairperson shall convene and conduct the meeting. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson may delegate the responsibility of conducting the meeting to the District's manager ("District Manager") or District Counsel, in whole or in part.

- (b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.
- (c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3) of the Florida Statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.
- (e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.
- (f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.

- (g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.
- (3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.
- (4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.
- (5) Meetings. For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and Committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accord with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.
- (6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member's special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.
 - (a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board

member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

The Board's Secretary shall prepare a Memorandum of Voting Conflict (Form 8B) which shall then be signed by the Board member, filed with the Board's Secretary, and provided for attachment to the minutes of the meeting within fifteen (15) days of the meeting.

- (b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.
- (c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.
- (d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.2 District Offices; Public Information and Inspection of Records; Policies; Service Contract Requirements; Financial Disclosure Coordination.

- (1) District Offices. Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:
- (a) Agenda packages for prior 24 months and next meeting;
 - (b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;
 - (c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;
 - (d) Adopted engineer's reports;
 - (e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;
 - (f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;
 - (g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;
 - (h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;
 - (i) District policies and rules;
 - (j) Fiscal year end audits; and
 - (k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

The District Manager shall ensure that each District records office contains the documents required by Florida law.

- (2) Public Records. District public records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received in connection with the transaction of official business of the District. All District public records not otherwise restricted by law may be copied or inspected at the District Manager's office during regular business hours. Certain District records can also be inspected and copied at the District's local records office during regular business hours. All written public records requests shall be directed to the Secretary who by these rules is appointed as the

District's records custodian. Regardless of the form of the request, any Board member or staff member who receives a public records request shall immediately forward or communicate such request to the Secretary for coordination of a prompt response. The Secretary, after consulting with District Counsel as to the applicability of any exceptions under the public records laws, shall be responsible for responding to the public records request. At no time can the District be required to create records or summaries of records, or prepare opinions regarding District policies, in response to a public records request.

- (3) Service Contracts. Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.
- (4) Fees; Copies. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at a charge of \$0.15 per page for one-sided copies and \$0.20 per page for two-sided copies if not more than 8 ½ by 14 inches. For copies of public records in excess of the sizes listed in this section and for outside duplication services, the charge shall be equal to the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of one dollar (\$1.00) per page. If the nature or volume of records requested requires extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, the District may charge, in addition to the duplication charge, a special service charge that is based on the cost the District incurs to produce the records requested. This charge may include, but is not limited to, the cost of information technology resource, employee labor, and fees charged to the District by consultants employed in fulfilling the request. In cases where the special service charge is based in whole or in part on the costs incurred by the District due to employee labor, consultant fees, or other forms of labor, those portions of the charge shall be calculated based on the lowest labor cost of the individual(s) who is/are qualified to perform the labor, taking into account the nature or volume of the public records to be inspected or copied. The charge may include the labor costs of supervisory and/or clerical staff whose assistance is required to complete the records request, in accordance with Florida law. For purposes of this Rule, the word "extensive" shall mean that it will take more than 15 minutes to locate, review for confidential information, copy and re-file the requested material. In cases where extensive personnel time is determined by the District to be necessary to safeguard original records being inspected, the special service charge provided for in this section shall apply. If the total fees, including but not limited to special service charges, are anticipated to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), then, prior to commencing work on the request, the District will inform the person making the public records request of the estimated cost, with the understanding that the final cost may vary from that estimate. If the person making the public records request decides to proceed with the request, payment of the estimated cost is required in advance. Should the person fail to pay the estimate, the District is under no duty to produce the requested records. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be

due. The District is under no duty to produce records in response to future records requests if the person making the request owes the District for past unpaid duplication charges, special service charges, or other required payments or credits.

- (5) Records Retention. The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.
- (6) Policies. The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.
- (7) Financial Disclosure Coordination. Unless specifically designated by Board resolution otherwise, the Secretary shall serve as the Financial Disclosure Coordinator ("Coordinator") for the District as required by the Florida Commission on Ethics ("Commission"). The Coordinator shall create, maintain and update a list of the names, e-mail addresses, physical addresses, and names of the agency of, and the office or position held by, all Supervisors and other persons required by Florida law to file a statement of financial interest due to his or her affiliation with the District ("Reporting Individual"). The Coordinator shall provide this list to the Commission by February 1 of each year, which list shall be current as of December 31 of the prior year. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Coordinator in writing if there are any changes to such person's name, e-mail address, or physical address. Each Supervisor and Reporting Individual shall promptly notify the Commission in the manner prescribed by the Commission if there are any changes to such person's e-mail address.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07, 119.0701, 190.006, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days' public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week, and shall satisfy the requirement to give at least seven (7) days' public notice stated herein. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at 877-276-0889. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

- (f) The following or substantially similar language: “The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record.”

The date, time, and place of each meeting, hearing, or workshop of the Board shall additionally be posted on the District’s website at least seven (7) days before each meeting, hearing, or workshop.

- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential, and any confidential and exempt information, shall be submitted to staff for inclusion in the agenda at least eight days before the meeting/hearing, and available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Any member of the Board may request a meeting agenda item and such agenda item will be on the next succeeding agenda so long as supporting material, if applicable, is provided at least eight days before the meeting/hearing/workshop. However, the District Manager, in consultation with the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, if the Chairperson is unavailable, may reduce the number of agenda items if necessary to ensure orderly and efficient meetings. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into “meeting materials.” For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

The District may, but is not required to, use the following format in preparing its agenda for its regular meetings:

- Call to order
- Roll call
- Public comment
- Organizational matters
- Review of minutes
- Specific items of old business
- Specific items of new business

Staff reports

- (a) District Counsel
- (b) District Engineer
- (c) District Manager
 - 1. Financial Report
 - 2. Approval of Expenditures

Supervisor's requests and comments

Public comment

Adjournment

- (4) Minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.
- (5) Special Requests. Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.
- (6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, if it has one. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.
- (7) Public Comment. The Board shall set aside a reasonable amount of time at each meeting for public comment and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.
- (8) Budget Hearing. Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section

190.008 of the Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.

- (9) Public Hearings. Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and published as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.
- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist.
- (11) Board Authorization. The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) Continuances. Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
 - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
 - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
 - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.
- (13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the

District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.

- (14) Security and Firesafety Board Discussions. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by section 119.071(3)(a), Florida Statutes, are exempt from the public meeting requirements and other requirements of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and section 24(b), Article 1 of the State Constitution. Should the Board wish to discuss such matters, members of the public shall be required to leave the meeting room during such discussion. Any records of the Board's discussion of such matters, including recordings or minutes, shall be maintained as confidential and exempt records in accordance with Florida law.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

- (1) Internal Controls. The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:
- (a) Prevent and detect “fraud,” “waste” and “abuse” as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), Florida Statutes; and
 - (b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
 - (c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
 - (d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
 - (e) Safeguard assets.
- (2) Adoption. The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: § 218.33(3), Fla. Stat.

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

- (1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A “rule” is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District (“Rule”). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.
- (2) Notice of Rule Development.
 - (a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed Rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.
 - (b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.
- (3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.
 - (a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District’s statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date

of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

- (b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.
 - (c) The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.
- (4) Rule Development Workshops. Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.
- (5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than sixty (60) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.
- (6) Rulemaking Materials. After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:
 - (a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;

- (b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;
 - (c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and
 - (d) The published notice.
- (7) Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.
- (8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists which requires immediate action. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of emergency rules shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule as long as it protects the public interest as determined by the District and otherwise complies with these provisions.
- (9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.
- (10) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:
- (a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;
 - (b) All notices given for a proposed rule;

- (c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;
- (d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;
- (e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and
- (f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

- (a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.
- (b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.
- (c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.
- (d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.
- (e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:
 - (i) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

- (iv) Enter orders; and
 - (v) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.
 - (f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (12) Variances and Waivers. A “variance” means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A “waiver” means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s Rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
 - (ii) The type of action requested;
 - (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner’s written request, to process the petition.

- (d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.
- (13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Board Authorization. Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.
- (3) Definitions.
 - (a) “Competitive Solicitation” means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.
 - (b) “Continuing Contract” means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.
 - (c) “Contractual Service” means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.
 - (d) “Design-Build Contract” means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.

- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where

the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

- (i) “Invitation to Bid” is a written solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.
- (j) “Invitation to Negotiate” means a written solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.
- (k) “Negotiate” means to conduct legitimate, arm’s length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.
- (l) “Professional Services” means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.
- (m) “Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District” means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:
 - (i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;
 - (ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and
 - (iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.
- (n) “Purchase” means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.
- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and

requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.

- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;
 - (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
 - (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.
- (q) “Responsive Bid,” “Responsive Proposal,” “Responsive Reply,” and “Responsive Response” all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the

Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

- (1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, “Project” means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.
- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm’s qualification submittal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
 - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District’s Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with this Rule may be submitted with the qualifications, if requested by the District. In addition, evidence of compliance must be submitted any time requested by the District.

- (3) Public Announcement. Except in cases of valid public emergencies as certified by the Board, the District shall announce each occasion when Professional Services are required for a Project or a Continuing Contract by publishing a notice providing a general description of the Project, or the nature of the Continuing Contract, and the method for interested consultants to apply for consideration. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and in such other places as the District deems appropriate. The notice must allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of qualifications from the date of publication. The District may maintain lists of consultants interested in receiving such notices. These consultants are encouraged to submit annually statements of qualifications and performance data. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such consultants, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process. The Board has the right to reject any and all

qualifications, and such reservation shall be included in the published notice. Consultants not receiving a contract award shall not be entitled to recover from the District any costs of qualification package preparation or submittal.

(4) Competitive Selection.

- (a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;
 - (ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;
 - (iii) Each consultant's past performance;
 - (iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;
 - (vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and
 - (vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.
- (b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.
- (c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.
- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants

by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
- (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
- (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
- (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

(6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

In order to comply with the requirements of Section 218.391 of the Florida Statutes, the following procedures are outlined for selection of firms or individuals to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts. For audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but not meeting the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes, the District need not follow these procedures but may proceed with the selection of a firm or individual to provide Auditing Services and for the negotiation of such contracts in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District.

(1) Definitions.

- (a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.
- (b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.

(2) Establishment of Auditor Selection Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an auditor selection committee ("Committee"), the primary purpose of which is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required by Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes. The Committee shall include at least three individuals, at least one of which must also be a member of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board. The Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board. An employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the District may not serve as a member of the Committee; provided however such individual may serve the Committee in an advisory capacity.

(3) Establishment of Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Committee shall meet at a publicly noticed meeting to establish minimum qualifications and factors to use for the evaluation of Auditing Services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.

- (a) Minimum Qualifications. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at all relevant times including the time of receipt of the proposal by the District:

- (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
- (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

If requested in the RFP or other specifications, evidence of compliance with the minimum qualifications as established by the Committee must be submitted with the proposal.

- (b) **Evaluation Criteria.** The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Ability of personnel;
 - (ii) Experience;
 - (iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and
 - (iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

The Committee may also choose to consider compensation as a factor. If the Committee establishes compensation as one of the factors, compensation shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.

- (4) **Public Announcement.** After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.
- (5) **Request for Proposals.** The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee determines is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and

place for submitting proposals.

- (6) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed for a reasonable time in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm's qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.
- (7) Board Selection of Auditor.
 - (a) Where compensation was not selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall negotiate with the firm ranked first and inquire of that firm as to the basis of compensation. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked firm at a price deemed by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the Board shall immediately begin negotiations with the second ranked firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second ranked firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third ranked firm shall be undertaken. The Board may reopen formal negotiations with any one of the three top-ranked firms, but it may not negotiate with more than one firm at a time. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms, the Committee shall recommend additional firms in order of the firms' respective competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
 - (b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.
 - (c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.

- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.
- (8) Contract. Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - (a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;
 - (b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - (c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;
 - (d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.
 - (e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.
- (9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 218.33, 218.391, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

- (1) Scope. The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.
- (2) Procedure. For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.
 - (c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.
 - (d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.
 - (e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.
 - (f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.
 - (g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, the geographic location of the company's headquarters and offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance

shall be awarded to that company whose response to the Invitation to Bid best meets the overall needs of the District, its officers, employees, and/or dependents.

- (h) Notice of the intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, shall be provided in writing to all bidders by United States Mail, by hand delivery, or by overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of insurance under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

- (1) Scope. In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.
- (2) Procedure. When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.
 - (b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed pre-qualification criteria and procedures and allow at least seven (7) days notice of the public hearing for comments on such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. At such public hearing, potential vendors may object to such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. Following such public hearing, the Board shall formally adopt pre-qualification criteria and procedures prior to the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications for construction services.
 - (c) The Request for Qualifications shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of qualifications for goods, supplies and materials, Contractual Services, maintenance services, and construction services under two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000). The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of qualifications for construction services estimated to cost over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) and thirty (30) days for construction services estimated to cost over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).
 - (d) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Qualifications. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.
 - (e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

- (f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the qualifications if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the qualifications.

- (g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.
- (h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.
- (i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.
- (j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery

service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

(a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:

- i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.
- ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
- iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
- iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
- v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
- vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.
- vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension,

revocation, or denial set forth above, the vendor's pre-qualified status shall remain suspended, revoked, or denied until the documents are furnished.

- viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.
 - ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.
 - x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.
 - xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.
 - xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.
 - 1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.
 - 2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- (b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.
- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request

for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.

- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

- i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;
- ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;
- iii. Complaints from the public;
- iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;
- v. The potential for repetition;
- vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;
- vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified providers of

construction services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses to Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations.

- (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation; and
 - (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to, reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response, if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation

is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses, shall be provided in writing to all contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of construction services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the

Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

- (1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:
- (2) Procedure.
 - (a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.
 - (b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.
 - (c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.
 - (i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.
 - (ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.
2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:
 - a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;
 - b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;
 - d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

Any contractor that has been found guilty by a court of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws regarding subjects including but not limited to reemployment assistance, safety, tax withholding, worker's compensation, unemployment tax, social security and Medicare tax, wage or hour, or prevailing rate laws within the past 5 years may be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

4. The proposals, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.
5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if [the proposals are too high](#), or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.
6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.
7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the

District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.
 9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.
 10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.
- (3) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
 - (4) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

(5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:

- (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
- (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
- (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or
- (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.
- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.
- (3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

- (1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of “goods, supplies, and materials” do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

Any firm or individual whose principal place of business is outside the State of Florida must also submit a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in that foreign state, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that foreign state to business entities whose principal places of business are in that foreign state, in the letting of any or all public contracts. Failure to submit such a written opinion or submission of a false or misleading written opinion may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and this Rule. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of

Florida shall be awarded a preference of five (5) percent. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which grants a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of Florida shall be awarded a preference equal to the preference granted by such foreign state.

To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
 - (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
 - (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
 - (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has

undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.

- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 189.053, 190.033, 287.017, 287.084, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

- (1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.
- (2) Procedure. When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.
 - (b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
 - (c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.
 - (d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.
 - (e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:
 - (i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

- (iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and
- (iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the bid, proposal, reply, or response if required by the District. Failure to submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the bid, proposal, reply, or response.

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.
- (g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.
- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.

- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
 - (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's procurement of maintenance services under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
 - (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
 - (4) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
 - (5) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
 - (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.033, 287.017, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.
- (2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.11 Protests with Respect to Proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9.

The resolution of any protests with respect to proceedings under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, and 3.9 shall be in accordance with this Rule.

(1) Filing.

- (a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.
- (c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,

3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9, any person who files a notice of protest must post the protest bond. The amount of the protest bond shall be determined by District staff after consultation with the Board and within the limits, if any, imposed by Florida law. In the event the protest is successful, the protest bond shall be refunded to the protestor. In the event the protest is unsuccessful, the protest bond shall be applied towards the District's costs, expenses, and attorney's fees associated with hearing and defending the protest. In the event the protest is settled by mutual agreement of the parties, the protest bond shall be distributed as agreed to by the District and protestor.

- (d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.
- (2) Contract Execution. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.
- (3) Informal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via facsimile, United States Mail, or hand delivery to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.
- (4) Formal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:
 - (a) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
 - (c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;
 - (d) Enter orders; and

- (e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

The hearing officer shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action. The District shall allow each party fifteen (15) days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The District shall issue a final order within sixty (60) days after the filing of the recommended order.

- (5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.
- (6) Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the Bids, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.
- (7) Settlement. Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: § 190.033, Fla. Stat.

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective _____, 2023, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.

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1.

RESOLUTION 2024-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) was established by Ordinance No. 23-O-26, adopted by the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida, effective as of August 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of East Ridge Community Development District (the “Board”) the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024 (“Fiscal Year 2023/2024” and the budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, the “Proposed Budget”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget and desires to set the required public hearings thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED. The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.

SECTION 2. SETTING PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing on the approved Proposed Budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour, and location:

DATE:

HOUR:

LOCATION:

517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

SECTION 3. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL-PURPOSE GOVERNMENTS. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to the City of Tallahassee and Leon County, Florida at least (sixty) 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

SECTION 4. POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET. In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two (2) days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2 and shall remain on the website for at least (forty-five) 45 days.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

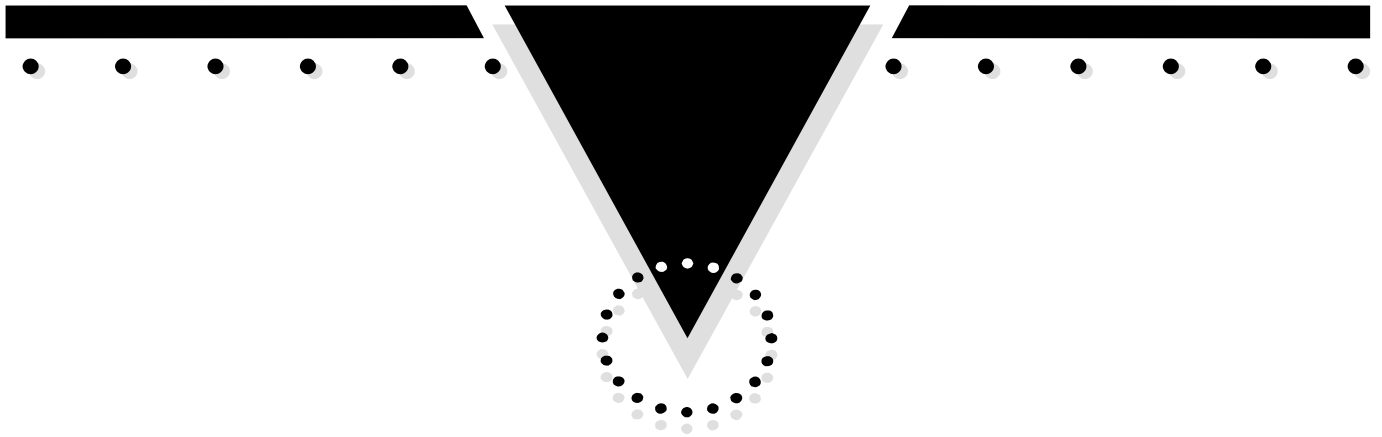
**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Proposed Budget

Exhibit A: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Proposed Budget



East Ridge Community Development District

**Proposed Budget
FY 2024**



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Community Development District

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Revenues

Developer Contributions	\$132,768
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Total Revenues	\$132,768
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Expenditures

Administrative

Supervisor Fees	\$12,000
FICA Expense	\$918
Engineering	\$25,000
Attorney	\$25,000
Dissemination	\$0
Arbitrage	\$0
Annual Audit	\$0
Trustee Fees	\$0
Assessment Administration	\$0
Management Fees	\$45,000
Information Technology	\$1,800
Website Creation	\$1,750
Website Maintenance	\$1,200
Telephone	\$300
Postage	\$1,000
Printing & Binding	\$1,000
Insurance	\$6,000
Legal Advertising	\$10,000
Other Current Charges	\$1,000
Office Supplies	\$625
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$175

Total Expenditures	\$132,768
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Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)	\$0
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East Ridge
Community Development District
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Revenues:

Developer Contributions

The District will enter into a funding agreement with the developer to fund the general fund expenditures for this fiscal year.

Expenditures:

Administrative:

Supervisor Fees

Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, allows for each Board member to receive \$200 per meeting, not to exceed \$4,800 per year paid to each Supervisor for the time devoted to District business and meetings. Amount is based on 5 supervisors attending 12 meetings during the fiscal year.

FICA Expense

Represents the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from Board of Supervisor checks.

Engineering

The District's engineer, Moore, Bass Consulting, Inc., will be providing general engineering services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review of invoices and requisitions, preparation and review of contract specifications and bid documents, and various projects assigned as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

Attorney

The District's legal counsel, Kilinski/Van Wyk, PLLC will be providing general legal services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for monthly meetings, preparation and review of agreements and resolutions, and other research assigned as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

East Ridge
Community Development District
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Management Fees

The District has contracted with Governmental Management Services LLC to provide Management, Accounting and Recording Secretary Services for the District. The services include, but not limited to, recording and transcription of board meetings, budget preparation, all financial reporting, annual audit, etc.

Information Technology

The District has contracted with Governmental Management Services LLC for costs related to the District's information systems, which include but are not limited to video conferencing services, cloud storage services and servers, positive pay implementation and programming for fraud protection, accounting software, tablets for meetings, Adobe, Microsoft Office, etc.

Website Creation

Represents cost to create the initial District website and ensure District meets ADA compliance guidelines.

Website Maintenance

The District has contracted with Governmental Management Services LLC for costs associated with monitoring and maintaining the District's website created in accordance with Chapter 189, Florida Statutes. These services include site performance assessments, security and firewall maintenance, updates, document uploads, hosting and domain renewals, website backups, etc.

Telephone

Telephone and fax machine.

Postage

Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

Printing & Binding

Printing and Binding agenda packages for board meetings, printing of computerized checks, stationary, envelopes etc.

East Ridge
Community Development District
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Insurance

The District's general liability and public officials liability insurance coverage will be provided by Florida Insurance Alliance (FIA). FIA specializes in providing insurance coverage to governmental agencies.

Legal Advertising

The District is required to advertise various notices for monthly Board meetings, public hearings, etc. in a newspaper of general circulation.

Other Current Charges

Bank charges and any other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year.

Office Supplies

Miscellaneous office supplies.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

The District is required to pay an annual fee to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for \$175. This is the only expense under this category for the District.

2.

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 30th day of October 2023 by and between:

EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, with a mailing address of c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C., 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (the "District"), and

GREENPOINTE DEVELOPERS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company authorized to transact business in Florida, with a mailing address of 7807 Baymeadows Road East, Suite 205, Jacksonville, Florida 32256 ("Developer").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance No. 23-O-26 adopted by the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida, effective August 23, 2023, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy such taxes, special assessments, fees and other charges as may be necessary in furtherance of the District's activities and services; and

WHEREAS, Developer is the primary developer of the portions of all real property described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Property") within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, which begins October 1, 2023 and ends September 30, 2024 (the "Budget"); and

WHEREAS, the Budget, which both parties recognize may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the District, are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the Budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of levying assessments on the Property, Developer is willing to provide such funds as are necessary to allow the District to proceed with its operations as described in **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, Developer agrees that the District activities, operations and services provide a special and peculiar benefit equal to or in excess of the costs reflected on **Exhibit B** to the Property; and

WHEREAS, Developer has agreed to enter into this Agreement in lieu of having the District levy and collect any non-ad valorem assessments as authorized by law against the Property located within the District for the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, Developer and the District desire to secure such budget funding through the imposition of a continuing lien against the Property described in **Exhibit A** and otherwise as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein as a material part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, as may be amended from time to time in the District's sole discretion, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the District's Budget as shown on **Exhibit B** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. Funds provided hereunder shall be placed in the District's general checking account. In no way shall the foregoing in any way affect the District's ability to levy special assessments upon the property within the District, including any property owned by Developer, in accordance with Florida law, to provide funds for any unfunded expenditures whether such expenditures are the result of an amendment to the District's Budget or otherwise. These payments are made by Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

SECTION 3. The District shall have the right to file a continuing lien upon the Property described in **Exhibit A** for all payments due and owing under the terms of this Agreement and for interest thereon, and for reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegals' fees, expenses and court costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of funds under this Agreement or for enforcement of this lien, and all sums advanced and paid by the District for taxes and payment on account of superior interests, liens and encumbrances in order to preserve and protect the District's lien. The lien shall be effective as of the execution of this Agreement. If Developer fails to pay sums due according to the terms of this Agreement, at the District Manager's direction, the District may bring an action at law against the record title holder to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement or may foreclose the lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may partially release any filed lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when Developer has demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, that such release will not materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder.

SECTION 4. This Section provides alternative methods of collection. In the event Developer fails to make payments due to the District pursuant to this Agreement, and the District first provides Developer with written notice of the delinquency to the address identified in this Agreement and such delinquency is not cured within five (5) business days of the notice, then the District shall have the following remedies:

A. In the alternative or in addition to the collection method set forth in Section 2 above, the District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for Leon County, Florida. The enforcement of the collection of funds in this manner shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

B. The District hereby finds that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, which benefit is initially allocated on an

equal developable acreage basis. Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set forth in **Exhibit B**, on an equal developable acreage basis. Therefore, in the alternative, or in addition to the other methods of collection set forth in this Agreement, the District, in its sole discretion, may choose to certify amounts due hereunder as a non-ad valorem assessment on all or any part of the Property for collection, either through the Uniform Method of Collection set forth in Chapter 197 or under any method of direct bill and collection authorized by Florida law. Such assessment, if imposed, may be certified on the next available tax roll of the Leon County property appraiser. Developer hereby waives and/or relinquishes any rights it may have to challenge, object to or otherwise fail to pay such assessments if imposed, as well as the means of collection thereof.

SECTION 5. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

SECTION 6. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 7. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 8. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and specific performance and specifically including the ability of the District to enforce any and all payment obligations under this Agreement in the manner described herein in Sections 3 and 4 above.

SECTION 9. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns. In the event Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to improvements, work product, or lands within the District, Developer shall continue to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and additionally shall expressly require that the purchaser agrees to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. In the event of such sale or disposition, Developer may place into escrow an amount equal to the then unfunded portion of the applicable adopted Budget to fund any budgeted expenses that may arise during the remainder of the applicable fiscal year. Upon confirmation of the deposit of said funds into escrow, and evidence of an assignment to, and assumption by the purchaser, of this Agreement, Developer's obligation under this Agreement shall be deemed fulfilled and this Agreement terminated. Developer shall give 90 days' prior written notice to the District under this Agreement of any such sale or disposition.

SECTION 10. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. The parties agree and consent to, for the purposes of venue, the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Leon County, Florida.

SECTION 11. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their

respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

SECTION 12. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records and treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

SECTION 13. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

SECTION 14. This Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto. The enforcement provisions of this Agreement shall survive its termination, until all payments due under this Agreement are paid in full.

SECTION 15. PUBLIC RECORDS. Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Engineer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including, but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Engineer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, hereinafter defined, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term, if Engineer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Engineer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Engineer, Engineer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Engineer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Howard McGaffney**.

IF THE DEVELOPER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 940-5850, HMC GAFFNEY@GMSNF.COM, OR 475 WEST TOWN PLACE, SUITE 114, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32092.

SECTION 16. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents, and other communications hereunder ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, electronic mail or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to the District: East Ridge Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Attn: Howard McGaffney, District Manager

With a copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to Developer GreenPointe Developers, LLC
7807 Baymeadows Road East, Suite 205
Jacksonville, Florida 32256
Attn: Patricia Nolan

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days' written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties execute this Agreement the day and year first written above.

GREENPOINTE DEVELOPERS, LLC

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Its: _____

Exhibit A: Legal Description of the Property
Exhibit B: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget

Exhibit A: Legal Description of the Property

Exhibit B: Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget

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East Ridge

Community Development District

FY24 Funding Request #1

October 16, 2023

Payee		General Fund	
1	Funds to Open Operating Account	\$	2,500.00
2	Insurance	\$	6,000.00
3	Legal Advertising	\$	10,000.00
4	Website Creation/ADA Compliance	\$	1,750.00

Total:	\$	20,250.00
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Please make check payable to:

East Ridge Community Development District

475 West Town Place, Suite 114

St. Augustine, FL 32092

D.

RESOLUTION 2024-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 197.3632, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 190.021, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy, collect, and enforce certain special assessments, which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) to levy, collect, and enforce special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, (the “Uniform Method”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the Uniform Method on _____, _____, 2023 at _____ : _____ .m., 517 E. College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

RESOLUTION 2024-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL FINANCIAL REPORTS REQUIRED BY RULE, STATUTE, LAW, ORDINANCE OR REGULATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) is statutorily authorized to select a depository as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, and has been designated by the State Chief Financial Officer as a qualified public depository; and

WHEREAS, the District has had no District revenues and has therefore made no public deposits nor has the District heretofore delegated to a Treasurer, or to any other person, responsibility for handling public deposits; and

WHEREAS, the District, prior to making any public deposit, is required to furnish to the Chief Financial Officer its official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having organized by appointing a Treasurer and other officers, is now in a position to select a public depository and to comply with the requirements for public depositors; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to designate a public depository for District funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. [REDACTED], is hereby designated as the public depository for funds of the District.

SECTION 2. In accordance with Section 280.17(2), *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is hereby directed to take the following steps:

- A.** Ensure that the name of the District is on the account or certificate or other form provided to the District by the qualified public depository in a manner sufficient to identify that the account is a Florida public deposit.
- B.** Execute the form prescribed by the Chief Financial Officer for identification of each public deposit account and obtain acknowledgement of receipt on the form from the qualified public depository at the time of opening the account.
- C.** Maintain the current public deposit identification and acknowledgement form as a valuable record.

SECTION 3. The District's Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the funds of the District, is directed to furnish the Chief Financial Officer annually, not later than November 30 of each year, the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(6), *Florida Statutes*, and otherwise take the necessary steps to ensure that all other requirements of Section 280.17, *Florida Statutes*, have been met.

SECTION 4. The District Manager, Treasurer, and/or Assistant Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of the District to execute and deliver any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

B.

RESOLUTION 2024-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.L.C, TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT AT [REDACTED] FOR THE DISTRICT AND APPOINT [REDACTED] AS SIGNORS ON THE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to establish a local bank account for the District and appoint [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as signors on the account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1. Governmental Management Services, L.L.C., is directed to establish a local bank account at _____ for the District.

SECTION 2. _____ and _____ shall be appointed as signors on the account.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson,
Board of Supervisors

C.

RESOLUTION 2024-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, L.L.C, TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT AT [REDACTED] FOR THE DISTRICT AND APPOINT [REDACTED] AS SIGNORS ON THE ACCOUNT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to establish a local bank account for the District and appoint **RESOLUTION 2024-__**

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPORT AND LEGAL DEFENSE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT OFFICERS, AND RETAINED STAFF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) and the officers and staff of East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) are constantly presented with the necessity for making decisions regarding various phases of the District policy and management; and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely essential to the effective operation of the District that such decisions be made in an environment where the threat of personal liability for the members of the Board and its officers and staff is maintained at a minimum; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to formalize a policy with regard to the support and legal-protection of the Board and its officers and staff to reduce the threat of personal liability to such individuals and allow for an effective decision-making environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. As set forth in this Resolution, the District, in accordance with Florida law, agrees that the following Board members, officers, and staff (together, “Indemnitees”) of the District, shall be provided the benefit of the indemnification, support and legal defense provisions provided in this Resolution:

A. All members of the Board of Supervisors; and

B. Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers, and other District officers, as well as District Staff (e.g., the District Manager, the District Engineer, and District Counsel).

SECTION 2. As set forth in this Resolution and in accordance with Sections 111.07 and 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, the District hereby agrees to provide legal representation to defend any and all civil actions, including federal civil rights and other federal civil claims, arising from a complaint for damages

or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of all Indemnitees, present or former, arising out of and in the scope of his or her employment or function, unless, in the case of a tort action, the Indemnatee acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. Defense of such civil actions includes, but is not limited to, any civil rights lawsuit seeking relief personally against any Indemnatee for an act or omission under color of state law, custom or usage, wherein it is alleged that such Indemnatee has deprived another person of rights secured under the Federal Constitution or laws, including, by way of example, actions under 42 U.S.C. §1983 or other federal statute. The District further agrees to provide legal representation to defend against any other litigation arising against an Indemnatee from the performance of their official duties while serving a public purpose, including civil, administrative or criminal actions as permitted by law. By these provisions, the District does not waive any immunity from liability or limited waiver of such immunity as granted under Florida law. Rather, the District is stating that to the extent the State does not protect the Board and its officers from liability through its laws, the District is committed to doing so to the extent described in this Resolution and as permitted by law.

SECTION 3. The District may insure itself in order to cover all reasonable costs and fees directly arising out of or in connection with any legal claim or suit that directly results from a decision or act made by an Indemnatee while performing the duties and functions of his or her position.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is intended to evidence the District's support of Indemnitees who perform acts and render decisions in the good faith performance of their duties and functions. The District will neither support nor defend those actions or omissions committed by an individual outside the scope of his or her office or committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. By adoption of this Resolution, the Indemnatee(s) in question are each presumed to have acted within the scope of his or her office and are presumed to be acting in good faith, without a malicious purpose, and not in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. The District's Board of Supervisors may overcome this presumption only by unanimous vote of those participating and voting, in accordance with Section 7 herein.

SECTION 5. In the event that the District has expended funds to provide an attorney to defend a Indemnatee who is found to be personally liable by virtue of actions outside the scope of his or her employment or function, or is found to have acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property, the individual shall be required to reimburse the District for funds so expended. The District may recover such funds in a civil action against such individual.

SECTION 6. The District agrees to pay any final judgment, including damages, fines, penalties, or other damages, costs, and attorneys' fees and costs, arising from any complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of any Indemnatee as described in Section 111.07, *Florida Statutes*. If the action arises under Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, as a tort claim, the limitations and provisions of that section governing payment shall apply. If the action is a civil rights action arising under 42 U.S.C. §1983, or similar federal statutes, payment for the full amount of judgment may be made unless the individual has been determined in the final judgment to have caused the harm intentionally. The District agrees to pay any compromise or settlement of any claim or litigation described in this paragraph; provided, however, that the District determines such compromise or settlement to be in the District's best interest.

SECTION 7. To rebut the presumption of the automatic payment of judgments or provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, at least one of the following determinations shall be made by a unanimous decision of the District's Board of Supervisors participating and voting:

A. The actions of the Indemnatee were outside the scope of his or her duties and authority; or

B. The acts or omissions of the Indemnatee constituted bad faith, malicious purpose, intentional infliction of harm, or were done in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property; or

C. The Indemnatee received financial profit or advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

SECTION 8. To ensure the provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, the following must be met:

A. A copy of the summons, complaint, notice, demand letter, or other document or pleading in the action, or a letter setting forth the substance of any claim or complaint, must be delivered to the District Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, District Manager, or District Counsel within fourteen (14) calendar days after actual receipt of any such document together with a specific request in writing that the District defend or provide representation for the Indemnatee; and

B. The Indemnatee must cooperate continuously and fully with the District in the defense of the action.

SECTION 9. Any indemnification, legal defense, or other protection provided pursuant to this representation shall not extend to:

A. Consulting or other outside professional or business activities for which the Indemnatee received financial or other material compensation, which are outside the scope of his or her District duties and authority; and

B. Any independent contractor for whom defense or indemnification is not authorized pursuant to Section 1(b) of this Resolution, unless the Board votes to authorize such indemnification, legal defense, or other protection; and

C. Any fine, penalty, or other punishment imposed as a result of conviction for a criminal offense, and any legal fees and costs incurred to defend criminal prosecution in which a conviction is obtained; and

D. Claims brought against the Indemnatee by the District's Board of Supervisors; and

E. Any indemnification or defense prohibited by law.

SECTION 10. In the event legal representation or defense is provided pursuant to this Resolution, the Indemnatee may either:

A. Retain legal counsel appointed by the District, in which case legal counsel shall be paid directly by the District; or

B. Retain legal counsel chosen by the Indemnatee, in which case the District shall have the right to:

i. Approve, in advance, any agreement for legal fees or disbursements; and

- ii. Pay all or part of the legal fees, costs, and other disbursements, and to set a maximum for legal fees, costs, and other disbursements; and
- iii. Direct the defense and settle or compromise the action or claim; and
- iv. Reduce or offset any monies that may be payable by the District by any court costs or attorneys' fees awarded to the Indemnatee.

SECTION 11. The benefits of the policy adopted in this Resolution shall not enlarge the rights that would have been available to any third-party plaintiff or claimant in the absence of this policy.

SECTION 12. To the extent permitted by law, this policy shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, and estate of the Board member and/or officer.

SECTION 13. The District reserves the right to change, modify, or withdraw this Resolution in its sole discretion, except as to actions, demand or other claims based on acts or omissions that occurred before the effective change, modification, or withdrawal of this Resolution.

SECTION 14. This Resolution shall be effective as of its adoption on the date listed below and shall apply to any acts or omissions occurring after that date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

D.

RESOLUTION 2024-15

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes*, the District is statutorily required to establish and maintain internal controls designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined in Section 11.45(1), *Florida Statutes*; promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets; and

WHEREAS, to demonstrate compliance with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes*, the District desires to adopt by resolution the Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. POLICY. The attached Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Internal Controls Policy

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EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY

1. Purpose.

- 1.1. The purpose of this internal controls policy is to establish and maintain internal controls for the East Ridge Community Development District.
- 1.2. Consistent with Section 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*, the internal controls adopted herein are designed to:
 - 1.2.1. Prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (as hereinafter defined).
 - 1.2.2. Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
 - 1.2.3. Support economical and efficient operations.
 - 1.2.4. Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.
 - 1.2.5. Safeguard Assets (as hereinafter defined).

2. Definitions.

- 2.1. “Abuse” means behavior that is deficient or improper when compared with behavior that a prudent person would consider a reasonable and necessary operational practice given the facts and circumstances. The term includes the misuse of authority or position for personal gain.
- 2.2. “Assets” means District assets such as cash or other financial resources, supplies, inventories, equipment and other fixed assets, real property, intellectual property, or data.
- 2.3. “Auditor” means the independent auditor (and its employees) retained by the District to perform the annual audit required by state law.
- 2.4. “Board” means the Board of Supervisors for the District.
- 2.5. “District Management” means (i) the independent contractor (and its employees) retained by the District to provide professional district management services to the District and (ii) any other independent contractor (and its employees) separately retained by the District to provide amenity management services, provided said services include a responsibility to safeguard and protect Assets.
- 2.6. “Fraud” means obtaining something of value through willful misrepresentation, including, but not limited to, intentional misstatements or intentional omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive users of financial statements, theft of an entity’s assets, bribery, or the use of one’s position for personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or misapplication of an organization’s resources.
- 2.7. “Internal Controls” means systems and procedures designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse; promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant

agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets.

- 2.8. “Risk” means anything that could negatively impact the District’s ability to meet its goals and objectives. The term includes strategic, financial, regulatory, reputational, and operational risks.
- 2.9. “Waste” means the act of using or expending resources unreasonably, carelessly, extravagantly, or for no useful purpose.

3. Control Environment.

3.1. Ethical and Honest Behavior.

- 3.1.1. District Management is responsible for maintaining a work environment that promotes ethical and honest behavior on the part of all employees, contractors, vendors and others.
- 3.1.2. Managers at all levels must behave ethically and communicate to employees and others that they are expected to behave ethically.
- 3.1.3. Managers must demonstrate through words and actions that unethical behavior will not be tolerated.

4. Risk Assessment.

- 4.1. Risk Assessment. District Management is responsible for assessing Risk to the District. District Management’s Risk assessments shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 4.1.1. Identifying potential hazards.
 - 4.1.2. Evaluating the likelihood and extent of harm.
 - 4.1.3. Identifying cost-justified precautions and implementing those precautions.

5. Control Activities.

- 5.1. Minimum Internal Controls. The District hereby establishes the following minimum Internal Controls to prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse:
 - 5.1.1. Preventive controls designed to forestall errors or irregularities and thereby avoid the cost of corrections. Preventive control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 5.1.1.1. Identifying and segregating incompatible duties and/or implementing mitigating controls.

- 5.1.1.2. Performing accounting functions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.
- 5.1.1.3. Requiring proper authorizations to access and/or modify accounting software.
- 5.1.1.4. Implementing computerized accounting techniques (e.g. to help identify coding errors, avoid duplicate invoices, etc.).
- 5.1.1.5. Maintaining a schedule of the District's material fixed Assets.
- 5.1.1.6. Maintaining physical control over the District's material and vulnerable Assets (e.g. lock and key, computer passwords, network firewalls, etc.).
- 5.1.1.7. Retaining and restricting access to sensitive documents.
- 5.1.1.8. Performing regular electronic data backups.
- 5.1.2. Detective controls designed to measure the effectiveness of preventive controls and to detect errors or irregularities when they occur. Detective control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 5.1.2.1. Preparing financial reports in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.
 - 5.1.2.2. Reviewing financial statements and investigating any material variances between budgeted expenses and actual expenses.
 - 5.1.2.3. Establishing and implementing periodic reconciliations of bank, trust, and petty cash accounts.
 - 5.1.2.4. Establishing an internal protocol for reporting and investigating known or suspected acts of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse.
 - 5.1.2.5. Engaging in periodic physical inventory counts and comparisons with inventory records.
 - 5.1.2.6. Monitoring all ACH (electronic) transactions and the sequencing of checks.
- 5.2. Implementation. District Management shall implement the minimum Internal Controls described herein. District Management may also implement additional Internal Controls that it deems advisable or appropriate for the District. The specific ways District Management implements these minimum Internal Controls shall be consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and otherwise conform to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) standards and norms.

6. Information and Communication.

- 6.1. Information and Communication. District Management shall communicate to its employees (needing to know) information relevant to the Internal Controls, including but not limited to any changes to the Internal Controls and/or changes to laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.
- 6.2. Training. District Management shall regularly train its employees (needing the training) in connection with the Internal Controls described herein and promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

7. Monitoring Activities.

- 7.1. Internal Reviews. District Management shall internally review the District's Internal Controls at least once per year. In connection with this internal review, District Management shall:
 - 7.1.1.1. Review its operational processes.
 - 7.1.1.2. Consider the potential risk of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse inherent in each process.
 - 7.1.1.3. Identify the controls included in the process, or controls that could be included, that would result in a reduction in the inherent risk.
 - 7.1.1.4. Assess whether there are Internal Controls that need to be improved or added to the process under consideration.
 - 7.1.1.5. Implement new controls or improve existing controls that are determined to be the most efficient and effective for decreasing the risk of Fraud, Waste or Abuse.
 - 7.1.1.6. Train its employees in implementing new controls or improvements to existing controls.
- 7.2. External Audits and Other Reviews. Audits and other reviews may be performed on various components of the District's Internal Controls by the Auditor consistent with Government Auditing Standards (GAS). Audits may identify material deficiencies in the Internal Controls and make recommendations to improve them. District Management shall communicate and cooperate with the Board and the Auditor regarding the potential implementation of Auditor recommendations.

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*

Effective date: October 30, 2023

E.

RESOLUTION 2024-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING THE RECORDING OF
THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance No. 23-O-26, adopted by the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida, which became effective on August 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.0485, *Florida Statutes*, requires a “Notice of Establishment” to be filed within 30 days after the effective date of the rule; and

WHEREAS, the organizational meeting of the District’s Board of Supervisors was scheduled for October 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC, arranged for the recording of the “Notice of Establishment of East Ridge Community Development District” with Leon County to ensure compliance with Florida law and was authorized to take such necessary actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OR RATIFICATION. The actions of Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC in recording the Notice of Establishment, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, of East Ridge Community Development District are hereby ratified.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Notice of Establishment

Exhibit A: Notice of Establishment

1.

This instrument was prepared by
and upon recording should be returned to:

KILINSKI | VAN WYK PLLC
P.O. Box 6386
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

**NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 23, 2023, and pursuant to a petition filed by GreenPointe Developers, LLC, the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida enacted Ordinance No. 23-O-26, which became effective August 23, 2023, establishing the East Ridge Community Development District ("**District**"). The legal description of the lands encompassed within the District is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The District is a special-purpose form of local government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. More information on the powers, responsibilities, and duties of the District may be obtained by examining Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, or by contacting the District's registered agent as designated to the Department of Economic Opportunity under Section 189.014, *Florida Statutes*.

THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND ARE SET ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Notice has been executed on this 5th day of September, 2023, and recorded in the Official Records of Leon County, Florida.


Jennifer Kilinski
Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC


Witness

CHRISTIAN KUHN
Print Name


Witness

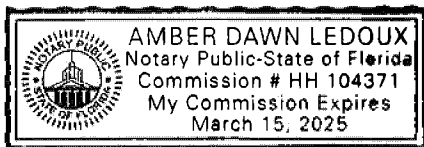
LISA WOODWARD
Print Name

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 5 day of September, 2023, by Jennifer Kilinski, as Authorized Agent of East Ridge Community Development District, who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either ☒ personally known to me, or ☐ produced _____ as identification.


NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

(NOTARY SEAL)



Name: Amber Dawn Ledoux
(Name of Notary Public, Printed, Stamped or
Typed as Commissioned)

Exhibit A
Property Description

A PORTION OF LANDS LYING WITHIN SECTIONS 7, 8, 9, 17, AND 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AS THE WELAUNEE PLANTATION, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY RECENT SURVEY AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT A FOUND TERRACOTTA MONUMENT (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 5, NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 8, AND NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 9, ALL WITHIN TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 3 OF THE MICCOSUKEE CANOPY ROAD GREENWAY IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2122, PAGE 1039 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO BEING THE SAME LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2175, PAGE 459; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS AND THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 9 AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, S 89°56'26" E, 1322.25 FEET TO A FOUND TERRACOTTA MONUMENT (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 3, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 24, MICCOSUKEE MEADOWS (UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION), AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 4 AND SAID SUBDIVISION LOTS 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, AND 24, N 89°51'47" E, 1322.60 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (NO ID) LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 19, MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF EMERALD ACRES PHASE III, A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 46; THENCE LEAVING THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 19 AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 4, AND ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EMERALD ACRES PHASE III AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF EMERALD ACRES PHASE IV, A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 29 AND A PROJECTION SOUTHERLY THEREOF, AND THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, S 00°05'20" E, 1320.18 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (NO ID) LYING ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5332, PAGE 27 AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST; THENCE ALONG SAID BOUNDARY S 89°32'39" W, 2645.82 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#5831) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5332, PAGE 27; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 9, THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS, AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1 AND 2 OF A LIMITED PARTITION AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5412, PAGE 2187, S 00°04'39" E, 909.30 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) LYING ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 2, MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 81, PAGE 306; THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS AND LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 73, PAGE 412, S 89°16'00" W, 510.00 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 73, PAGE 412; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS, SOUTH, 385.00 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LANDS, LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MILES JOHNSON ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1641, PAGE 1607; THENCE ALONG SAID

RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS, N 89°16'00" E, 90.88 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245); THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS, SOUTH, 36.20 FEET TO A FOUND PINCHED IRON PIPE (NO ID); THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1810, PAGE 909 AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3937, PAGE 156 AND A PROJECTION NORTHERLY THEREOF, S 00°40'28" E, 3092.98 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (CITY OF TALLAHASSEE) LYING ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3937, PAGE 156, AND MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 593; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 593 AND THE AFOREMENTIONED WESTERLY BOUNDARY, S 01°04'27" E, 425.03 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (CITY OF TALLAHASSEE); THENCE ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY, SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4007, PAGE 1856, S 01°23'29" E, 424.77 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (CITY OF TALLAHASSEE) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4007, PAGE 1856, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 593, AND LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MAHAN DRIVE (US HIGHWAY #90); THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 593, S 80°05'24" W, 76.04 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (CITY OF TALLAHASSEE) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LANDS; THENCE S 80°08'18" W, 1140.83 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) AND A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 11559.19 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 5°33'06", FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 1120.00 FEET (CHORD BEARS S 77°25'36" W, 1119.56 FEET) TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245); THENCE N 15°23'45" W, 27.00 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) AND A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 11586.19 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 4°44'44", FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 959.62 FEET (CHORD BEARS S 72°13'53" W, 959.34 FEET) TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION); THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 11586.19 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 1°35'12", FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 320.86 FEET (CHORD BEARS S 69°03'55" W, 320.85 FEET) TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245); THENCE S 79°23'16" W, 362.86 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MAHAN DRIVE (US HIGHWAY #90) WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF US INTERSTATE #10 (STATE ROAD #8), LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A 50 FOOT WIDE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE ACCESS AND DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 631 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4512, PAGE 1369; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT N 59°35'32" W, 942.41 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION); THENCE N 86°17'41" W, 809.10 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION); THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A CITY OF TALLAHASSEE UTILITY EASEMENT "UG-9" AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 631 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4512, PAGE 1369, N 67°36'18" W, 507.32 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION); THENCE N 55°03'27" W, 299.89 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 26, BLOCK "A" OF ARVAH BRANCH (UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION), SAID POINT BEING N 55°03'27" W, 276.91 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID EASEMENT AND LYING ON THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE EAST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE LEAVING THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF US

INTERSTATE #10 (STATE ROAD #8) AND ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 26 AND SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, N 00°19'32" W, 1253.49 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#0340) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 26 AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 25, BLOCK "A", LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF LOTS 25, 24, AND 22, BLOCK "A", N 00°18'31" W, 685.38 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#0340) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 22 AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 21, BLOCK "A"; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF LOTS 21, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 11, AND 10, BLOCK "A", N 00°20'28" W, 1122.01 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#284) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10 AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF COVENTRY PARK, A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 32, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 8 OF COVENTRY PARK AND A 25' DRAINAGE EASEMENT OF COVENTRY PARK; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF SAID DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, AND 13, AND A PROJECTION NORTHERLY THEREOF, BEING THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID COVENTRY PARK, N 00°19'06" W, 897.80 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#3208) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID COVENTRY PARK AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF AN INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1378, PAGE 2149, SAID EASEMENT BEING DEPICTED ON THE PLAT OF COVENTRY PARK AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 32; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT, N 01°08'26" W, 22.98 FEET TO A FOUND TERRACOTTA MONUMENT (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 7 AND THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT AND A PROJECTION NORTHERLY THEREOF, N 01°13'36" W, 392.85 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MICCOSUKEE ROAD (STATE ROAD #146 AND COUNTY ROAD #347); THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, N 62°04'28" E, 366.97 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 3 OF THE MICCOSUKEE CANOPY ROAD GREENWAY IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2122, PAGE 1039, ALSO BEING THE SAME LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2175, PAGE 459, AND THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MILES JOHNSON ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1641, PAGE 1607, WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID MICCOSUKEE ROAD; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL 3, S 66°43'30" E, 1260.56 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732) AND A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 689.88 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 5°50'01", FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 70.24 FEET (CHORD BEARS S 69°38'49" E, 70.21 FEET) TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732); THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL 3, N 34°47'02" E, 1873.27 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732); THENCE S 89°50'37" E, 2645.59 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732); THENCE N 00°00'50" E, 1070.02 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732) LYING ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY S 89°56'37" E, 1334.55 FEET TO THE **POINT OF BEGINNING**; CONTAINING 907.74 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A PORTION OF LANDS LYING WITHIN SECTIONS 7 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE AND DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 588 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY RECENT SURVEY AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#284) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF COVENTRY PARK, A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 32 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 8 AND OF A 25' DRAINAGE EASEMENT OF SAID COVENTRY PARK, AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 10, BLOCK "A" OF ARVAH BRANCH (UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION), THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF LOTS 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, AND 21, BLOCK "A", S 00°20'28" E, 1122.01 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#0340) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 21 AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 22, BLOCK "A"; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF LOTS 22, 24, AND 25, BLOCK "A", S 00°18'31" E, 685.38 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#0340) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 25 AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 26, BLOCK "A", LYING ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 26 AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE EAST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SECTION 18, S 00°19'32" E, 1253.49 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 26, LYING ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF US INTERSTATE #10 (STATE ROAD #8); THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, S 55°03'27" E, 276.91 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A CITY OF TALLAHASSEE UTILITY EASEMENT "UG-9" AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 631 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4512, PAGE 1369; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT, S 87°14'57" E, 119.46 FEET; THENCE N 19°34'37" E, 523.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 314.24 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245) MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID EASEMENT FOR THE **POINT OF BEGINNING**. FROM SAID **POINT OF BEGINNING** THENCE N 27°14'30" W, 467.37 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE N 62°12'14" E, 476.27 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE S 34°14'06" E, 473.64 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE S 14°08'48" W, 86.96 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE S 64°48'03" W, 314.66 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT "UG-9" AND A PROJECTION EASTERLY THEREOF, S 80°36'41" W, 170.15 FEET TO THE **POINT OF BEGINNING**; CONTAINING 6.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY CONTAINING AN AGGREGATE ACREAGE OF 893.47 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

F.

RESOLUTION 2024-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES FOR INVESTING PUBLIC FUNDS IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS NEEDED TO MEET CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 218.415(17), *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) is required to adopt an investment policy in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby adopts the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of the amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415(17), *Florida Statutes*. The District may invest in the following instruments and may divest itself of investments, at prevailing prices or rates:

- A.** The Local Government Surplus Trust Fund, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, *Florida Statutes*.
- B.** Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.
- C.** Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*.
- D.** Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

SECTION 2. Securities listed in paragraphs (c) and (d) shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

[signature on following page]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

G.

RESOLUTION 2024-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER OR TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE PUBLIC DEPOSITORS REPORT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) has established the positions of District Manager and Treasurer for the purposes of maintaining the financial records of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize District staff to execute Public Depositor Report and all other financial reports required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District Manager or Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute the Public Depositor Report and to transmit same to the Treasurer of the State of Florida as required by Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

H.

RESOLUTION 2024-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD; DESIGNATING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS; DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD; ADDRESSING PUBLIC DECORUM; ADDRESSING EXCEPTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, requires that members of the public be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a board or commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, sets forth guidelines for rules and policies that govern the public's opportunity to be heard at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a policy ("Public Comment Policy") for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. DESIGNATING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS. The District's Chairperson, his or her designee, or such other person conducting a District meeting ("Presiding Officer"), shall ensure that there is at least one (1) period of time ("Public Comment Period") in the District's meeting agenda whereby the public has an opportunity to be heard on propositions before the Board, as follows:

A. An initial Public Comment Period shall be provided at the start of each Board meeting before consideration of any propositions by the Board. In the event there are propositions that come before the Board that are not listed on the agenda, the Presiding Officer shall announce a Public Comment Period on such proposition prior to the Board voting on the matter.

B. Speakers shall be permitted to address any agenda item during the initial Public Comment Period. Speakers shall be permitted to address any non-agenda matters of personal or general concern during the Public Comment Period provided after the conclusion of the District's business items.

C. Individuals wishing to make a public comment are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Potential speakers may not assign his/her three (3) minutes to extend another speaker's time.

D. The Presiding Officer may extend or reduce the time periods set forth herein in order to facilitate orderly and efficient District business, provided however that a reasonable opportunity for public comment shall be provided consistent with the requirements of Section 286.0114,

Florida Statutes. The Presiding Officer may also elect to set and announce additional Public Comment Periods if he or she deems it appropriate.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD. Unless otherwise directed and declared by the Presiding Officer, individuals seeking to be heard on propositions before the Board shall identify themselves by a show of hands at the beginning of each Public Comment Period, as announced by the Presiding Officer. Alternatively, in the event that public attendance is high, and/or if otherwise in the best interests of the District in order to facilitate efficient and orderly District business, the Presiding Officer may require individuals to complete speaker cards that include the individual's name, address, the proposition on which they wish to be heard, the individual's position on the proposition (i.e., "for," "against," or "undecided"), and if appropriate, to indicate the designation of a representative to speak for the individual or the individual's group. In the event large groups of individuals desire to speak, the Presiding Officer may require each group to designate a representative to speak on behalf of such group. Any attorney hired to represent an individual or company's interests before the Board shall notify the Board of such representation prior to proving any public comment.

Sections 1 and 2 herein shall be deemed to apply only to District Board meetings, but the Presiding Officer of a District workshop in his or her discretion may elect to apply such Sections to District workshops.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC DECORUM. The following policies govern public decorum at public meetings and workshops:

- A.** Each person addressing the Board shall proceed to the place assigned for speaking and should state his or her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the public record.
- B.** All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof or to any staff member. No person other than a Board Supervisor or District staff member shall be permitted to enter into any discussion with an individual speaker while he or she has the floor, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.
- C.** Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Presiding Officer from maintaining orderly conduct and proper decorum in a public meeting. Speakers shall refrain from disruptive behavior and from making vulgar or threatening remarks. Speakers shall refrain from launching personal attacks against any Board Supervisor, District staff member, or member of the public. The Presiding Officer shall have the discretion to remove any speaker who disregards these policies from the meeting.
- D.** In the case that any person is declared out of order by the Presiding Officer and ordered expelled, and does not immediately leave the meeting facilities, the following steps may be taken:
 - i. The Presiding Officer may declare a recess;
 - ii. The Presiding Officer may contact the local law enforcement authority; or
 - iii. In case the person does not remove himself or herself from the meeting, the Presiding Officer may request that he or she be placed under arrest by local law enforcement authorities for violation of Section 871.01, *Florida Statutes*, or other applicable law.

SECTION 4. EXCEPTIONS. The Board recognizes and may apply all applicable exceptions to Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, including those set forth in Section 286.0114(3), *Florida Statutes*, and other applicable law. Additionally, the Presiding Officer may alter the procedures set forth in this Public

Comment Policy for public hearings and other special proceedings that may require a different procedure under Florida law.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

I.

RESOLUTION 2024-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of district business; and

WHEREAS, Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, establishes standard travel reimbursement rates, procedures and limitations applicable to all public officers, employees, and authorized persons whose travel is authorized and paid for by a public agency; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses attached as **Exhibit A** (the “Travel Reimbursement Policy”) pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District to adopt by resolution the Travel Reimbursement Policy for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby adopts the Travel Reimbursement Policy, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution or the Travel Reimbursement Policy is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Travel Reimbursement Policy

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**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES**

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- 1.1 The usual, ordinary, and incidental travel expenditures necessarily incurred by the District board members, employees, consultants, or advisors in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed by East Ridge Community Development District (the "District").
- 1.2 Except as otherwise provided, prior authorization for travel is not required, but reimbursable expenses will be limited to those expenses incurred in the performance of official duties undertaken in connection with such public purposes as the District has been authorized by law to perform.
- 1.3 All claims submitted for reimbursement must be accompanied by a written statement that they are true and correct as to every material matter.

2.0 TRANSPORTATION.

- 2.1 All travel must be by a reasonably direct or usually traveled route. In the event a person travels by an indirect route for his/her own convenience, any additional cost shall be borne by the traveler and reimbursement for expenses shall be based on the usually traveled route.
- 2.2 Commercial travel shall be by the most economical method, tourist or coach class. First class rates will be paid only in the event that a statement is attached to the claim certifying that tourist or coach seating was unavailable.
- 2.3 When available without penalty for cancellation, travelers should take advantage of discount fares.
- 2.4 Transportation by common carrier when traveling on official business and paid for by the traveler shall be substantiated by a receipt.
- 2.5 Rental car expenses shall be substantiated by a copy of the rental agreement.
- 2.6 Whenever travel is by a privately-owned vehicle, the traveler shall be entitled to a mileage allowance at the fixed rate per mile as established by the Legislature in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*. Should the State of Florida increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers at the increased rate.
- 2.7 All mileage shall be from point of origin to point of destination. When travel commences from a location other than the traveler's official headquarters, mileage shall be calculated on the basis of the distance from the headquarters city to the point of destination, unless the actual distance is shorter. Vicinity mileage necessary for conduct of official business is allowable but must be identified as a separate item on the claim for reimbursement of expenses.
- 2.8 No traveler shall be allowed either mileage or transportation expense when he/she is gratuitously transported by another person, or when he/she is transported by another

traveler who is entitled to mileage or transportation expense. However, a traveler on a private aircraft shall be reimbursed the actual amount charged and paid for his/her fare for such transportation up to the cost of a commercial airline ticket for the same flight if one is available, even though the owner or pilot of the aircraft is also entitled to transportation expense for the same flight.

3.0 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

- 3.1** Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, parking fees, and business-related telephone, telegraph, and facsimile charges shall also be reimbursed if substantiated by receipts.
- 3.2** Reimbursement for meals shall not exceed \$6 for breakfast, \$11 for lunch, and \$19 for dinner. Should the State of Florida increase the meal allowances specified in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers based on the increased limits.
- 3.3** Registration fees and other actual and necessary expenses for conventions, conferences, and seminars which will serve a direct public purpose related to District activities will be considered reimbursable if persons attending such meetings receive prior approval. If the event room or meal expenses are included in the registration fee, reimbursement for these expenses will be reduced accordingly.

J.

RESOLUTION 2024-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING PROMPT PAYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 218, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, requires timely payment to vendors and contractors providing certain goods and/or services to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) accordingly finds that it is in the best interest of the District to establish by resolution the Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board may amend them; provided, however, that as the provisions of Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, are amended from time to time, the attached Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law without any further action by the Board.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

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**EAST RIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures
In Accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act
Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes***

October 30, 2023

East Ridge Community Development District
Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

I. Purpose

In accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, as amended (Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes*) (“PPA”), the purpose of the East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures (“Policies & Procedures”) is to provide a specific policy to ensure timely payment to Vendors and Contractors (both hereinafter defined) providing goods and/or services to the District and ensure the timely receipt by the District of goods and/or services contemplated at the time of contracting. Please note that the PPA, like any statute or law, may be amended from time to time by legislative action. These Policies & Procedures are based on the statutory requirements as of the date identified on the cover page of this document. By this reference, as applicable statutory provisions subsequently change, these Policies & Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law. These Policies & Procedures are adopted by the District to provide guidance in contracting matters. Failure by the District to comply with these Policies & Procedures shall not expand the rights or remedies of any Provider (hereinafter defined) against the District under the PPA. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as more restrictive on the District than what is provided for in the PPA.

II. Scope

These Policies & Procedures apply to all operations of the District, including Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services, as applicable.

III. Definitions

A. Agent

The District-contracted architect, District-contracted engineer, District Manager, or other person, acting on behalf of the District, which is required by law or contract to review invoices or payment requests from Providers (hereinafter defined). Such individuals/entities must be identified in accordance with §218.735 (1), Fla. Stat., and further identified in the relevant agreement between the District and the Provider.

B. Construction Services

All labor, services, and materials provided in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvement to real property that require a license under parts I and II of Chapter 489, Fla. Stat.

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

The entity or individual that provides Construction Services through direct contract with the District.

D. Date Stamped

Each original and revised invoice or payment request received by the District shall be marked electronically or manually, by use of a date stamp or other method, which date marking clearly indicates the date such invoice or payment request is first delivered to the District through its Agent. In the event that the Agent receives an invoice or payment

request but fails to timely or physically mark on the document the date received, “Date Stamped” shall mean the date of actual receipt by the Agent.

E. Improper Invoice

An invoice that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Invoice.

F. Improper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Payment Request.

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

All labor, services, goods and materials provided in connection with anything other than construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvements to real property.

H. Proper Invoice

An invoice that conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies and Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the agreement for goods and/or services for which the invoice is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

I. Proper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services which conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies & Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the Construction Services agreement for which the Payment Request is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

J. Provider

Includes any Vendor, Contractor or Provider of Construction Services, as defined herein.

K. Purchase

The purchase of goods, materials, services, or Construction Services; the purchase or lease of personal property; or the lease of real property by the District.

L. Vendor

Any person or entity that sells goods or services, sells or leases personal property, or leases real property directly to the District, not including Construction Services.

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

Prior to Provider receiving payment from the District, Non-Construction Goods and Services and Construction Services, as applicable, shall be received and performed in accordance with contractual or other specifications or requirements to the satisfaction of the District. Provision or delivery of Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District does not constitute acceptance for the purpose of payment. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be made only after delivery and inspection by the Agent and the Agent’s confirmation that the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services meet contract specifications and conditions. Should the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services differ in any respect from the specifications, payment may be withheld until such time as the Provider takes necessary

corrective action. Certain limited exceptions which require payment in advance are permitted when authorized by the District Board of Supervisors (“Board”) or when provided for in the applicable agreement.

B. Sales Tax

Providers should not include sales tax on any invoice or payment request. The District’s current tax-exempt number is [REDACTED]. A copy of the tax-exempt form will be supplied to Providers upon request.

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

Providers are paid using either a Federal Identification Number or Social Security Number. To receive payment, Providers should supply the District with the correct number as well as a proper Internal Revenue Service W-9 Form. The District Manager shall treat information provided in accordance with Florida law.

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (904) 940-5850), email: hmcgaffney@gmsnf.com.

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

All Non-Construction Goods and Services invoiced must be supplied or performed in accordance with the applicable purchase order (including any bid/proposal provided, if applicable) or agreement and such Non-Construction Goods and Services quantity and quality must be equal to or better than what is required by such terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable agreement, invoices should contain all of the following minimum information in order to be considered a Proper Invoice:

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address
3. Invoice Date
4. Invoice number
5. The “Bill To” party must be the District or the Board, or other entity approved in writing by the Board of the District Manager
6. Project name (if applicable)
7. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of goods* should also contain:
 - a. A complete item description
 - b. Quantity purchased
 - c. Unit price(s)
 - d. Total price (for each item)
 - e. Total amount of invoice (all items)
 - f. The location and date(s) of delivery of the goods to the District
8. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of services* should also contain:
 - a. Itemized description of services performed
 - b. The location and date of delivery of the services to the District
 - c. Billing method for services performed (i.e., approved hourly rates, percentage of completion, cost plus fixed fee, direct/actual costs, etc.)

- d. Itemization of other direct, reimbursable costs (including description and amount)
- e. Copies of invoices for other direct, reimbursable costs (other than incidental costs such as copying) and one (1) of the following:
 - i. Copy of both sides of a cancelled check evidencing payment for costs submitted for reimbursement
 - ii. Paid receipt
 - iii. Waiver/lien release from subcontractor (if applicable)
- 9. Any applicable discounts
- 10. Any other information or documentation, which may be required or specified under the terms of the purchase order or agreement

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

Payment Requests must conform to all requirements of Section IV, A-D above, unless otherwise specified in the terms of the applicable agreement or purchase order between the District and the Provider.

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

The Provider shall submit all Invoices and Payment Requests for both Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District's Agent as provided in the purchase order or agreement, as applicable, and to the District Manager as follows:

Submit the invoice and/or payment request, with required additional material and in conformance with these Policies and Procedures, by mail, by hand delivery, or via email (Note: email is the preferred method for receipt of Non-Construction Goods and Services invoices).

1. Mailing and Drop Off Address

East Ridge Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C.
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, FL 32092
Attn: District Manager

2. Email Address

hmcgaffney@gmsnf.com

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. Receipt of Proper Invoice

Payment is due from the District forty-five (45) days from the date on which a Proper Invoice is Date Stamped.

2. Receipt of Improper Invoice

If an Improper Invoice is received, a required invoice is not received, or invoicing of a request for payment is not required, the time when payment is due from the District is forty-five (45) days from the latest date of the following:

- a. On which delivery of personal property is fully accepted by the District;

- b. On which services are completed and accepted by the District;
- c. On which the contracted rental period begins (if applicable); or
- d. On which the District and the Vendor agree in a written agreement that provides payment due dates.

3. Rejection of an Improper Invoice

The District may reject an Improper Invoice. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Improper Invoice by the District, the Vendor must be notified that the invoice is improper and be given an opportunity to correct the deficient or missing information, remedy the faulty work, replace the defective goods, or take other necessary, remedial action.

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

- a. Be provided in writing;
- b. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
- c. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

If the Vendor submits a corrected invoice, which corrects the deficiencies specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay the corrected invoice within the later of: (a) ten (10) business days after date the corrected invoice is Date Stamped; or (b) forty-five (45) days after the date the Improper Invoice was Date Stamped.

If the Vendor submits an invoice in response to the District's written rejection which fails to correct the deficiencies specified or continues to be an Improper Invoice, the District must reject that invoice as stated herein.

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

If the District disputes a portion of an invoice, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in these Policies & Procedures.

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

The time at which payment is due for Construction Services from the District is as follows:

- a. If an Agent must approve the payment request before it is submitted to the District Manager, payment (whether full or partial) is due twenty-five (25) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped. The Provider may send the District an overdue notice. If the payment request is not rejected within four (4) business days after Date Stamp of the overdue notice, the payment request shall be deemed accepted, except for any portion of the payment request that is fraudulent, misleading or is the subject of dispute.

The agreement between the District and the Provider shall identify the Agent to which the Provider shall submit its payment request or shall be provided by the District through a separate written notice no later than ten

(10) days after contract award or notice to proceed, whichever is later. Provider's submission of a payment request to the Agent shall be Date Stamped, which shall commence the time periods for payment or rejection of a payment request or invoice as provided in this section.

- b. If, pursuant to contract, an Agent is not required to approve the payment request submitted to the District, payment is due twenty (20) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped unless such payment request includes fraudulent or misleading information or is the subject of dispute.

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

- a. If an Improper Payment Request is received, the District must reject the Improper Payment Request within twenty (20) business days after the date on which the payment request is Date Stamped.
- b. The District's rejection of the Improper Payment Request must:
 - i. Be provided in writing;
 - ii. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
 - iii. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.
- c. If a Provider submits a payment request which corrects the deficiency specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay or reject the corrected submission no later than ten (10) business days after the date the corrected payment request is Date Stamped.

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

If the District disputes a portion of a payment request, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in this section.

VII. Resolution of Disputes

- A. If a dispute arises between a Provider and the District concerning payment of an invoice or payment request, the dispute shall be resolved as set forth in §218.735, Fla. Stat., for Construction Services, and §218.76, Fla. Stat. for Non-Construction Goods and Services.
Dispute between the District and a Provider

If a dispute between the District and a Provider cannot be resolved following resubmission of a payment request by the Provider, the dispute must be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure prescribed in the construction contract, if any. In the absence of a prescribed procedure in the contract, the dispute must be resolved by the procedures specified below.

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

- 1. If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or

invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.

2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
3. If the District does not commence the dispute resolution procedure within the time provided herein, a Provider may give written notice via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, of the District's failure to timely commence its dispute resolution procedure. If the District fails to commence the dispute resolution procedure within four (4) business days after receipt of such notice, any amounts resolved in the Provider's favor shall bear mandatory interest, as set forth in section 218.735(9), Florida Statutes, from the date on which the payment request or invoice containing the disputed amounts was Date Stamped. If the dispute resolution procedure is not commenced within four (4) business days after receipt of the notice, the objection to the payment request or invoice shall be deemed waived. The waiver of an objection pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve a Provider of its contractual obligations.
4. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.
5. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
6. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.
7. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing

contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

When the District intends to pay for a purchase with federal funds or bond funds, the District shall make such purchases only upon reasonable assurances that federal funds or bond funds sufficient to cover the cost will be received. When payment is contingent upon the receipt of bond funds, federal funds or federal approval, the public procurement documents and any agreement with a Provider shall clearly state such contingency. (§218.77, Fla. Stat.).

IX. Requirements for Construction Services Contracts – Project Completion; Retainage

The District intends to follow the PPA requirements for construction project completion and retainage, including, but not limited to, §218.735 (7) and (8), Fla. Stat.

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

Failure on the part of the District to make timely payments may result in District responsibility for late payment interest charges. No agreement between the District and a Provider may prohibit the collection of late payment interest charges allowable under the PPA as mandatory interest. (§218.75, Fla. Stat.).

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

All payments due from the District, and not made within the time specified within this policy, will bear interest, from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. The Vendor must submit a Proper Invoice to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. (§218.735(9), Fla. Stat.).

An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

B. Related to Construction Services

All payments for Construction Services that are not made within the time periods specified within the applicable statute, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of two percent (2%) per month, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. §218.735(9), Fla. Stat. The Provider must submit a Proper Payment Request to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. (§218.74 (4), Fla. Stat.).

Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

C. Report of Interest

If the total amount of interest paid during the preceding fiscal year exceeds \$250, the District Manager is required to submit a report to the Board during December of each year, stating the number of interest payments made and the total amount of such payments. (§218.78, Fla. Stat.).

K.

MEMORANDUM

TO: East Ridge Community Development District
Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC

DATE: October 30, 2023

RE: Public Records Retention

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the District's responsibilities in relation to the retention and disposition of its public records ("Records Retention") and to present a choice between two different resolutions for the Board to consider. Historically, most districts have not engaged in the disposition of records and have simply chosen to keep all records. However, current state law provides for the disposition of many records after a specified period of time. In order to devise a Records Retention Policy which makes sense, there are three primary sources for legal requirements that must be considered.

Overview of State Law Records Retention Requirements

Florida Law sets forth a comprehensive scheme governing Records Retention. Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, entitled "Records and Information Management" created the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("DLIS") which is charged with the duty to set forth policies and rules regulating Records Retention. To this end, DLIS has adopted comprehensive rules and policies applicable to community development districts ("CDDs") which are set forth in the Florida Administrative Code sections 1B-24.001, 1B-24.003, 1B-26.0021, and 1B-26.003. DLIS adopts records retention schedules which provide the minimum amount of time that different public records must be kept before they are disposed ("Schedules"). The Schedules typically applicable to CDDs are GS1-SL (General Records Schedule for State and Local Government Agencies), GS3 (General Records Schedule for Election Records), and GS14 (General Records Schedule for Public Utilities). GS1-SL and GS3 will apply to every CDD, while GS14 will apply to just those CDDs operating water and sewer utilities. Each of these three schedules is further broken down into categories of similar documents.

Under Florida law, all documents of a particular type must be retained for the minimum amount of time set forth in the applicable section of the Schedules. In the event a District record exists that does not fall into one of the specified categories, the District is responsible for requesting that an "Individual Records Schedule" be created by DLIS.

Florida law allows CDDs to adopt policies that extend the amount of time a record must be kept. However, CDDs do not have the power to shorten the time periods in the Schedules.

Overview of Federal Law Records Retention Requirements by Virtue of Tax-Exempt Bond Issuance

If a District has issued tax exempt bonds, there are various requirements imposed by federal law relating to Records Retention. The general principle is that documents in any way related to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, revenues securing bonds, and the use of the bond proceeds should be kept until at least three (3) years after the bonds are redeemed. If refunding bonds are issued, records for the refunding bonds and the bonds refunded should be kept until at least three (3) years after the refunding bonds are redeemed. The records which must be kept include, but are not limited to:

1. Basic records relating to the bond transaction (including the trust indenture, loan agreements, and bond counsel opinion); and
2. Documentation evidencing the expenditure of bond proceeds; and
3. Documentation evidencing use of bond-financed property by public and private sources (i.e., copies of management contracts and research agreements); and
4. Documentation evidencing all sources of payment or security for the bonds, such as assessments; and
5. Documentation pertaining to any investment of bond proceeds (including the purchase and sale of securities, SLGS subscriptions, yield calculations for each class of investments, actual investment income received from the investment of proceeds, guaranteed investment contracts, and rebate calculations).

Overview of Trust Indenture Requirements to Retain Records

Most, if not all, trust indentures require CDDs that have issued bonds to maintain records which demonstrate that the District has not taken any action to jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the bonds.

Current Responsibilities for District Records Retention

Section 119.021(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, provides that the District must comply with the DLIS rules establishing retention schedules and disposal processes. Section 119.021(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, provides that each public official shall systematically dispose of records no longer needed, subject to the consent of DLIS. Although the ultimate responsibility rests with the Secretary, the District needs to formally appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer to interact with DLIS. The attached resolutions appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and outline such person's duties.

District Options for Records Retention Policy

At this point in time, the District really has two options to ensure compliance with applicable Records Retention laws.

First, the District can adopt the Florida Records Retention Schedules modified to ensure the District is also retaining the records required by federal law and the trust indenture. This option allows for the timely destruction of records while ensuring that the District's policy is in compliance with state and federal laws. Kilinski | Van Wyk has prepared a resolution that implements this option, and it is attached hereto as **Option 1**.

Second, a District can adopt the Florida Records Retention Schedules as written and adopt a policy that states that the District will not be destroying any records at this point in time. While this seems like the easiest approach, it has its drawbacks and is inconsistent with the structure intended by Florida law. Not disposing of documents in a timely manner increases the cost of maintaining records thereby shifting valuable financial resources away from core functions. In addition, unnecessary Records Retention may disadvantage a District in future litigation and may be viewed as a lackadaisical approach to records management, thereby undermining the public's confidence in the integrity of the Records Retention system. Despite these concerns, the District could choose to keep all records. Kilinski | Van Wyk has prepared a resolution that implements this option, and it is attached hereto as **Option 2**.

It is important to note that the District could change its Records Retention policy at a later date so long as the District's amendment was consistent with the notice and hearing provisions found in Chapter 190.

Electronic Recordkeeping

Electronic recordkeeping is one of the many subjects under consideration by the Florida Legislature and our office will circulate an update on any legislative developments that occur. Presently, electronic recordkeeping is authorized by Rule 1B-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, which provides control standards relating to the same. The DLIS has released the “Electronic Recordkeeping Strategic Plan,” which focuses on recording strategies as they relate to electronic records. The Strategic Plan, as well as a multitude of resources for records managers, is made available for review by DLIS on the DLIS website, which may change from time to time.

OPTION 1

RESOLUTION 2024-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; PROVIDING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, requires the District to establish and maintain an active and continuing program for the economical and efficient management of records and to provide for the appointment of a records management liaison officer (“Records Management Liaison Officer”); and

WHEREAS, the District desires for the Records Management Liaison Officer to be an employee of the District or an employee of the District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer, which may or may not be the District’s records custodian; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to prescribe duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer and provide for the assignment of additional duties; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a Records Retention Policy (the “Policy”) for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide for future amendment of the Records Retention Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby authorizes the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and report such appointment to the appropriate State of Florida agencies. A Records Management Liaison Officer shall be an employee of the District or the District Manager. The Board, and the District’s records custodian, shall each have the individual power to remove the Records Management Liaison Officer at any time for any reason. Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District’s records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer shall include the following:

A. Serve as the District’s contact with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida;

- B.** Coordinate the District's records inventory;
- C.** Maintain records retention and disposition forms;
- D.** Coordinate District records management training;
- E.** Develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended;
- F.** Participate in the development of the District's development of electronic record keeping systems;
- G.** Submit annual compliance statements;
- H.** Work with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida to establish individual retention schedules for the District, from time to time and as may be necessary; and
- I.** Such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the District's records custodian in the future.

SECTION 3. The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("Division") pursuant to Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District will retain certain records longer than required by the General Records Schedules established by the Division as set forth in **Exhibit A**. To the extent the above statute, rules or schedules are amended or supplemented in the future, the District's Records Retention Policy shall automatically incorporate such amendment or supplement provided that such automatic amendment shall not reduce the retention times set forth in **Exhibit A**. The Records Retention Policy shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board amends the Policy.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: District Amendments to General Records Schedules Established by the Division

Exhibit A: District Amendments to General Records Schedules Established by the Division

ADVERTISEMENTS: LEGAL (Item #25)

The District shall retain mailed and published legal advertisements, and corresponding affidavits, relating to proceedings under uniform method of collection of debt assessments permanently. The District shall retain mailed and published legal advertisements, and corresponding affidavits, relating to the levy of assessments securing bonds for five (5) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released, or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

AUDITS: INDEPENDENT (Item #56)

The District shall retain the record copy of independent audits for ten (10) fiscal years or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

DISBURSEMENT RECORDS: DETAIL (Item #340)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for five (5) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

DISBURSEMENT RECORDS: SUMMARY (Item #341)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for ten (10) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORTS (Item #107)

The District shall retain the record copy of disbursement records relating to the use of bonds for ten (10) fiscal years provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

INCIDENT REPORT FILES (Item #241)

The District shall retain incident reports for five (5) anniversary years from the date of the incident.

MINUTES: OFFICIAL MEETINGS (PRELIMINARY/AUDIO RECORDINGS/VIDEO RECORDINGS (Item #4)

The District shall retain audio recordings of board of supervisor meetings for five (5) calendar years after adoption of the official minutes.

PROJECT FILES: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (Item #136)

The District shall retain the record copy of project files for projects funded with bonds for ten (10) fiscal years after completion of the project provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS: CONDEMNATION/DEMOLITION (Item #364)

The District shall retain the record copy of project files for condemnation/demolition projects funded with bonds for five (5) anniversary years after final action or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later. The record copy of deeds and easements shall be kept permanently.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS: PROPERTY ACQUIRED (Item #172)

The District shall retain the record copy of documents related to property acquisitions funded with bonds for three (3) fiscal years after final disposition of the property provided applicable audits have been released or until three (3) calendar years after all related bonds are redeemed, whichever is later. The record copy of deeds and easements shall be kept permanently.

OPTION 2

RESOLUTION 2024-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; PROVIDING THE DUTIES OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT LIAISON OFFICER; ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, requires the District to establish and maintain an active and continuing program for the economical and efficient management of records and to provide for the appointment of a records management liaison officer (“Records Management Liaison Officer”); and

WHEREAS, the District desires for the Records Management Liaison Officer to be an employee of the District or an employee of the District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer, which may or may not be the District’s records custodian; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to prescribe duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer and provide for the assignment of additional duties; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a Records Retention Policy (the “Policy”) for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide for future amendment of the Records Retention Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby authorizes the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and report such appointment to the appropriate State of Florida agencies. A Records Management Liaison Officer shall be an employee of the District or the District Manager. The Board, and the District’s records custodian, shall each have the individual power to remove the Records Management Liaison Officer at any time for any reason. Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District’s records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A.** Serve as the District's contact with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida;
- B.** Coordinate the District's records inventory;
- C.** Maintain records retention and disposition forms;
- D.** Coordinate District records management training;
- E.** Develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended;
- F.** Participate in the District's development of electronic record keeping systems;
- G.** Submit annual compliance statements;
- H.** Work with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida to establish individual retention schedules for the District, from time to time and as may be necessary; and
- I.** Such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the District's records custodian in the future.

SECTION 3. The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("Division") pursuant to Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District hereby extends the minimum retention guidelines contained in the General Records Schedules so that the District will retain all public records relating to District business until the Board of Supervisors amends the Records Retention Policy to address the disposition of the same. To the extent the above statute, rules, or schedules are amended or supplemented in the future, the District's Records Retention Policy shall automatically incorporate such amendment or supplement provided that such automatic change does not permit the disposition of District records without further action of the Board. The Records Retention Policy shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board amends the Policy.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

[signature on following page]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Composite Exhibit A: General Records Schedules, GS1-SL and GS3

Composite Exhibit A: General Records Schedules Established by the Division (GS1-SL and GS3)

[attach, if Option 2 adopted]

M.

RESOLUTION 2024-23

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT RECORDS OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District’s records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119 and Section 190.006(7), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, District records are available for public review and inspection at

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s local records office shall be located at:

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

N.

RESOLUTION 2024-24

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District’s public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District’s Record’s Custodian in order to provide citizens with the ability to access the District’s records and ensure that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District additionally desires to specify the location of the District’s principal headquarters for the purpose of establishing proper venue under the common law home venue privilege applicable to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District’s primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at Governmental Management Services, L.L.C., 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092.

SECTION 2. The District’s principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located at [REDACTED] within Tallahassee, Florida.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

O.



Align the future. ReAlign the past.

Customized ADA Compliant Website Proposal
for:

**East Ridge
Community Development District**

September 27, 2023

Project Scope

Website Design Overview

1. Project Background and Description

East Ridge CDD (the client) is seeking an ADA compliant website.

2. Project Scope

ReAlign Web Design (the company) will create and design a new website for **the client**. The website will aim to portray the CDD in a professional image while serving several functions such as; district information center, document storage, Florida statute requirement fulfillment, and ADA compliance.

The website will have standard security including antivirus, firewall and SSL encryption. The website will be compliant with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will maintain a conformance level of AA with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 (WCAG 2.1).

The project is considered finished when **the client** is satisfied with the implementation of the website provided, within reason. **The company** will provide an invoice upon completion and implementation of the website. Any further revisions beyond the finished website may be subject to a fee.

3. Deliverables

The company: One completed website, site content and images, website security, antivirus and firewall, SSL implementation, domain transfer (if necessary), DNS and hosting setup, ADA Section 508 compliance and WCAG 2.1 AA conformity.

The client: Payment upon completion and invoice receipt and any content required to complete the project within the scope of work including proprietary property.

4. Price - \$1,750 Upon Completion

The company will bill \$1,750 upon completion of the finished website and acceptance by **the client**.

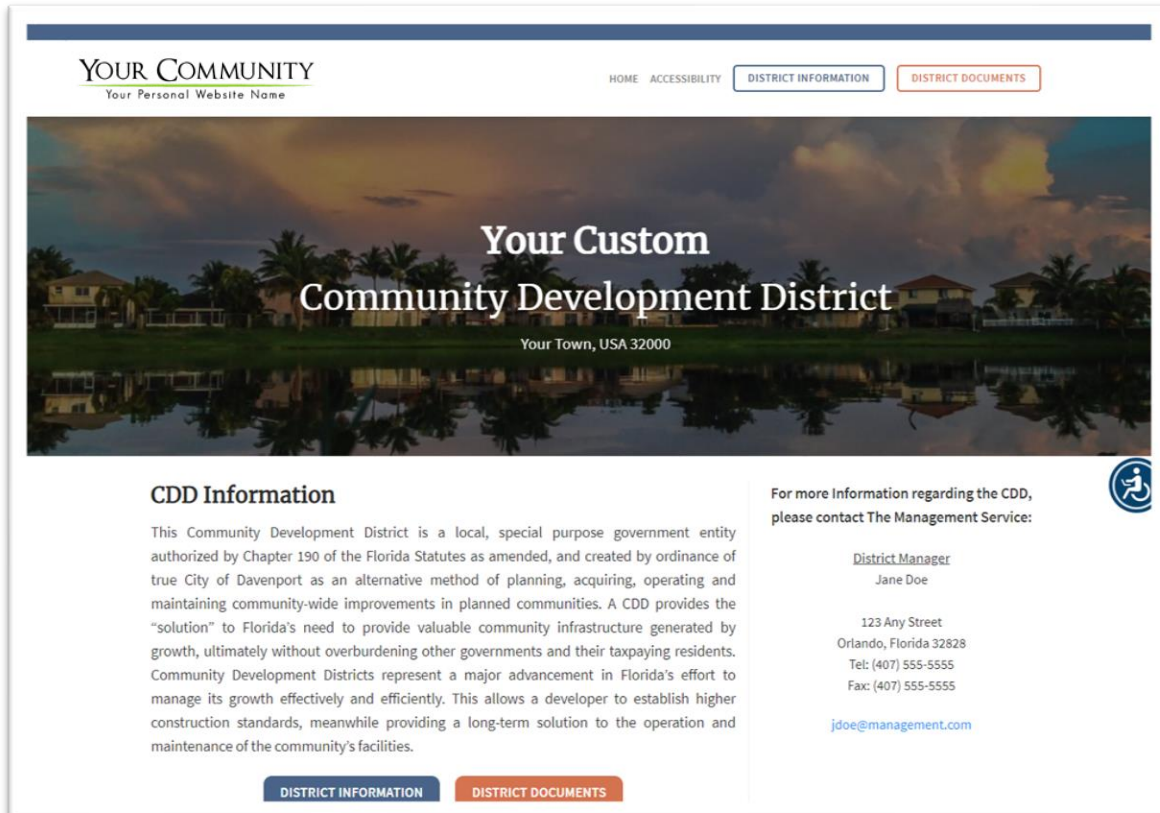
5. High-Level Timeline/Schedule

The company will utilize best efforts to deliver the completed website within one month of an executed agreement and authority to proceed.

Demo Content – Everything is Customized

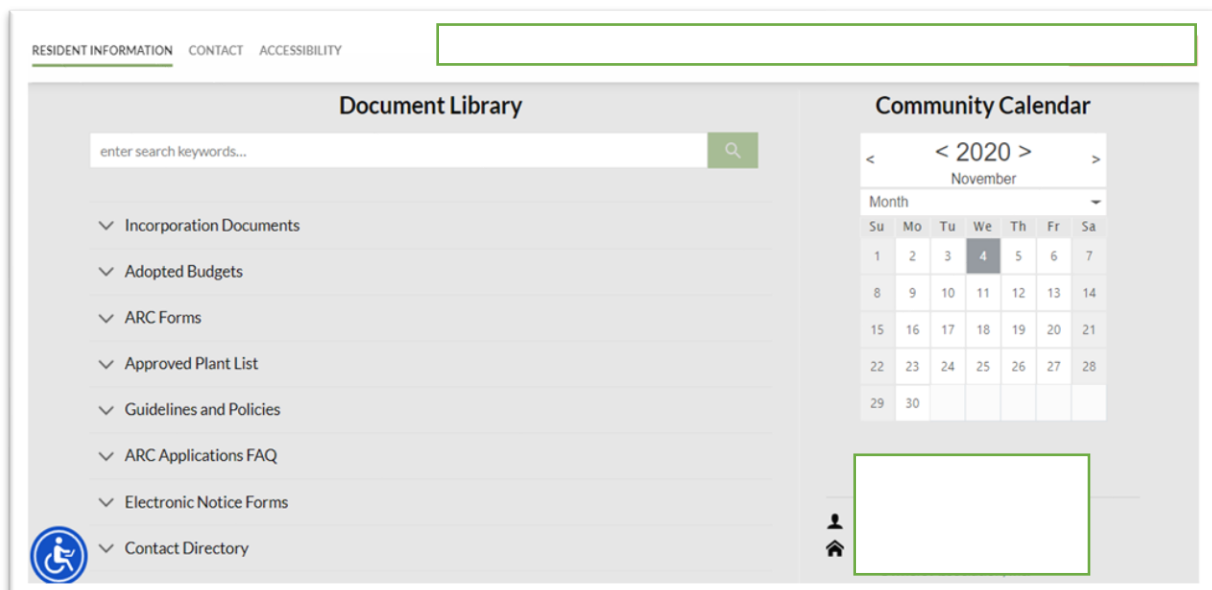
Custom Website Design

Featuring a welcome page with public information, community features and documents.



Document Storage

Quickly search, find, and download community documents like budgets, notices, and more.



Community Information

Display the current board, meeting notices, and other important information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CDD Board



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BOARD MEMBER

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JULY WOOD
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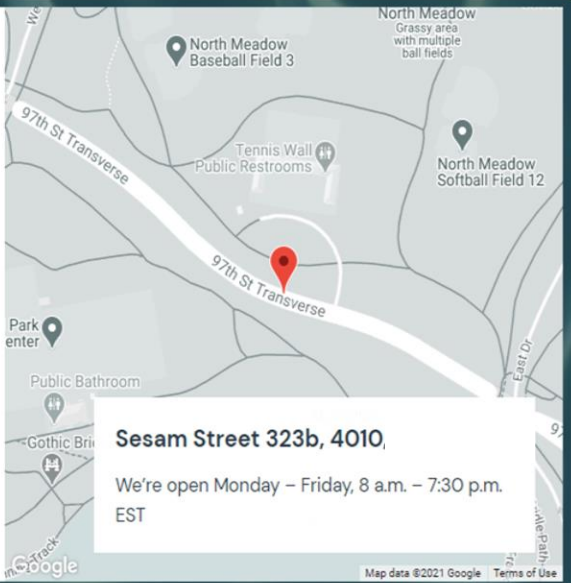
Easy Contact

Custom contact options that notify the board and/or management company.

GET IN TOUCH

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Indemnification: The Company warrants that all accessibility compliance seals warrant a passing grade from the UserWay accessibility testing widget at the time of testing according to the standards set forth by UserWay. The Company does not independently verify the accuracy of accessibility tests. The Client specifically recognizes and acknowledges that ADA Section 508 guidelines and WCAG 2.1 guidelines are constantly changing and that at the time of this Agreement there is no single definitive authority on digital accessibility standards. Upon acceptance of the completed website, the Client assumes title to the website along with all responsibility for maintaining ADA 508 and WCAG 2.1 conformity and compliance. At the moment of transfer of title of the website to the Client and thereafter in perpetuity, the Client shall indemnify, defend and hold Company and its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, partners, partnerships, affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions or employees, authorized agents, independent contractors and permitted assigns ("Company Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, demands, and proceedings of any kind ("Claims"), threatened, asserted or filed against Company or any and all Company Indemnified Parties by any third party, and any damages, losses, expenses, liabilities or costs of any kind (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees and court costs) which may be incurred in connection with such Claims (including those necessary to successfully establish the right to indemnification), regarding non-compliance with any ADA Section 508 guidelines and WCAG 2.1 guidelines or similar regulations and cannot be held liable for any lawsuits arising therefrom.

Approval and Authority to Proceed

We approve the project as described above and authorize the team to proceed.

Service	Acceptance
Website creation - \$1,750 one-time fee	
ADA Compliance Audits - \$960 annually	

Approved By

Date

Q.

RESOLUTION 2024-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRANTING THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCE AND DEDICATION DOCUMENTS, PLATS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVING THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure, including but not limited to, roadways, stormwater management system, water, wastewater and reclaim utilities, hardscape, landscape and irrigation, undergrounding of conduit, recreational amenities, conservation/mitigation and professional fees; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to adopt a Master Engineer's Report ("Engineer's Report"), which sets forth the scope of the District's capital improvement plan and the improvements that are to be constructed thereto ("Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the development of the Improvements in accordance with the Engineer's Report, which includes, but is not limited to, obtaining all necessary permits and approvals from local governments and agencies for the construction and/or operation of infrastructure improvements, the District is required, from time to time, to accept, convey and dedicate certain interests in real and personal property, including, but not limited to easements, plat dedications, requisitions, deeds and bills of sale for infrastructure improvements ("Permits and Conveyances"); and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the efficient development of the Improvements, the District desires to authorize the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson to approve and execute the Permits and Conveyances necessary to finalize the development of the District's capital improvement plan ("Conveyance Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Conveyance Authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel agreeing that each such proposed Permit or Conveyance is legal, consistent with the District's improvement plan and necessary for the development of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that granting to the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson the Conveyance Authority is in the best interests of the District so that the development of the Improvements may proceed expeditiously, subject to the terms and limitations imposed by this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. The Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson of the District's Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign, accept, or execute Permits and Conveyances as defined above. The Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary of the District's Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to countersign any such Permits and Conveyances signed by the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson, respectively. Such authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel's review and approval.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

R.

RESOLUTION 2024-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CONTINUING EXPENSES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN NON-CONTINUING EXPENSES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING FOR A MONETARY THRESHOLD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.011(5), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions that may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) meets as necessary to conduct the business of the District, including authorizing the payment of District operating and maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board may establish monthly, quarterly, or other meeting dates not on a monthly basis, or may cancel scheduled meetings from time to time; and

WHEREAS, to conduct the business of the District in an efficient manner, recurring, non-recurring and other disbursements for goods and services must be processed and paid in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines this Resolution is in the best interest of the District and is necessary for the efficient conduct of District business; the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; and the preservation of District assets or facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Continuing Expenses: The Board hereby authorizes the payment of invoices of continuing expenses that meet the following requirements:

1. The invoices must be due on or before the next scheduled meeting of the Board.
2. The invoice must be pursuant to a contract or agreement authorized by the Board.
3. The total amount paid under such contract or agreement, including the current invoice, must be equal to or less than the amount specified in the contract or agreement.
4. The invoice amount will not cause payments to exceed the adopted budget of the District.

SECTION 2. Non-Continuing Expenses: The Board hereby authorizes the disbursement of funds for payment of invoices of non-continuing expenses that are: 1) required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; or 2) required to repair, control, or maintain a District facility or asset beyond the normal, usual, or customary maintenance required for such facility or assets, pursuant to the following schedule:

1. Non-Continuing Expenses Not Exceeding \$10,000 - with approval of the District Manager;

2. Non-Continuing Expenses Exceeding \$10,000 - with approval of the District Manager and Chairperson of the Board.

SECTION 3. Any payment made pursuant to the Resolution shall be submitted to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for approval and ratification.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

S.

RESOLUTION 2024-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER AND DISTRICT STAFF IN NOTICING THE LANDOWNERS' MEETING; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the East Ridge Community Development District is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District held its organizational meeting on October 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager and District staff are holding the Landowners' Meeting in conjunction with the Organizational meeting and caused notice thereof to be provided pursuant to Florida law; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to ratify all the actions taken by the District Manager and District staff in noticing the initial landowner's meeting in accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, for October 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The actions of the District Manager and District staff in noticing the landowners' meeting in accordance with Section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, to elect five (5) supervisors of the District, held on the 30th day of October 2023 at ____ a.m. at 517 E. College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, are hereby ratified and approved.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Board of Supervisor

Composite Exhibit A:

Sample Notice of Landowners' Meeting and Election, Proxy, Ballot Form and Instructions

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within East Ridge Community Development District (the "District"), the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately 893.47 acres, generally located north of Mahan Drive, East of Interstate 10 and south of Miccosukee Road, situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing five (5) persons to the District Board of Supervisors. Immediately following the landowners' meeting and election, there will be convened a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: October 30, 2023
TIME: _____
PLACE: 517 E. College Avenue_
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C, located at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 ("District Office"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

The landowners' meeting and the Board of Supervisors meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. One or both of the meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from the District Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850, at least three business days before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that such person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Governmental Management Services, L.L.C.
District Manager
Run Date(s): [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]

**PUBLISH: ONCE A WEEK FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, THE LAST DAY OF PUBLICATION TO
BE NOT FEWER THAN 14 DAYS OR MORE THAN 28 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF**

ELECTION,IN A NEWSPAPER WHICH IS IN GENERAL PAID CIRCULATION IN THE AREA OF
THE DISTRICT

LANDOWNER PROXY
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – OCTOBER 30, 2023

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints Greenpointe Developers, LLC (“Proxy Holder”) for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of East Ridge Community Development District to be held at 517 E. College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, on October 30, 2023 at __: __.m. and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

Any proxy heretofore given by the undersigned for said meeting is hereby revoked. This proxy is to continue in full force and effect from the date hereof until the conclusion of the landowners’ meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof but may be revoked at any time by written notice of such revocation presented at the landowners’ meeting prior to the Proxy Holder’s exercising the voting rights conferred herein.

Powerhouse, Inc.
Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Date

By: _____

Its: _____

<u>Parcel Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Authorized Votes</u>
<u>A portion of lands lying within Sections 7, 8, 9,</u> <u>17, and 18, Township 1 North, Range 1 East</u> <u>Leon County, Florida, known as the Welaunee</u> <u>Plantation</u> _____	<u>893.47</u>	_____

[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tax identification number of each parcel. If more space is needed, identification of parcels owned may be incorporated by reference to an attachment hereto.]

Total Number of Authorized Votes: _____

NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes* (2023), a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

If the fee simple landowner is not an individual, and is instead a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or other entity, evidence that the individual signing on behalf of the entity has the authority to do so should be attached hereto (e.g., bylaws, corporate resolution, etc.).

OFFICIAL BALLOT
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – October 30, 2023

For Election (5 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the three (3) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes will each receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within East Ridge Community Development District and described as follows:

Description

Acreage

A portion of lands lying within Sections 7, 8, 9,
17, and 18, Township 1 North, Range 1 East
Leon County, Florida, known as the Welaunee
Plantation

893.47

[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tax identification number of each parcel.] [If more space is needed, identification of parcels owned may be incorporated by reference to an attachment hereto.]

or

Attach Proxy.

I, _____, as Landowner, or as the proxy holder
of _____ (Landowner) pursuant to the Landowner's
Proxy attached hereto, do cast my votes as follows:

NAME OF CANDIDATE

NUMBER OF VOTES

1. Brad Odom _____
2. Garrison Burr _____
3. Peter Mettler _____
4. Jamie Davenport _____
5. Jay Revell _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

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a.

RESOLUTION 2024-28

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE
ISSUANCE OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BONDS.**

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) desires to appoint Bond Counsel to advise it regarding the proposed validation and issuance of Bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the employment of Bond Counsel is necessary and is in the District’s best interests;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. All of the above representations, findings, and determinations contained above are recognized as true and accurate and are expressly incorporated into this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Bond Counsel is appointed as set forth in the attached agreement incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Bond Counsel Agreement

Exhibit A: Bond Counsel Agreement

October 25, 2023

Chair and Board of Supervisors
East Ridge Community Development District
Tallahassee, Florida

**Re: East Ridge Community Development District – Bond Counsel
Engagement**

Dear Chair and Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this engagement letter to serve as bond counsel to East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) in connection with the issuance by the District of its Special Assessment Revenue Bonds (collectively, the “Bonds”), including without limitation the Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2024 Bonds. It is our understanding that the proposed Bonds will be issued to fund public infrastructure and other public facilities to benefit the assessable lands in the District. It is our understanding that the bonds will be sold through a public offering with FMSBonds LLC as the underwriter. The following is our proposal to serve as bond counsel to the District (“Bond Counsel”). This letter sets forth generally our understanding of what legal services we will perform and the basis for our compensation to provide such bond counsel services.

As Bond Counsel we agree to:

Attend as requested all meetings related to the issuance of the Bonds.

Prepare appropriate resolutions authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

Prepare the supplemental trust indenture, and other documents necessary, related or incidental to the issuance of the Bonds.

Prepare (or review when prepared by others) closing papers necessary in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds, including but not limited to, certified copies of all minutes, ordinances, resolutions and orders; certificates such as officer’s seal, incumbency, signatures, no prior pledge, arbitrage and others; and verifications, consents and opinions from accountants, engineers, special consultants and attorneys.

Prepare and file the necessary forms with the Internal Revenue Service (Form 8038-G) and the Florida Division of Bond Finance.

Prepare and deliver at closing a standard, comprehensive approving legal opinion which will, among other things, contain opinions as to the validity and enforceability of the Bonds and the trust indenture, the security for the Bonds and the excludability from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes (subject to certain exceptions generally accepted in the industry). In rendering the tax opinion, we will provide general instructions for compliance with the federal rebate laws.

Supervise and coordinate the closing of the Bonds and render other legal services incidental or required in connection with the matters listed above.

We will negotiate with the District a fixed fee connection with each Bond issue or other financing. For performing the above-described services for the Series 2023 Bonds our fee (inclusive of out of pocket costs, other than recording costs if we record the ancillary documents and notices) would be \$42,000.00. All such fees and costs would be payable in full at the time of delivery of such Bonds. Legal services not related to the issuance of Bonds or other debt will be billed on an hourly basis, at the rates of \$840 per hour for Peter Dame and \$810 per hour for Timothy Bramwell. Our hourly rates are adjusted annually by five to ten percent and we would advise you when this occurs. If requested, we will provide you with an advance estimate of anticipated fees and costs in connection with any matter or issue you request we undertake.

From time to time there may arise matters involving a conflict of interest, which could arise if there is a transaction or a lawsuit involving the District and one of Akerman's other clients. Conflicts will be handled as described on the attached Addendum and Standard Terms and Conditions which are incorporated into this engagement letter.

The District has the right to terminate our representation for any reason at any time and assign this agreement to another law firm. We reserve the same right to terminate upon giving reasonable notice. Among the reasons which might lead us to conclude that we should terminate our representation are (1) a failure to be forthright, cooperative or supportive of our effort; (2) the misrepresentation of, or failure or refusal to, disclose materials facts to us; (3) the failure or refusal to accept our advice; (4) the discovery of a conflict of interest with another client; or (5) any other reason permitted or required under the rules of professional conduct governing the legal profession. Upon any termination of our representation, we will submit a statement for services rendered and costs incurred to the date of termination, payable in full upon receipt. This statement will be based on the pro rata amount of work done by us to the point of termination to the total work required to be done to close the issue.

We believe that the above provisions outline in reasonable detail our agreement as to this representation. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal.

Very truly yours,

AKERMAN LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter L. Dame", written over the printed name.

By: Peter L. Dame, Partner

ACCEPTED:

East Ridge Community Development District

By: _____

Title: Chair or District Manager

Date: October ____, 2023

ADDENDUM

The following terms and conditions are part of the representation letter agreement between Akerman LLP (“Akerman”) and East Ridge Community Development District (“District”).

Conflicts of Interest

From time to time there may arise matters involving a conflict of interest, which could arise if there is a transaction or a lawsuit involving the District and one of Akerman’s other clients. Conflicts will be handled as follows:

(a) If there is no on-going representation being provided to the District, the District will not be deemed to be a client of Akerman and no conflicts will be deemed to have arisen. Thus, Akerman could represent other clients in regard to matters involving the District, provided, however, those matters do not relate to the matters on which Akerman has provided representation to the District.

(b) Akerman may immediately terminate its representation of District. In the event of such termination, Akerman will be paid in full for services rendered to that date and, as a result of the termination of said representation, Akerman will be entitled to represent other parties in matters adverse to District, as if subparagraph (a) above was applicable; subject, however, to the condition that said matters do not involve the matters on which Akerman has provided representation to the District.

(c) To the extent a conflict is a “direct conflict” (as defined below), Akerman will meet and discuss the nature of the conflict and see if the matter can be resolved. If the District is unwilling to waive the conflict, Akerman reserves the right under (b) above to terminate its representation of the District. Also, as set forth in subparagraph (a) above, if there is no on-going representation at that time, there will be no direct conflict. A “direct conflict” is a matter in which the District and another Akerman client are actively and directly involved with one another in an adverse way; for example, the District is being sued by another Akerman client seeking recovery of a money judgment. An example of an indirect conflict would be where the District holds a judgment against Company A and one of our lender/clients seeks to foreclose a mortgage which encumbers property owned by Company A. The District would be joined as a necessary party in the foreclosure because it holds a subordinate judgment lien encumbering Company A’s property. That would, as set forth in subparagraph (d) below, be an indirect or incidental conflict.

(d) In regard to “indirect or incidental conflicts”, the District hereby waives any such conflict, and Akerman would be entitled to represent the other client in such matters. Indirect or incidental conflicts would be those transactions which do not involve the District or in which the District no actual monetary relief is sought against District. As set forth in subparagraph (c) above, for example, an incidental or indirect conflict would arise if Akerman represents a lender and in seeking to foreclose a

mortgage, the District would be joined as a defendant because it has a second mortgage or a judgment against the owner of the property being foreclosed.

Advanced Waivers

As you know, Akerman represents a broad base of clients on a variety of legal matters. Accordingly, absent an effective conflicts waiver, conflicts of interest may arise that could adversely affect the Client's ability and the ability of other Akerman clients to choose Akerman as its counsel and preclude Akerman from representing the Client or other Akerman clients in pending or future matters. Given that possibility, we wish to be fair not only to the Client, but to other Akerman clients as well.

Akerman attorneys have in the past and may in the future represent banks or other financial institutions, such as mortgage lenders, loan servicers or trusts (collectively, "Financial Institutions"), in foreclosure and other litigation matters in which the underlying property may be subject to liens or other security interests of the Client. The Client agrees that Akerman may, from time to time, represent Financial Institutions in matters adverse to the Client that are unrelated to any Client Matters, including in litigation matters or otherwise (collectively, the "Financial Institution Matters"), and that Client will waive any and all conflicts which may arise as a result of Akerman's representation of any Financial Institutions against the Client in any Financial Institution Matter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Akerman will not represent a Financial Institution in the same Client Matter in which Akerman is representing the Client.

Akerman attorneys have in the past and may in the future also represent other present or future clients in disputes or transactions adverse to Client that are unrelated to this Client Matter. Akerman may also represent parties that are adverse to Client in Client Matters in separate matters adverse to others that are wholly unrelated to the Client Matters in which Akerman will be representing Client and that do not involve Client (collectively, "Unrelated Matters"). Client agrees that Akerman's representation of Client in the Client Matters will not disqualify Akerman from, in the future opposing, Client in litigation, transactions, or other legal matters that are unrelated to the subject matter of this Client Matter or future Client Matters, and Client consents to waive any conflict of interest with respect to those representations. Client agrees that Akerman's representing it in this Client Matter and any future Client Matters will not prevent Akerman from representing clients adverse to Client in other matters and that Client consents in advance to Akerman undertaking such adverse representations in the Unrelated Matters. and that Client will waive any and all conflicts which may arise as a result of any of Akerman's representation of parties with interests adverse to the Client in any Unrelated Matters. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Akerman will not represent any client in the same Client Matter in which Akerman is representing the Client. Akerman also agrees not to use any proprietary or other confidential information of a nonpublic nature concerning Client acquired by Akerman as a result of our representation of Client to its disadvantage in any litigation or other matter in which we are opposed to Client.

Akerman understands and agrees that this is not an exclusive agreement and Client is free to retain other counsel of Client's choosing. Also, Akerman recognizes that Akerman shall be disqualified from representing any other client with interest materially and directly adverse to

Client in any matter substantially related to Akerman's representation of Client. Akerman has examined this engagement and has concluded that Akerman's separate representation in the past, present or future of any clients in Financial Institution Matters or Unrelated Matters would not be adversely affected by our representation of the Client as outlined above; nor will our representation of the Client as outlined above be adversely affected by our representation in the past, present or future of any clients in Financial Institution Matters or Unrelated Matters. Similarly, our duty of confidentiality to all clients will not be breached by our other representations. Thus, in Akerman's opinion, the conflict of interest above is categorically waivable.

The Client agrees that Akerman may disclose the fact of this engagement and related general information to the extent that such disclosure does not convey any confidential or non-public information and it is not adverse to the Client's interests.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing waiver, or if you believe a modification or clarification is appropriate in connection with our representation of Client, please do not hesitate to contact us or other counsel for advice.

Execution of this Letter Constitutes a Waiver

With respect to any conflict waivers, to the extent the District has agreed to waive any future conflict as set forth herein, the execution of this letter constitutes a waiver of that conflict. If requested by Akerman, the District will further execute a specific waiver letter.

AKERMAN LLP

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENGAGEMENT

The following standard terms and conditions of engagement are incorporated in and made a part of the engagement letter for each matter for which Akerman LLP (“Akerman” or “Firm”) is engaged to represent “Client,” as defined in the engagement letter. In the event of any inconsistencies between the terms of the engagement letter and those of these standard terms and conditions of engagement, the terms of the engagement letter will control.

Additional Terms and Conditions Regarding Scope of Engagement. The scope of Akerman’s engagement is set forth in the attached engagement letter, including these standard terms and conditions of engagement, and is limited to such description. Any changes or additions to the scope of Akerman’s engagement, which we would be pleased to consider, must be agreed to and memorialized in writing prior to such change or addition taking effect. An attorney-client relationship between Akerman and the Client exists during the times when Akerman is actually performing work for the Client on a particular matter. This engagement letter creates a structure for establishing future engagements and attorney-client relationships on an as-requested basis by the Client and subject to written confirmation of acceptance by Akerman. It does not create an attorney-client relationship absent an actual request by Client for representation in a particular matter and Akerman’s written acceptance of representation in a particular matter. Akerman reserves the right to decline representation in a particular matter. Unless the description of the scope of Akerman’s engagement in the engagement letter states otherwise, Akerman’s engagement does not include responsibility for (1) review of Client’s insurance policies to determine the possibility of coverage for either the matter Akerman is handling or our fees and costs; (2) notification to Client’s insurance carriers about the matter; (3) advice to Client about Client’s disclosure obligations concerning the matter under state or federal securities or tax laws; (4) advice about tax issues that relate to the matter; or (5) other specialized areas of law unrelated to the specific representation which the

Firm has undertaken. (Akerman has very capable attorneys in these areas who would be happy to discuss the terms under which they would undertake such representation). Akerman will not provide business, investment, or accounting advice regarding the matter and we will consider that you have independently obtained such advice or do not consider it necessary or relevant to the representation which we have undertaken. Legal services provided are solely for the benefit of Client unless Akerman and Client otherwise expressly agree in writing. In addition, Client may not assign its claims handled by Akerman without the express prior written agreement of Akerman.

Exclusion of Owners, Subsidiaries, Officers, Directors, Employees and Other Affiliates.

Akerman’s client for purposes of the Firm’s representation is the Client as identified in the engagement letter for the matter, and not, unless expressly named in the engagement letter, any “Affiliates” of Client. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by Client and Akerman, Client agrees that Akerman’s representation of Client in this matter does not give rise to a lawyer-client relationship between Akerman and any Affiliates of Client. Accordingly, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Client and Akerman, the Firm’s representation of Client in this matter will not give rise to a conflict of interest in the event the Firm represents other clients adverse to a Client Affiliate in other matters. “Affiliates” of Client that are excluded from the meaning of Client include, but are not limited to (1) shareholders or constituent partners, members, or other equity stakeholders, (2) parent, sister, brother and subsidiary companies, (3) joint ventures, limited partnerships, general partnerships, limited liability companies, or other unincorporated entities in which Client may have an ownership interest, (4) officers, (5) directors, (6) employees, or (7) any other party related by family relationship, management position or capacity, contractual, cross-ownership or otherwise. ***Should you feel it necessary and appropriate to change the identified client or to include any of the foregoing within the definition of “Client”***

for a particular matter, please do not hesitate to discuss the matter with us before signing the engagement letter. The Firm's objective in this policy is to avoid situations where (1) true clients or parties in interest being represented by Akerman find themselves being sued or in an adverse position to another client of Akerman because our records did not properly identify the client, or (2) after undertaking our representation of you (or another client), and investing considerable time and dollars on your behalf, Akerman is forced to withdraw from a representation because of a conflict which could have been identified earlier with accurate client identification at the inception of our attorney-client relationship.

Information/Client Responsibilities. Akerman will seek to keep Client informed of the status of matters. However, Client should feel free to contact us at any time with questions and comments.

Client agrees to provide Akerman with all information that Akerman believes is necessary or appropriate to fulfill our professional responsibilities, and cooperate with us in matters such as fact investigation, preparation of pleadings, discovery responses, and required court or decisional-body appearances. Client's responsibilities include the following: abiding by the engagement letter, paying bills on time, and keeping Akerman advised of Client's address, telephone number and whereabouts. Client further agrees that without Akerman's express prior written consent, Client will not use Akerman's name or the fact of its engagement in any form of advertising or solicitation of business.

Fees and Reimbursable Costs, along with applicable sales or other taxes, will be calculated and assessed for the representation of Client as follows:

Fees. Akerman will bill Client on a monthly basis unless otherwise specified in the engagement letter for a specific matter. Each bill will provide a detailed description and accounting of services rendered during the immediately preceding month. The "services rendered" will be broken

down into two separate components: (1) legal services provided by our attorneys, paralegals and other professionals, and (2) reimbursable costs and expenses incurred by Akerman in connection with its representation of Client. With respect to legal services, Client will be billed on an hourly basis (unless otherwise specified in the engagement letter) at rates which will vary with the nature of the matter, as well as with the experience and skill of the attorney, paralegal or professional rendering the services. Please note that our regular hourly rates are typically adjusted annually and may be adjusted at other times during each year.

The time charges recorded by attorneys are not absolutes to which Akerman adheres without analysis of the time that has been spent. They serve as "benchmarks" which ordinarily are followed. Each month, before bills are submitted, a review is performed to assess the nature of the services performed for the client. In charging for our services, Akerman will consider all the factors outlined in the applicable ethical rules. These include the time and labor required, the novelty and difficulty of the legal issues, the skill required to properly perform the services, the experience, reputation, and ability of those performing the services, any time limitations imposed, the circumstances, the amount involved and the results obtained. In the event that a court or other decisional body (such as an arbitrator) awards attorney's fees in excess of our actual billings, or such is agreed in any settlement or related transaction, it is agreed that, in addition to the amount Client is obligated to pay, Akerman will be entitled to recover the amount of such excess from the opposing party. Additionally, Akerman retains the right to recover its fees from any recovery resulting from its services.

Under certain circumstances, the Client may be entitled to recover its attorney's fees and costs from an adverse party. Because fees and costs awards are totally unpredictable, the Client expressly agrees that it is the Client's obligation under this Agreement to pay all attorney's fees and costs due Akerman, without giving any effect to the recovery of any costs and attorney's fees from any adverse party. In the event Client has paid costs and attorney's fees which are

subsequently recovered from an adverse party, those amounts will be used first to pay all costs and fees due Akerman hereunder, with the balance then being paid to the Client. The amount of the court award of costs and attorney's fees, if any, does not set or limit the attorney's fees due Akerman in any way. The collection of fees from the adverse party is an additional Akerman service, and the Client is expected to pay Akerman a further fee on the same basis as set forth in the Agreement for performing such service. In regard to any amounts which may be recovered for the Client, whether through litigation or otherwise, those amounts will be paid to the trust account of Akerman and will be used to pay all costs and attorney's fees due Akerman hereunder, with the balance then being paid to the Client.

Additionally, if in response to Client's request or by requirement of lawful process Akerman testifies; gathers and/or produces documents; responds to document hold or production requests; or responds to any other requests in connection with possible, threatened or actual proceedings commenced by third parties that relate to Akerman's representation of Client, Client agrees to pay Akerman its reasonable fees and costs incurred.

Although Akerman will use its best efforts to represent Client effectively, Akerman cannot guarantee success and payment of our bills is not contingent upon the outcome of the matter or the results obtained. Please let Akerman know if there are ever any questions concerning our billing or the basis of our charges.

Reimbursable Costs and Expenses. The second component of "services rendered" shown on the bill will be a summary of costs and expenses by category which includes, but is not limited to, expenses such as filing fees, court reporter fees, witness fees, deposition transcripts, court costs, expert charges, audit response letters, long distance telephone, postage, photocopy/scan/print charges, facsimile charges, secretarial and word processing overtime, video conferencing, overnight or special delivery services, research services (such as Westlaw and LEXIS), travel, lodging, meals, and costs related

to the collection and imaging of records. Such expenses will be itemized on Akerman's statements. Certain cost bills may be forwarded to Client for payment directly to the vendor. Due to delays in Akerman's receipt of bills for costs and expenses from third party vendors, Akerman's billing of Client may be delayed. In addition, if substantial costs are to be advanced in connection with the matter, it is Akerman's practice to obtain a retainer to cover such costs or to have them billed directly to Client for payment. Billing for certain cost items may include a surcharge. Others are billed at the amounts actually charged to Akerman.

Employment of Additional Professionals. If Akerman deems it necessary to employ additional professionals with specialized skills and, after consultation with the Client, the Client deems it appropriate to do so, additional professionals may be employed by Akerman. In such event, where appropriate and subject to Client approval, Akerman will employ such professionals in the name of the Client. Notwithstanding the form of employment of the professional and regardless of whether the professional's invoice is addressed to Akerman or to the Client, Client is obligated to pay the fees of the professional in full, upon the rendering of a statement. Akerman reserves the right to request and obtain an additional retainer to defray the fees and expenses of professionals employed in connection with Client's matter. All fees and expenses of professionals shall be subject to the security provisions, interest provisions and other applicable provisions of this engagement letter.

Advice about Possible Outcomes. From time to time, either at the outset or during the course of our representation, we may express opinions or beliefs concerning the matter or various courses of action and the results that might be anticipated. Any such statement made by any lawyer of the Firm is an expression of opinion only, based on information available to us at the time, and should not be construed as a promise or guarantee.

Right to Separate Counsel. Client acknowledges having had the opportunity to seek the advice of separate counsel with respect to this engagement letter.

Electronic Communications. The use of electronic communications (“EC”) (such as email) can be an efficient means of communication, and Akerman often uses it to communicate with clients. Some clients also use instant messaging as a means of communication. However, these electronic communications can be delayed or blocked (such as by anti-spam software) or otherwise not transmitted. Client must not assume that an email or instant message sent to Akerman was actually opened and read unless Client receives a non-automated reply message indicating that Akerman has read Client’s message. Akerman may send documents or other information that is covered by the attorney-client or work product privileges using external EC. Client understands that EC is not an absolutely secure method of communication. Client’s execution of the engagement letter will serve to acknowledge and accept the risk and authorize Akerman to use EC means to communicate with Client or others necessary to effectively represent the Client. If there are certain documents with respect to which the Client wishes to maintain absolute confidentiality, the Client must advise Akerman in writing not to send them via EC, and Akerman will comply with Client’s request.

Trust account. Under applicable law, interest on attorneys’ trust accounts for clients may be payable to a state fund for legal services to the indigent, unless clients specifically elect separate trust accounts. If Client desires Client’s deposit to be placed in a trust account with interest payable to Client, please so advise. Client will reimburse Akerman for the costs of such account, and Akerman will provide Client with an Advance Deposit Form where Akerman will need Client’s taxpayer identification number on the signed W-9 Form. Akerman’s trust accounts are held in approved financial institutions, and bear interest at the bank’s rates for this type of account. The bank, however, is subject to change at Akerman’s discretion.

Payment; Security for Payment. Unless otherwise specifically agreed in the engagement letter, Akerman expects payment from Client upon receipt of the bill. Prompt and full payment for Akerman’s services is vital to Akerman’s

ability to efficiently provide legal services to all clients. By executing the engagement letter, Client agrees to pay Akerman’s invoice upon receipt of the bill, unless otherwise specified in the letter. A failure to question or object to any charges within thirty (30) days after receipt of a statement will constitute Client’s agreement to the statement as presented. Akerman reserves the right, in appropriate cases, to request security, including a retainer deposit, for fees and expenses. Security for fees and expenses and the determination of what will constitute acceptable collateral or who will personally guaranty payment, will be made by Akerman after consultation with the Client. In addition, applicable law may provide attorneys with liens upon materials coming into their possession to secure the payment of their fees. This retaining lien, as well as appropriate charging liens, may be asserted by Akerman in appropriate circumstances. In the event of any proceedings to enforce the provisions of this engagement letter, or otherwise between Akerman and the Client, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys’ fees and court expenses from the other party.

Interest on Overdue Accounts. Client understands and agrees that if payment is not made within thirty (30) days of the bill date, an interest charge may be added to the outstanding balance in accordance with the laws of the state that governs this agreement. Akerman also reserves the right to discontinue services if Akerman’s bills are not paid in a timely manner, and to seek payment for all past services rendered.

Term of Engagement. The effective date of Akerman’s agreement to provide services is the date on which we first performed services. The date at the beginning of the engagement letter is for reference only. Either Akerman or Client may terminate the engagement at any time for any reason by written notice, subject, on Akerman’s part, to applicable rules of professional conduct. If Client so requests, Akerman will suggest possible successor counsel. If permission for withdrawal is required by a court, we will promptly apply for such permission, in accordance with local court rules, and Client

agrees to engage successor counsel to represent Client.

Termination. Absent express notice of termination, Akerman's representation of Client will conclude with respect to any particular matter for which Akerman has been engaged upon completion of Akerman's work on such matter. The Firm's attorney-client relationship for such matter will terminate at such time. Such termination or withdrawal will not relieve Client of its obligation to pay for services rendered through the termination or withdrawal date, including work in progress and incomplete at the time of termination or withdrawal, and for all expenses incurred on behalf of Client through the termination or withdrawal date.

Post-Engagement Matters. Client has engaged Akerman to provide legal services in connection with a specific matter as described in the engagement letter. After completion of the matter, changes may occur in the applicable laws or regulations that could have an impact on the Client's future rights and liabilities. Unless Client engages Akerman to provide additional advice on issues arising from the matter, Akerman has no continuing obligation to advise Client with respect to future developments.

Firm Marketing. Akerman reserves the right to publish the name of Client in legal directories, as well as in Akerman's brochures, web site, deal lists and other marketing materials, which may describe the types of services Akerman provides and the transactions and litigations that Akerman has handled. Akerman also may provide the name, address and telephone number of Client to prospective clients for use as a reference for Akerman. Any such disclosures are subject in all cases to Akerman's obligation to maintain the confidences of Akerman's clients. Client should advise us in writing if it desires that Akerman not publish any information about it in any legal directory, brochure, web site or other marketing materials, and/or that Akerman not provide Client's name, address or telephone number to prospective clients.

Internal Review. In the course of our representation of Client, it may be necessary for

Akerman lawyers to analyze or address their professional duties or responsibilities or those of Akerman, and to consult with Akerman's General Counsel or other lawyers in doing so. To the extent Akerman is addressing its duties, obligations or responsibilities to Client in those consultations, it is possible that a conflict of interest might be deemed to exist as between Akerman and Client. As a condition of this engagement, Client consents to such consultations occurring and waives any conflict of interest that might be deemed to arise out of any such consultations and any resulting communications. Client further agrees that these consultations and any resulting communications are protected from disclosure to Client and others by Akerman's attorney-client privilege. Of course, nothing in the foregoing shall diminish or otherwise affect Akerman's obligation to keep Client informed of material developments in Akerman's representation of Client, including any conclusions arising out of such consultations to the extent that they affect Client's interests.

Responses to Audit Letters. If Client engages an accountant to audit Client's financial statements, it is likely the accountant will request, during the audit, that Akerman provide a written description of all pending or threatened claims for lawsuits to which Akerman has given substantive attention on Client's behalf. This request is typically a standardized letter provided by the accountant which Client is requested to send to Akerman. Akerman will typically charge Client for providing the response to the audit letter. Client agrees to pay such costs related to the response to the audit letter.

Conclusion of Representation and Disposition of Client Files. Akerman is not obligated to keep files/records related to a matter after that matter is finished unless required to do so by operation of law. Upon conclusion of Client's representation, subject to the payment provisions of applicable rules of professional conduct, Akerman will return to Client the Client's original papers, hard copy/electronic documents and/or other property that Client provided to the Firm during the engagement. Client agrees to accept the return of such documents and/or property. If Client so requests, Akerman will also

provide to Client, at Client's expense, copies or originals of Client's file. Akerman and Client agree that lawyer work product (for example, drafts, notes, internal memoranda, work files, etc.) are the property of Akerman. Akerman reserves the right to make, at Client's expense, copies of all other documents generated or received by Akerman in the course of Akerman's representation of Client. All such documents retained by Akerman, including client files (including any original documents and/or property that we attempted unsuccessfully to return to you) and Akerman files, will be transferred to the person responsible for administering our records retention program. For various reasons, including the minimization of unnecessary storage expenses, Akerman reserves the right to destroy or otherwise dispose of any documents or other materials retained by us thirty (30) days after providing notice of intention to destroy them (unless Client requests those materials within thirty (30) days of notification) or after ten years from the date the matter is completed.

Consent to Representation of Law Firms.

Akerman represents other law firms in various matters. During the time we are representing Client, we may represent other law firms in matters unrelated to this matter, including the representation of other law firms that represent present or future parties in disputes or transactions adverse to Client. When Akerman represents other law firms in matters unrelated to Client's matter(s), we do not believe that such representations create a material limitation on Akerman's representation of the Client. (A material limitation arises if there is a significant risk that a lawyer's ability to consider, recommend, or carry out an appropriate course of action for a client will be materially limited as a result of the other responsibilities or interests of

the lawyer or of other lawyers in the lawyer's firm).

When Akerman represents other law firms in matters unrelated to Client's matter(s), we do not believe that such a significant risk exists in such situations. In addition, we do not believe that the exercise of Akerman's independent judgment as counsel to each party generally will be affected by our representation of Client in its matter(s) and our representation of law firms in unrelated matters.

Client acknowledges that we have disclosed the potential material limitation conflict of interest identified herein, and specifically consents to Akerman's representation of Client and our representation of law firms in unrelated matters including law firms that represent present or future parties in disputes or transactions adverse to Client. Client waives any conflict of interest with respect to those representations.

Modification in Writing Only; Severability.

No change to the engagement letter shall be effective unless and until confirmed in writing and signed by the Firm and Client making express reference to the engagement letter. The engagement letter, including these terms and conditions of engagement, embodies the whole agreement of the parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein, and the engagement letter shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or other agreements, either oral or written, between the Firm and Client for the engagement. If any provision of the engagement letter is held in whole or in part to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire engagement letter will be severable and remain in effect.

2.

a.

RESOLUTION 2024-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST RIDGE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AN
INVESTMENT BANKER IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT REVENUE BONDS.**

WHEREAS, East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) desires to appoint an Investment Banker to advise it regarding the proposed issuance of Special Assessment Revenue Bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

SECTION 1. The Board hereby appoints [REDACTED], as the Investment Banker of the District, and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Investment Banker Agreement

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fmsbonds
Municipal Bond Specialists

20660 W. Dixie Highway
North Miami Beach, FL 33180

October 17, 2023

East Ridge Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC
475 West Town Place, Suite # 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Attn: Mr. Howard McGaffney

Re: Agreement for Underwriter Services & Rule G-17 Disclosure

Dear Mr. McGaffney:

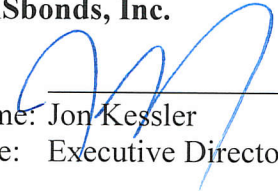
Thank you for the opportunity to work with the East Ridge Community Development District (the "Issuer") regarding the underwriting of the Issuer's Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2023 and future series of bonds (the "Bonds"). The Issuer and FMSbonds, Inc. ("FMS"), solely in its capacity as underwriter, agree to the proposed terms set forth herein in Attachment I. By executing this letter both parties agree to the terms set forth herein.

FMS's role is limited to act as Underwriter within the Scope of Services set forth herein as Attachment I, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor. FMS is not acting as a municipal advisor for the developer in connection with the subject transaction. Any information that FMS has previously provided was solely for discussion purposes in anticipation of being retained as your underwriter. Attachment II, attached hereto, contains the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rule G-17 Disclosure, as set forth in the amended and restated MSRB Notice 2019-20 (November 8, 2019)¹ (the "Notice"). We ask that you provide this letter to the appropriate person at the Issuer.

We look forward to working with you.

Yours truly,

FMSbonds, Inc.

By: 
Name: Jon Kessler
Title: Executive Director

Agreed to and accepted as of the date first written above:

EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

¹ Interpretive Notice Concerning the Application of MSRB Rule G-17 to underwriters and Underwriters of Municipal Securities (effective March 31, 2021).

ATTACHMENT I

Section 1 **Scope of Services of FMS:** FMS proposes that its duties as Underwriter shall be limited to the following:

1. To provide advice to the Issuer on the structure, timing and terms of the Bonds;
2. To coordinate the financing process;
3. To conduct due diligence;
4. To assist in the preparation of an offering memorandum;
5. To review the assessment methodology and Bond documents;
6. To market and offer Bonds to investors.

Section 2 **Terms and Conditions:**

1. Underwriter Fee ("Underwriting Fee"). FMS shall act as sole lead underwriter. The Underwriting Fee to FMS for acting as Underwriter shall be 2% of the par amount of any Bonds issued. The Underwriting Fee shall be due and payable only upon the closing of the Bonds. The Underwriting Fee may be modified pursuant to a bond delegation or award resolution approved by the Board and consented to by the Underwriter.
2. Price and Interest Rates: The offering price and interest rates are expected to be based on recent comparable transactions in the market, if any. FMS and the Issuer will jointly determine the offering price and interest rates immediately prior to the start of the order period, based on market conditions then prevailing.
3. Bond Purchase Agreement. The obligations of the Underwriter and those of the Issuer would be subject to the satisfactory completion of due diligence and to the customary representations, warranties, covenants, conditions, including provisions respecting its termination contained in the form of a bond purchase agreement FMS will prepare and as generally used in connection with the offering of Bonds for this type of transaction.
4. Costs of Issuance. The Issuer shall be responsible for the payment of all expenses relating to the offering, including but not limited to, attorney fees, consultant fees, costs associated with preparing offering documents, if any, the purchase agreement, regulatory fees and filing fees and expenses for qualification under blue sky laws designated by FMS and approved by the Issuer.
5. Assumptions. The proposed terms and statements of intention set forth in this attachment are based on information currently available to FMS about the Issuer and the market for special assessment bonds similar to the Bonds and the assumptions that:

- a) the financial condition and history of the project shall be substantially as understood, and the financial information for the relevant and appropriate period ended to be included in the final offering memorandum will not vary materially from those set forth in the material furnished to FMS;
 - b) no adverse developments shall occur which materially and adversely affect the underlying security and financial condition of the Issuer and the primary landowner and developer;
 - c) the offering memorandum will comply with all applicable laws and regulations;
 - d) there will not be any unanticipated substantial delays on the part of the Issuer in completing the transaction; and
 - e) all conditions of the Underwriter to purchase Bonds will be included in the bond purchase agreement and conditions shall be satisfied or waived, in the sole discretion of the Underwriter.
6. Information. The Issuer agrees to reasonably and actively assist FMS in achieving an underwriting that is satisfactory to FMS and the Issuer. To assist FMS in the underwriting the Issuer will (a) provide and cause the Issuer's staff and its professionals to provide FMS upon request with all information reasonably deemed necessary by FMS to complete the underwritings, included but not limited to, information and evaluations prepared by the Issuer and its advisors and the primary landowner and developer; and (b) otherwise assist FMS in its underwriting efforts.
7. Term of Engagement. The term of our engagement shall commence as of the date the covering letter is executed by the Issuer and continue in full force and effect unless terminated by either party. In event of termination by the Issuer without cause, FMS shall be entitled to recover its reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred up to the date of termination.
8. No Commitment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall constitute an agreement to provide a firm commitment, underwriting or placement or arrangement of any securities by FMS or its affiliates. Any such commitment, placement or arrangement shall only be made a part of an underwriting agreement or purchase agreement at the time of the sale of the Bonds.

The engagement contemplated hereby is solely for the benefit of the Issuer and FMS and their respective successors, assigns and representatives and no other person or entity shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue hereof.

This engagement contains the entire understanding of the parties relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect thereto.

9. No Financial Advisor. FMS's role is limited to that of an Underwriter and not a financial advisor or municipal advisor.

ATTACHMENT II

MSRB Rule G-17 Disclosure --- The Issuer recognizes that FMSbonds, Inc. will serve as the underwriter (the “Underwriter”) and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the bonds relating to this financing (herein, the ‘Bonds’). As part of our services as Underwriter, FMSbonds, Inc. may provide advice concerning the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the issuance of the Bonds. Any such advice, if given, will be provided by FMSbonds, Inc. as Underwriter and not as your financial advisor or municipal advisor in this transaction. The Issuer may choose to engage the services of a municipal advisor with a fiduciary obligation to represent the Issuer’s interest in this transaction.

Pursuant to the Notice, we are required by the MSRB to advise you that:

- MSRB Rule G-17 requires a broker to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- The Underwriter’s primary role is to purchase the Bonds in an arm’s-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. As such, the Underwriter has financial and other interests that differ from those of the Issuer.
- Unlike a municipal advisor, the Underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the Issuer under the federal securities laws and is, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the Issuer without regard to its own financial or other interests.
- The Underwriter has a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with its duty to use its best efforts to resell the Bonds with purchases at prices that are fair and reasonable.
- The Bonds may be sold into a trust either at the time of issuance or subsequent to issuance. In such instance FMSbonds, Inc., not in its capacity of Underwriter, may participate in such trust arrangement by performing certain administrative roles. Any compensation paid to FMSbonds, Inc. would not be derived from the proceeds of the Bonds or from the revenues pledged thereunder.

The Underwriter will be compensated in accordance with the terms of a bond purchase contract by and between the Underwriter and Issuer. Payment or receipt of the Underwriter’s compensation will be contingent on the closing of the transaction. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since an Underwriter may have an incentive to recommend a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of a transaction be larger than is necessary. The Issuer acknowledges no such recommendation has been made by the Underwriter.

Please note nothing in this letter is an expressed or an implied commitment by us to provide financing or to place or purchase the Bonds. Any such commitment shall only be set forth in a bond purchase contract or other appropriate form of agreement for the type of transaction undertaken by you.

Further, our participation in any transaction (contemplated herein or otherwise) remains subject to, among other things, the execution of a bond purchase contract (or other appropriate form of agreement), further internal review and approvals, satisfactory completion of our due diligence investigation and market conditions.

FMSbonds, Inc. is acting independently in seeking to act as Underwriter in the transaction contemplated herein and shall not be deemed for any purpose to be acting as an agent, joint venturer or partner of any other principal involved in the proposed financing. FMSbonds, Inc. assumes no responsibility, express or implied, for any actions or omissions of, or the performance of services by, the purchasers or any other brokers in connection with the transactions contemplated herein or otherwise.

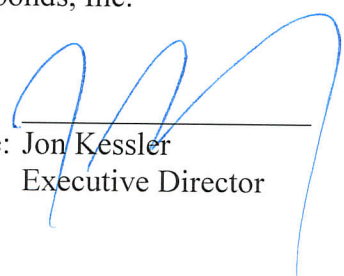
If you or any other representative of the Issuer have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to the undersigned. In addition, you should consult with your own financial, municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent deemed appropriate.

The MSRB requires that we seek the Issuer's acknowledgement that it has received this letter. We request that the person at the Issuer who has the authority to bind the Issuer (herein, "Authorized Issuer Representative") acknowledge this letter as soon as practicable and by nature of such acknowledgment that such person is not a party to any conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.

Depending on the structure of the transaction that the Issuer decides to pursue, or if additional actual or perceived material conflicts are identified, we may be required to send you additional disclosures. At that time, we also will seek your acknowledgement of receipt of any such additional disclosures.

We look forward to working with you in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and we appreciate the opportunity to assist you in this transaction. Thank you.

FMSbonds, Inc.

By: 

Name: Jon Kessler

Title: Executive Director

B.

BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT

THIS BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 30th day of October 2023, by and between:

EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in Tallahassee, Florida, whose mailing address is c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C., 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (the “District”), and

GREENPOINTE DEVELOPERS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, with a mailing address of 7807 Baymeadows Road East, Suite 205, Jacksonville, Florida 32256 (“Developer” and together with the District, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance No. 23-O-26, adopted by the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida, effective as of August 23, 2023, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating, and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District presently expects to access the public bond market to provide for the financing of certain capital improvements, facilities, and services to benefit the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the Parties, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. PROVISION OF FUNDS. The Developer agrees to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to proceed with the issuance of bonds or other indebtedness to fund the District’s improvements, facilities, and services.

A. The Developer agrees to provide to the District any such monies upon receipt of an invoice from the District requesting such funds. Such funds, and all future funds provided pursuant to this Agreement, may be supplied by check, cash, wire transfer, or other form of payment deemed satisfactory in the sole discretion of the District as determined by the District Manager. The District agrees to authorize District staff, including the District Engineer, District Manager, and District Counsel to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement, and to retain a Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor and other professional assistance as may be necessary to proceed with the work contemplated by this Agreement.

B. The Parties agree that all fees, costs, or other expenses incurred by the District for the services of the District’s Engineer, Counsel, Financial Advisor, or other professionals, for the work contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid solely from the funds provided by the Developer pursuant to this Agreement. Such payments shall be made in accordance with the District’s normal invoice and payment procedures. The District agrees that any funds provided by the Developer pursuant to this

Agreement shall be used solely for fees, costs, and expenses arising from or related to the work contemplated by this Agreement.

C. The District agrees to provide to the Developer, on a monthly basis, copies of all invoices, requisitions, or other bills for which payment is to be made from the funds provided by the Developer. The District agrees to provide to the Developer, monthly, a statement from the District Manager showing funds on deposit prior to payment, payments made, and funds remaining on deposit with the District.

D. The Developer agrees to provide funds within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written notification from the District Manager of the need for such funds.

E. In the event that the Developer fails to provide any such funds pursuant to this Agreement, the Parties agree the work may be halted until such time as sufficient funds are provided by the Developer to ensure payment of the costs, fees, or expenses which may be incurred in the performance of such work.

SECTION 3. TERMINATION. The Parties agree that the Developer may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing ten (10) days' written notice of termination to the District. Any such termination by the Developer is contingent upon the Developer's provision of sufficient funds to cover any and all fees, costs, or expenses incurred by the District in connection with the work to be performed under this Agreement as of the date by when notice of termination is received. The Parties agree that the District may terminate this Agreement due to a failure of the Developer to provide funds in accordance with Section 1 of this Agreement, by providing ten (10) days' written notice of termination to the Developer; provided, however, that the Developer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any such failure.

SECTION 4. CAPITALIZATION. The Parties agree that all funds provided by the Developer pursuant to this Agreement may be reimbursable from proceeds of District financing for capital improvements, and that within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the proceeds by the District of bonds or notes for the District's capital projects, the District shall reimburse the Developer in full, exclusive of interest, for these advances; provided, however, that in the event Bond Counsel determines that any such monies are not properly reimbursable, such funds shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments. In the event that District bonds are not issued within five (5) years of the date of this Agreement, all funds provided by the Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments.

SECTION 5. DEFAULT. A default by either Party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief, and/or specific performance.

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either Party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees, and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 7. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the Parties hereto.

SECTION 9. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all Parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 10. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents, and other communications hereunder (“Notices”) shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, electronic mail, or overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

A. If to the District: East Ridge Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services, L.L.C/
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Attn: Howard McGaffney

With a copy to: Kilinski | Van Wyk PLLC
517 E. College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to the Developer: GreenPointe Developers, LLC
7807 Baymeadows Road East, Suite 205
Jacksonville, Florida 32256
Attn: Patricia Nolan

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the Parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the Parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other Parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days’ written notice to the Parties and addressees set forth herein.

SECTION 11. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the Parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

SECTION 12. ASSIGNMENT. Neither Party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other Party.

SECTION 13. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Each party consents to and agrees that the exclusive venue for any litigation arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in a court of appropriate jurisdiction, in and for Leon County, Florida.

SECTION 14. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both Parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either of the Parties hereto.

SECTION 16. PUBLIC RECORDS. The Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, the Developer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including, but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Developer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term if the Developer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in the Developer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Developer, the Developer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. The Developer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Howard McGaffney**.

IF THE DEVELOPER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO THE DEVELOPER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 940-5850, HMCGAFFNEY@GMSNF.COM, OR 475 WEST TOWN PLACE, SUITE 114, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA 32092.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties execute this Agreement the day and year first written above.

GREENPOINTE DEVELOPERS, LLC

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Its: _____

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MASTER ENGINEER'S REPORT

Prepared for:

**Board of Supervisors
East Ridge Community Development District**

Prepared by:

Moore Bass Consulting, Inc.

October 30, 2023

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INTRODUCTION

The East Ridge Community Development District (“District”) is a 893.74 +/- acre community development district located in the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida (see **Exhibit A**, Location Map). The land within the District is currently an undeveloped parcel known as the “Welaunee Heel” which will provide infrastructure for the development (the “Development”). The Development is a mixed use planned development generally located north of Mahan Drive, south of Miccosukee Road and east of Interstate 10.

The District was established by City of Tallahassee (“COT”) Ordinance No. 23-O-26, effective August 23, 2023. The anticipated land uses within the District consist of a mix of commercial and residential development. These land uses, which are subject to change based on a number of factors, are depicted in **Table 1**.

TABLE 1

Type	Approximate Area
Residential	470 acres (+/-)
Commercial	110 acres (+/-)
Institutional	24 acres (+/-)
Open Space (ponds, buffers, wetlands, etc.)	271 acres (+/-)
Other (road rights-of-way)	18 acres (+/-)
TOTAL	893 acres (+/-)

The District’s boundary and legal description are provided in **Exhibit B**. The currently proposed development program for the District is presented in **Table 2**. The current proposed Master Plan is depicted in **Exhibit C**.

TABLE 2

Type	Total
Commercial	1,143,472 square feet
Residential	2,107 units

To serve the landowners and residents of the District, the District has developed a Capital Improvement Plan (“CIP”) to allow it to finance and construct certain roadways (onsite and offsite), water distribution systems, sanitary sewer collection and conveyance systems, earthwork, stormwater management systems, amenities and common areas, landscape and irrigation, and professional consultant fees all associated therewith. Summaries of the proposed CIP and corresponding cost estimates follow in **Table 3**.

A description and basis of costs for each improvement is contained within this report. The CIP reflects the current intentions of the District. However, the CIP may be subject to modification in the future. The implementation of any improvements outlined herein requires final approval by the District’s Board of Supervisors.

Cost estimates contained in this report are based upon year 2023 dollars and have been prepared based upon the best available information, but in some cases without benefit of final engineering design and environmental permitting. Moore Bass Consulting, Inc. believes the estimates to be accurate based upon the available information, however, actual costs will vary based on final engineering, planning, and approvals from regulatory agencies.

Overview: Capital Improvement Plan

The CIP is anticipated to be built in a series of phases. The phasing of the project allows the improvements to be constructed as needed throughout the buildout of the District. Any public improvements or facilities acquired by the District will be valued at the lesser of cost or fair market value.

The CIP consists of public infrastructure improvements necessary to support the development of the various uses and unit types within the Development. The primary components of the CIP include roadways built to an "urban" typical section, a stormwater management system (including onsite pipes and inlets, to collect and convey stormwater, and multiple detention and retention stormwater management facilities), water and sewer facilities (including distribution, collection, and conveyance), amenities and common area improvements, landscape and irrigation improvements, offsite improvements (required by regulatory approvals to support the Development including, but not necessarily limited to, roadway improvements), and related soft costs.

Below ground installation of telecommunications and third-party utilities (cable TV, internet, fiber, etc.) will occur but will not be funded by the District. Electric infrastructure (transformers, streetlights, etc.) will not be funded by the District. Streetlights beyond the COT standard streetlight (i.e., special character lights) will be the responsibility of the District if implemented. Conduits to serve electric infrastructure will be included in roadway construction and will be the responsibility of the District.

TABLE 3

Improvement Description	Estimated Cost
Roadway Improvements	\$43,500,000
Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems	\$28,000,000
Earthwork	\$22,000,000
Stormwater Management System	\$5,500,000
Amenities and Common Area Improvements	\$15,000,000
Landscape and Irrigation	\$4,000,000
Offsite Roadway Improvements	\$5,100,000
Professional Fees and Permitting	\$14,800,000
Contingency	\$27,600,000
TOTAL:	\$165,500,000

Capital Improvement Infrastructure Components

The estimated cost for roadway improvements included in the CIP is based upon curb and gutter section roadways with variable pavement widths, within variable width rights-of-way. This line item includes the required sediment and erosion control, subgrade preparation, base, asphalt, stormwater conveyance pipes and inlets, and all other work necessary for the complete roadway system in the right-of-way area. Conduits for electrical services and street lighting are included. Stabilization for disturbed areas within the rights-of-way, which are outside of the paved areas, will be sodded and/or seeded and grassed to provide erosion and sediment control in accordance with state and local standards. The cost estimate for roadway improvements also includes offsite transportation improvements required by the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) and the development agreement for the Development. At this time, there are anticipated to be concurrency fee credits associated with the onsite and offsite transportation improvements. Credits, if any, may be remitted to the District as may be required by the bond documents. Onsite and offsite road rights-of-way are anticipated to be owned and maintained by the City of Tallahassee and/or FDOT, as applicable.

The estimated cost for the water and sanitary sewer systems includes the complete systems required for underground water transmission and wastewater (sewer) collection to serve the development. Water and sanitary sewer system components include piping, valves, hydrants, services, manholes, lift stations, and all other appurtenances required to construct the system in accordance with state and local standards. The infrastructure improvements shall be designed and constructed to meet the COT standards which meet or exceed respective state standards. As represented by COT through the development’s development agreement, water and sewer capacity for this project is available.

The estimated cost for earthwork includes the stripping of topsoil, clearing, and grubbing for all developable areas of the project outside of stormwater pond footprints (which are contained in the stormwater management systems cost). Subject to final grading design of individual phases of development and based on mass grading design performed at the time of this report, the earthwork cost line item assumes earthwork comprising an average grade change of two feet across the above-noted area.

The estimated cost for the stormwater management system includes all pond and pond-related stormwater improvements required to provide treatment and attenuation of stormwater runoff from the project in accordance with Northwest Florida Water Management District (“NFWFMD”) and COT standards. The stormwater management system line item includes preparation of pond areas (stripping of topsoil, clearing and grubbing), detention and retention ponds, outfall control structures, and sod/stabilization.

The District intends to develop residential amenities and common area improvements for the project, which may include but are not limited to pocket park(s), clubhouse(s), multi-use path/trail system(s), and otherwise improved common area(s).

Landscaping, irrigation, and hardscaping, including entry features and walls at the entrances and along the outside boundary of the Development are planned to be provided by the District. The

irrigation system will connect to the potable water system. The irrigation mains to the various phases of the Development are anticipated to be funded by the District and to be operated and maintained by the District. Landscaping for the internal roadways within the Development will consist of sod, annual flowers, shrubs, ground cover, and trees. Hardscaping improvements are anticipated in other common areas. Hardscaping improvements are also anticipated to be funded, owned, and maintained by the District.

The estimated cost for offsite roadway improvements includes the required lane additions, turn lanes, signalization, and other related improvements for Mahan Drive. These improvements are required by FDOT and COT to implement the development.

The infrastructure, as outlined above, is necessary for the functional development of the District as required by the applicable independent unit of local government. The planning and design of the infrastructure is in accordance with current governmental regulatory requirements. The infrastructure will provide its intended function so long as the construction is in substantial compliance with the design and permits.

OWNERSHIP & MAINTENANCE

The construction and maintenance of the proposed improvements are necessary and will benefit the property within the District. Ownership and maintenance of the improvements is generally anticipated as set forth in Table 4.

TABLE 4

Proposed Infrastructure Improvement	Ownership	Operation & Maintenance
Roadway Improvements	City/FDOT as applicable	City/FDOT as applicable
Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems	City	City
Stormwater Management System	CDD	CDD
Amenities and Common Area Improvements	CDD	CDD
Landscape and Irrigation	CDD	CDD

It is anticipated that, in addition to the annual non-ad valorem assessments to be levied and collected by the District to pay debt service on its bonds, the District will levy and collect an annual "Maintenance Assessment" to be determined, assessed, and levied by the District's Board of Supervisors upon the assessable real property within the District for the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses of maintaining the improvements.

PERMITTING

Design and permitting for the improvements described in this CIP is ongoing, and a tentative schedule is provided below in **Table 5** below:

TABLE 5

Item	Estimated Agency Approval Date
1. PUD Zoning	June 2023 (approved)
2. Development Agreement	October 2023
3. NWFWMD Conceptual ERP	February 2024
4. COT Preliminary Plat / Site Plan	September 2024
5. COT Environmental Management Permit	September 2024
6. NWFMD Construction Environmental Resource Permit	September 2024
7. FDEP Water and Sewer	September 2024
8. FDOT Access and Drainage Connection	November 2024

The above schedule references an initial phase of development. Subsequent phases of development will follow a similar pattern of approximately 10 to 12 months from initiation of concept design to regulatory permit issuance.

There is a reasonable expectation that the remaining required permits for the District improvements are obtainable, however, all permits are subject to final agency action.

ENGINEER'S OPINION

It is my professional opinion that these infrastructure improvements will benefit and add value to the assessable lands within the District. Such assessable property within the District will receive a special benefit from the improvements provided by the CIP, which benefit will be at least equal to the cost of such improvements. Infrastructure costs are for public improvements or community facilities as set forth in section 190.012(1) and (2) of the Florida Statutes.

The estimate of infrastructure construction costs, listed in **Table 3**, is only an estimate and not a guaranteed maximum price. The estimated cost is based on unit prices currently being experienced for ongoing and similar items of work in Leon County. In no event will the District pay more than the actual cost or fair market value of the public improvements constituting the CIP, whichever is the least.

All of the foregoing improvements are required by applicable development approvals. Note that

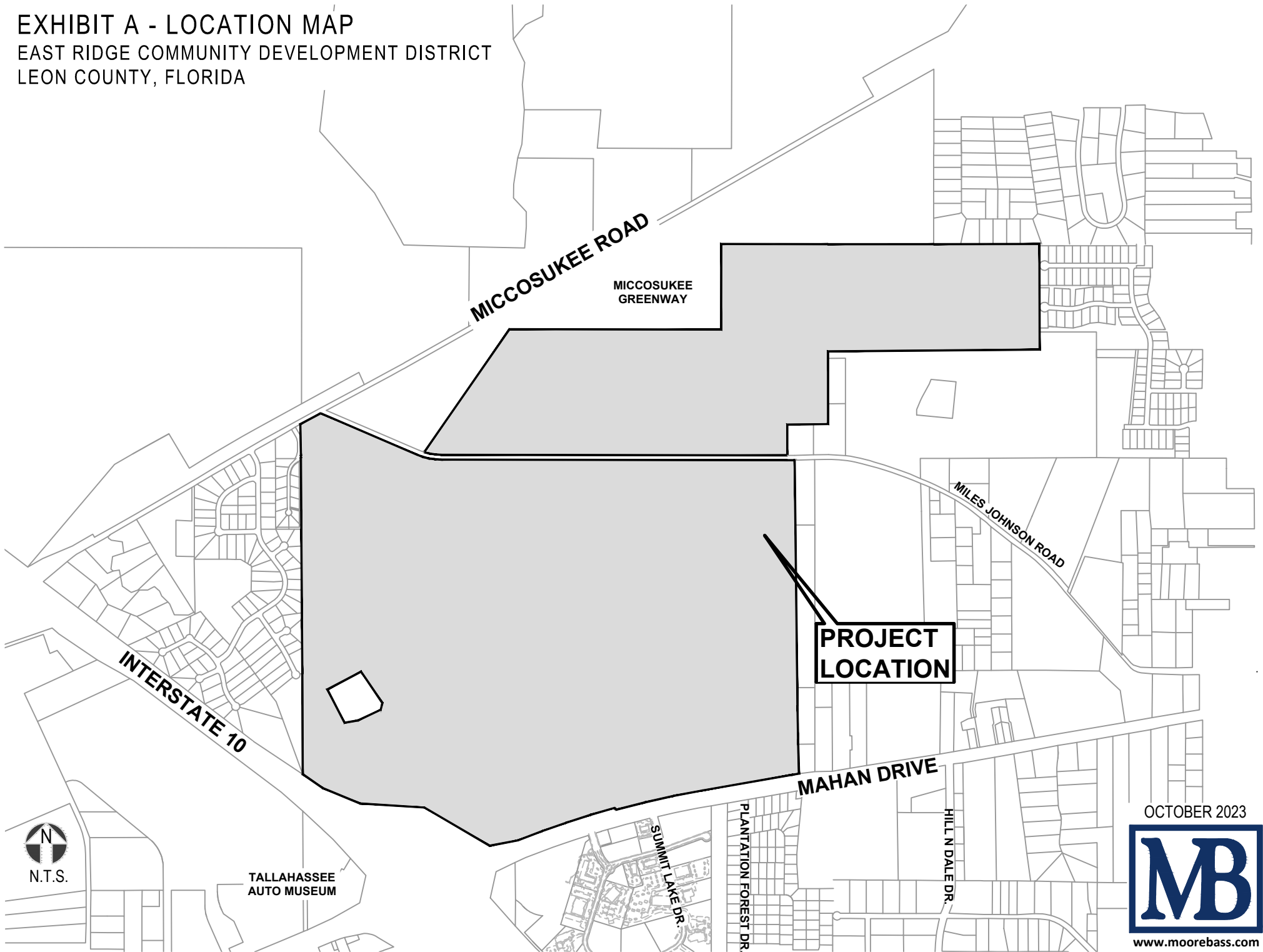
there are impact fee credits available from the construction of any roadway and utility improvements which will be remitted to the District as is required by the County and bond documents associated with financing of those improvements by the District.

Assuming project construction continues in a timely manner, it is our opinion that the proposed improvements, if constructed and built in substantial accordance with the approved plans and specifications, can be completed and meets their intended functions. Where necessary, historical costs, and information from other professional or utility consultants and contractors have been used in preparation of this report. Consultants and contractors who have contributed to providing the cost data included in this report are from reputable entities in the Leon County area. It is therefore our opinion that the construction of the proposed project can be completed at the cost stated.

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Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A - LOCATION MAP
EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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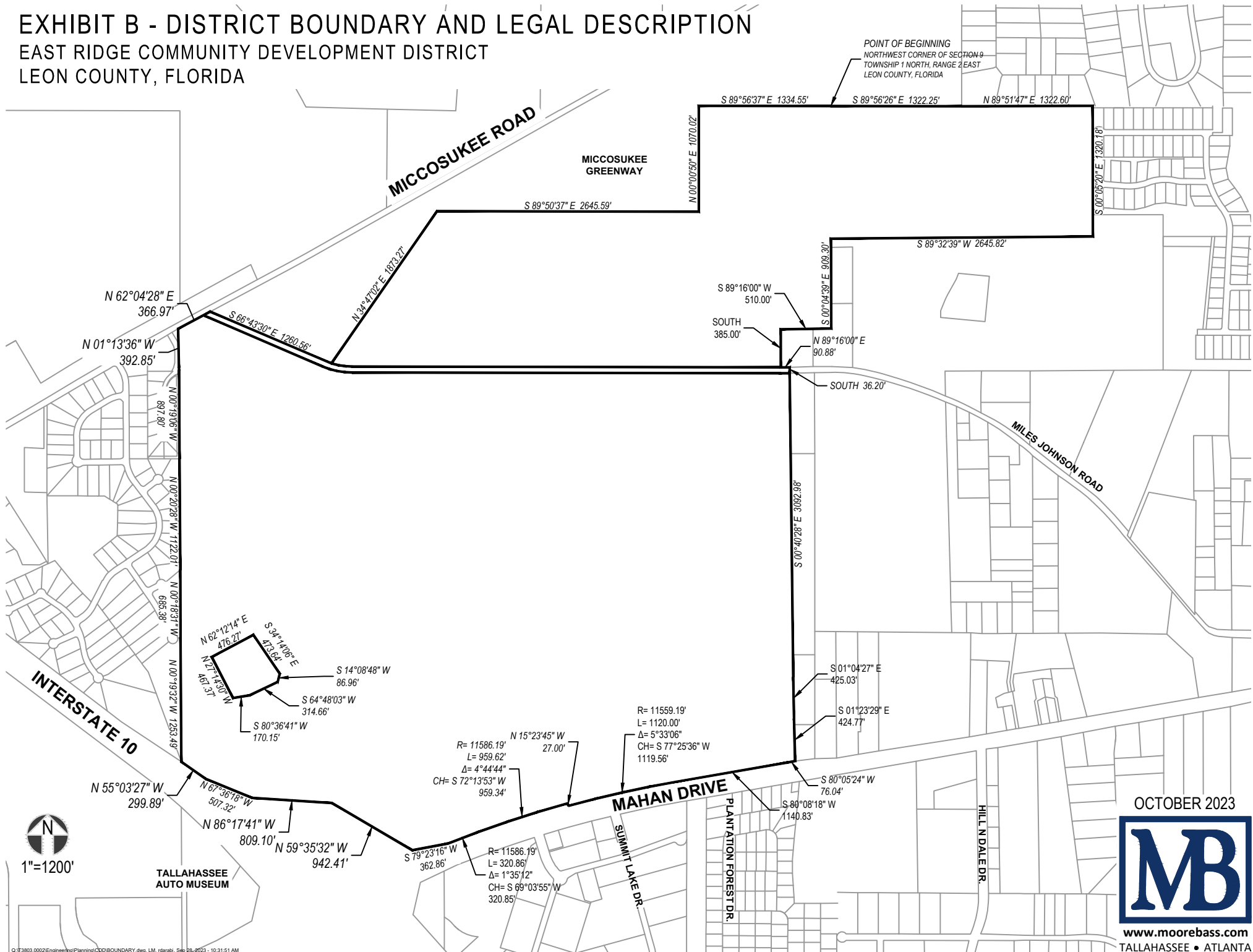


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Exhibit B

EXHIBIT B - DISTRICT BOUNDARY AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION

EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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EXHIBIT B - DISTRICT BOUNDARY AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION

EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - BY SURVEY:

A PORTION OF LANDS LYING WITHIN SECTIONS 7, 8, 9, 17, AND 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AS THE WELAUNEE PLANTATION, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY RECENT SURVEY AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT A FOUND TERRACOTTA MONUMENT (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 4, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 5, NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 8, AND NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 9, ALL WITHIN TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 3 OF THE MICCOSUKEE CANOPY ROAD GREENWAY IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2122, PAGE 1039 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO BEING THE SAME LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2175, PAGE 459; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS AND THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 9 AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, S 89°56'26" E, 1322.25 FEET TO A FOUND TERRACOTTA MONUMENT (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 3, THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 24, MICCOSUKEE MEADOWS (UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION), AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 4 AND SAID SUBDIVISION LOTS 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, AND 24, N 89°51'47" E, 1322.60 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (NO ID) LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 19, MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF EMERALD ACRES PHASE III, A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 46; THENCE LEAVING THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 19 AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 4, AND ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EMERALD ACRES PHASE III AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF EMERALD ACRES PHASE IV, A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 29 AND A PROJECTION SOUTHERLY THEREOF, AND THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, S 00°05'20" E, 1320.18 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (NO ID) LYING ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5332, PAGE 27 AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST; THENCE ALONG SAID BOUNDARY S 89°32'39" W, 2645.82 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#5831) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5332, PAGE 27; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 9, THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS, AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1 AND 2 OF A LIMITED PARTITION AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5412, PAGE 2187, S 00°04'39" E, 909.30 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) LYING ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 2, MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 81, PAGE 306; THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS AND LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 73, PAGE 412, S 89°16'00" W, 510.00 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 73, PAGE 412; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS, SOUTH, 385.00 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LANDS, LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MILES JOHNSON ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1641, PAGE 1607; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS, N 89°16'00" E, 90.88 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245); THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS, SOUTH, 36.20 FEET TO A FOUND PINCHED IRON PIPE (NO ID); THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1810, PAGE 909 AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3937, PAGE 156 AND A PROJECTION NORTHERLY THEREOF, S 00°40'28" E, 3092.98 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (CITY OF TALLAHASSEE) LYING ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3937, PAGE 156, AND MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 593; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 593 AND THE AFOREMENTIONED WESTERLY BOUNDARY, S 01°04'27" E, 425.03 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (CITY OF TALLAHASSEE); THENCE ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY, SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4007, PAGE 1856, S 01°23'29" E, 424.77 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (CITY OF TALLAHASSEE) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4007, PAGE 1856, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 593, AND LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MAHAN DRIVE (US HIGHWAY #90); THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 593, S 80°05'24" W, 76.04 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (CITY OF TALLAHASSEE) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LANDS; THENCE S 80°08'18" W, 1140.83 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) AND A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 11559.19 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 5°33'06", FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 1120.00 FEET (CHORD BEARS S 77°25'36" W, 1119.56 FEET) TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245); THENCE N 15°23'45" W, 27.00 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) AND A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 11586.19 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 4°44'44", FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 959.62 FEET (CHORD BEARS S 72°13'53" W, 959.34 FEET) TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION); THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 11586.19 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 1°35'12", FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 320.86 FEET (CHORD BEARS S 69°03'55" W, 320.85 FEET) TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245); THENCE S 79°23'16" W, 362.86 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MAHAN DRIVE (US HIGHWAY #90) WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF US INTERSTATE #10 (STATE ROAD #8), LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A 50 FOOT WIDE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE ACCESS AND DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 631 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4512, PAGE 1369; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT N 59°35'32" W, 942.41 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION); THENCE N 86°17'41" W, 809.10 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION); THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A CITY OF TALLAHASSEE UTILITY EASEMENT "UG-9" AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 631 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4512, PAGE 1369, N 67°36'18" W, 507.32 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION); THENCE N 55°03'27" W, 299.89 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 26, BLOCK "A" OF ARVAH BRANCH (UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION), SAID POINT BEING N 55°03'27" W, 276.91 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID EASEMENT AND LYING ON THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE LEAVING THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF US INTERSTATE #10 (STATE ROAD #8) AND ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 26 AND SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, N 00°19'32" W, 1253.49 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#0340) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 26 AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 25, BLOCK "A", LYING ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF LOTS 25, 24, AND 22, BLOCK "A", N 00°18'31" W, 685.38 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#0340) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 22 AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 21, BLOCK "A"; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF LOTS 21, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 11, AND 10, BLOCK "A", N 00°20'28" W, 1122.01 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#284) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10 AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF COVENTRY PARK, A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 32, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 8 OF COVENTRY PARK AND A 25' DRAINAGE EASEMENT OF COVENTRY PARK; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF SAID DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, AND 13, AND A PROJECTION NORTHERLY THEREOF, BEING THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID COVENTRY PARK, N 00°19'06" W, 897.80 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#3208) MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID COVENTRY PARK AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF AN INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1378, PAGE 2149, SAID EASEMENT BEING DEPICTED ON THE PLAT OF COVENTRY PARK AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 32; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT, N 01°08'26" W, 22.98 FEET TO A FOUND TERRACOTTA MONUMENT (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 7 AND THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT AND A PROJECTION NORTHERLY THEREOF, N 01°13'36" W, 392.85 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#7245) MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MICCOSUKEE ROAD (STATE ROAD #146 AND COUNTY ROAD #347); THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, N 62°04'28" E, 366.97 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 3 OF THE MICCOSUKEE CANOPY ROAD GREENWAY IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2122, PAGE 1039, ALSO BEING THE SAME LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2175, PAGE 459, AND THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF MILES JOHNSON ROAD AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1641, PAGE 1607, WITH THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID MICCOSUKEE ROAD; THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND ALONG SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL 3, S 66°43'30" E, 1260.56 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732) AND A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 689.88 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 5°50'01", FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 70.24 FEET (CHORD BEARS S 69°38'49" E, 70.21 FEET) TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732); THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL 3, N 34°47'02" E, 1873.27 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732); THENCE S 89°50'37" E, 2645.59 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732); THENCE N 00°00'50" E, 1070.02 FEET TO A FOUND 2.5" ALUMINUM BERNTSEN PIPE (#732) LYING ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY S 89°56'37" E, 1334.55 FEET TO THE **POINT OF BEGINNING**; CONTAINING 907.74 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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EXHIBIT B - DISTRICT BOUNDARY AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION

EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

LESS AND EXCEPT THE PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY LYING WITHIN THE 60' RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MILES JOHNSON ROAD, AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1641, PAGE 1607 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; CONTAINING 8.27 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT

A PORTION OF LANDS LYING WITHIN SECTIONS 7 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE AND DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 588 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY RECENT SURVEY AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#284) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF COVENTRY PARK, A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 32 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 8 AND OF A 25' DRAINAGE EASEMENT OF SAID COVENTRY PARK, AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 10, BLOCK "A" OF ARVAH BRANCH (UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION), THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF LOTS 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, AND 21, BLOCK "A", S 00°20'28" E, 1122.01 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#0340) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 21 AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 22, BLOCK "A"; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARIES OF LOTS 22, 24, AND 25, BLOCK "A", S 00°18'31" E, 685.38 FEET TO A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT (#0340) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 25 AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 26, BLOCK "A", LYING ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 26 AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE EAST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SECTION 18, S 00°19'32" E, 1253.49 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (NO ID) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 26, LYING ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF US INTERSTATE #10 (STATE ROAD #8); THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY, S 55°03'27" E, 276.91 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A CITY OF TALLAHASSEE UTILITY EASEMENT "UG-9" AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3450, PAGE 631 AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4512, PAGE 1369; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT, S 87°14'57" E, 119.46 FEET; THENCE N 19°34'37" E, 523.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH, 314.24 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245) MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID EASEMENT FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE N 27°14'30" W, 467.37 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE N 62°12'14" E, 476.27 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE S 34°14'06" E, 473.64 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE S 14°08'48" W, 86.96 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE S 64°48'03" W, 314.66 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD AND CAP (#7245); THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID EASEMENT "UG-9" AND A PROJECTION EASTERLY THEREOF, S 80°36'41" W, 170.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 6.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY CONTAINING AN AGGREGATE ACREAGE OF 893.47 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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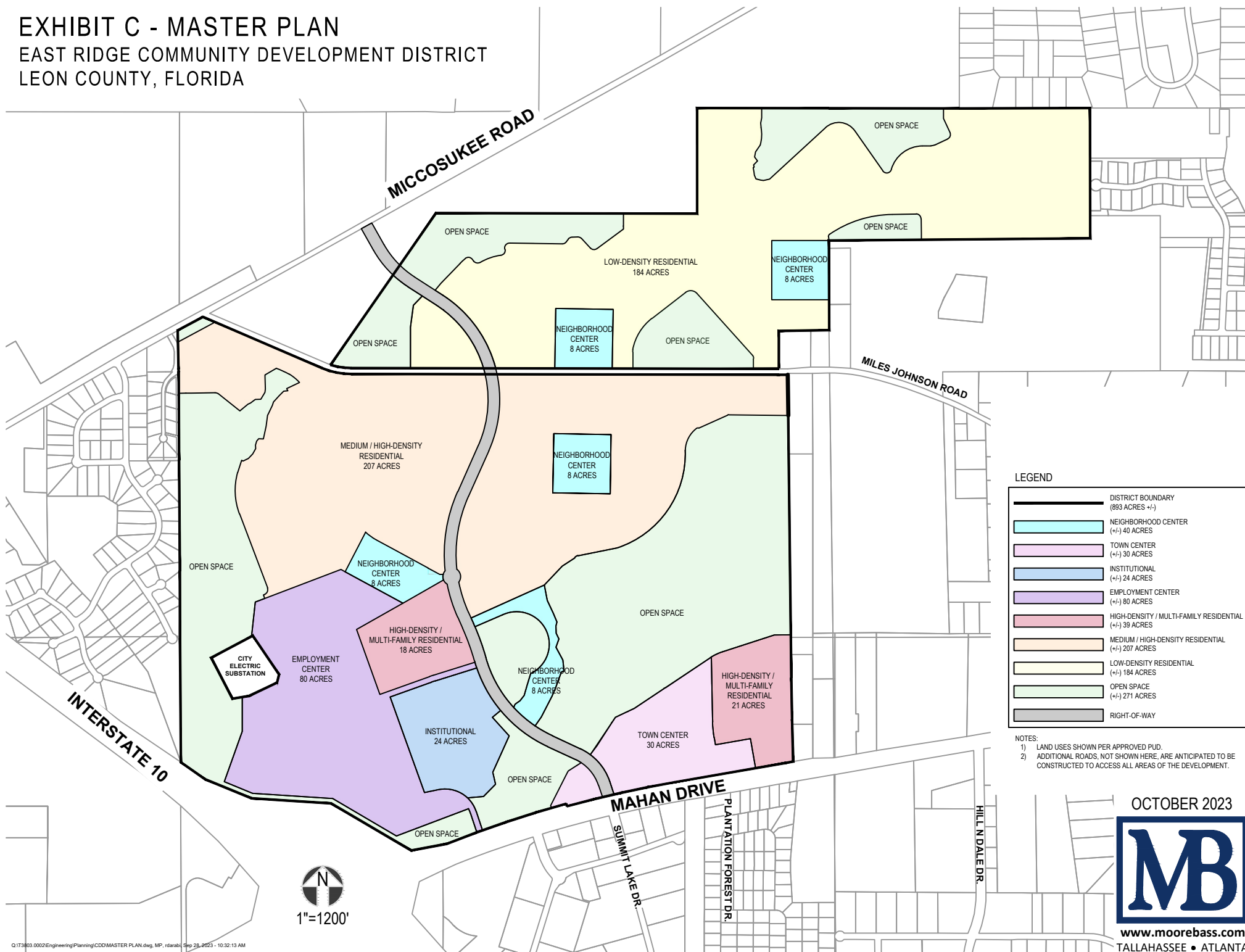
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Exhibit C

EXHIBIT C - MASTER PLAN

EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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C.

RESOLUTION 2024-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS; DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID; DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT AND A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; ADDRESSING THE SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND ADDRESSING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the East Ridge Community Development District (the “District”) was established by Ordinance No. 23-O-26 as adopted by the City Commission of the City of Tallahassee, Florida, effective August 23, 2023, and is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under and pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended, located entirely within the City of Tallahassee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, install, equip, operate, extend, or construct certain improvements, including but not limited to: transportation facilities, utility facilities, recreational facilities, and other infrastructure projects, and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands within, the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of the District hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the infrastructure improvements described in the District’s *East Ridge Community Development District Engineer’s Report for Capital Improvements*, dated [REDACTED], 2023, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference (“CIP” and the improvements described therein, the “Improvements”); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay all or a portion of the cost of the Improvements by special assessments levied on benefitted lands within the District pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes* (“Assessments”); and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered by Chapters 170, 190, and 197, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain the Improvements and to impose, levy and collect the Assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall serve as the “resolution required to declare special assessments” contemplated by Section 170.03, *Florida Statutes*, for the assessment lien(s) levied against the property as described in **Exhibits A** and **B** that secure the Assessments.

WHEREAS, as set forth in the *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated [REDACTED], 2023, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference (“Assessment Report”), and on file at Governmental Management Services, L.L.C., 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (“District Records Office”), the District hereby finds and determines that:

- (i) benefits from the Improvements will accrue to the property improved,

- (ii) the amount of those benefits will exceed the amount of the Assessments, and
- (iii) the Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION; INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including without limitation Chapters 170, 190, and 197, *Florida Statutes*. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein and are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF ASSESSMENTS. The Board hereby declares that it has determined to undertake all or a portion of the Improvements and to defray all or a portion of the cost thereof by the Assessments and is as set forth in the Assessment Report attached as **Exhibit B**.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS. The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Improvements are described in **Exhibit A** and as set forth in the CIP, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.

SECTION 4. DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID.

- A. The total estimated construction cost of the Improvements is \$_____ (“Estimated Cost”).
- B. The Assessments will defray approximately \$_____, which is the anticipated maximum par value of any bonds and which includes all or a portion of the Estimated Cost, as well as other financing-related costs, capitalized interest, and a debt service reserve as set forth in **Exhibit B**.
- C. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in the Assessment Report attached as **Exhibit B**, as may be modified by supplemental assessment resolutions. Commencing with the years in which the Assessments are certified for collection, the Assessments shall each be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments. The Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non-ad valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to by direct bill. The decision to collect Assessments by any particular method – e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill – does not mean that such method will be used to collect Assessments in future years, and the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.

SECTION 5. DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED. The Assessments shall be levied, within the District, on all lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon such Improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

SECTION 6. ASSESSMENT PLAT. Pursuant to Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, with certain plans and specifications describing the Improvements and the estimated cost of the Improvements, all of which are open to inspection by the public.

SECTION 7. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL. Pursuant to Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the maximum assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

SECTION 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS. Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), *Florida Statutes*, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two (2) public hearings to be held as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS	
DATE:	[REDACTED], 2023
TIME:	[REDACTED] p./a.m.
LOCATION:	[REDACTED]

The purpose of the public hearings is to hear comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District Improvements as identified in the CIP and the preliminary assessment roll, a copy of which is on file at the District Records Office. Interested parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearings at the District Records Office.

Notice of said hearings shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper of paid general circulation within Leon County (by two (2) publications one (1) week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of the hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

SECTION 9. PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION. Pursuant to Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of paid general circulation within Leon County and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 10. CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY. If any section or part of a section of this Resolution is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force, and effect of any other section or part of a section of this Resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part

of a section of this Resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

**EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: *Engineer's Report for Capital Improvements*, dated [REDACTED], 2023

Exhibit B: *Master Assessment Methodology*, dated [REDACTED], 2023

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Exhibit B: Master Assessment Methodology

Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

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**KILINSKI
VAN WYK**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Manager

FROM: Kilinski | Van Wyk

DATE: October 30, 2023

RE: Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes* / E-Verify Requirements

As you may be aware, the Florida Legislature recently enacted Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, which, generally speaking, requires that all employers verify employment eligibility using the United States Department of Homeland Security's "E-Verify" system. Specifically, Section 448.095(2)(a) provides:

"Beginning January 1, 2021, every public employer, contractor, and subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. A public employer, contractor, or subcontractor may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system."

Section 448.095(1), F.S., defines "public employer" to be any "regional, county, local, or municipal government . . . that employs persons who perform labor or services for that employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration or that enters or attempts to enter into a contract with a contractor." Because all CDDs and stewardship districts (together, "Special Districts") enter into contracts with contractors (and many Special Districts have employees), all Special Districts are subject to the new E-Verify requirements.

As a District Manager, there are two steps that need to be taken:

1. Enroll your Special Districts on the E-Verify system, at: <https://www.e-verify.gov/>. An E-Verify enrollment checklist is available at <https://www.e-verify.gov/employers/enrolling-in-e-verify/enrollment-checklist>. In order to enroll, all Special Districts must enter into a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") which must be executed by the chairperson of each board. Under the MOU, the responsibilities of the Special Districts include provision of contact information, display of notices to prospective employees, completion of an E-Verify tutorial, familiarization with the E-Verify User Manual, and other obligations.

2. On a going forward basis, include the following contract provision in Special District contracts:

E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, beginning January 1, 2021, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, Florida Statutes.

If the Contractor anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the Work, Contractor will not enter into the subcontractor agreement without first receiving an affidavit from the subcontractor regarding compliance with Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, and stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the agreement and provide a copy to the District upon request.

In the event that the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, but the Contractor has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, the District shall promptly notify the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from the District. Further, absent such notification from the District, the Contractor or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated s. 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, shall promptly terminate its agreement with such person or entity.

By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the new law. We appreciate your attention to this matter, and I can be reached at (877) 350-0372.

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