

*Tranquility Community  
Development District*

*Agenda*

*March 9, 2022*

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***Tranquility***  
***Community Development District***  
***Organizational Meeting Agenda***

Wednesday  
March 9, 2022  
2:00 PM

2000 S. Washington Avenue  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Titusville, FL

**I. Introduction**

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

**II. Organizational Matters**

- A. Confirmation of Notice of Meeting
- B. Information on Community Development Districts and Public Official Responsibilities and Florida Statutes Chapter 190
- C. Election of Officers
  - 1. Consideration of Resolution 2022-01 Designating Officers
  - 2. Consideration of Resolution 2022-02 Designating Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer

**III. Retention of District Staff**

- A. Consideration of Contract for District Management Services
- B. Consideration of Appointment of District Counsel
- C. Consideration of Resolution 2022-03 Designating a Registered Agent and Office
- D. Consideration of Interim District Engineering Agreement with Honeycutt & Associates
- E. Request Authorization to Issue RFQ for Engineering Services

**IV. Designation of Meetings and Hearing Dates**

- A. Designation of Regular Monthly Meeting Date, Time and Location
- B. Designation of Landowner's Meeting Date, Time and Location
- C. Designation of Date of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules of Procedure in accordance with Section 120.54, Florida Statutes

1. Consideration of Resolution 2022-04 Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Rules of the District

D. Designation of Date of Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

1. Consideration of Resolution 2022-05 Setting the Public Hearing and Approving the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget
2. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 Developer Funding Agreement

E. Designation of 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. Selection of District Depository
- B. Authorization of Bank Account Signatories
- C. Consideration of Resolution 2022-06 Relating to Defense of Board Members
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2022-07 Authorizing District Counsel Recording the "Notice of Establishment" in the Property Records of Brevard County in accordance with Chapter 190.0485, Florida Statutes
- E. Consideration of Resolution 2022-08 Adopting Investment Guidelines
- F. Consideration of Resolution 2022-09 Authorizing Execution of Public Depositor Report
- G. Consideration of Resolution 2022-10 Designating a Policy for Public Comment
- H. Consideration of Resolution 2022-11 Adopting a Travel and Reimbursement Policy
- I. Consideration of Resolution 2022-12 Adopting a Records Retention Policy
- J. Consideration of Website Services Agreement
- K. Consideration of Compensation of Board Members
- L. Selection of District Records Office Within Brevard County
- M. Authorization to Prepare Public Facilities Report in Accordance with Chapter 189.08 Florida Statutes to Coincide with Special District Filing Date for Brevard County

**VI. Capital Improvements**

A. Appointment of Financing Team

1. Bond Counsel
2. Interim Engineer
3. Underwriter
4. Assessment Administrator
5. Trustee

B. Approval of Financing Team Funding Agreement

**VII. Financing Matters**

A. Consideration of Resolution 2022-13 Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Authorizing the Commencement of Validation Proceedings

B. Imposition of Assessments

1. Consideration of Master Engineers Report
2. Consideration of Master Assessment Methodology
3. Consideration of Resolution 2022-14 Declaring Special Assessments
4. Consideration of Resolution 2022-15 Hearing for Special Assessments

**VIII. Business Items**

**IX. Other Business**

A. Staff Reports

1. Attorney
2. Manager

B. Supervisors Requests

C. Approval of Funding Request No. 1

**X. Adjournment**

## SECTION II

# SECTION A

## Miscellaneous Notices

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### Location

Brevard County, Florida

### Notice Text

Ad#5152127 3/2/2022 NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
The organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Tranquility Community Development District will be held on March 9, 2022 at 2:00 PM at 2000 S. Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, Titusville, FL 32780. The purpose of the meeting is to elect certain District officers, consider the appointment of staff to include but not limited to manager, attorney, engineer and others as deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors; to consider the services to be provided by the District and the financing plan for same; to appoint a team for purposes of issuing special assessment bonds and consider the associated funding agreement; and to conduct other business that may come before the Board. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the District Manager at 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, FL 32801. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place as evidenced by motion of the majority of Board Members participating. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodation to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the District Office at (407) 841-5524 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service (800) 955-8770, who can aid you in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings 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. George S. Flint District Manager Governmental Management Services Central Florida, LLC



## SECTION B

## **Community Development Districts**

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### **Introduction**

Community Development Districts are a relatively new mechanism for financing infrastructure for large development projects in Florida. Using a combination of Florida law authorization and federal tax law authorization, developers of large projects can utilize low cost tax-exempt financing to provide for the financing of such infrastructure items as roads, water and sewer and drainage. This section describes the mechanisms for setting up a District, how the financing is handled and the net low interest rate obtainable.

### **Community Development Districts**

A Community Development District (“CDD”) is a local unit of a special-purpose government created and organized under the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the “Act”). A CDD is established after public hearings, is governed by an independent body established under the Act and is authorized to perform certain specialized functions.

A CDD gives the landowner/developer an efficient financing mechanism by which (i) to use less expensive front-end capital to finance the installation of infrastructure and to assure the delivery of basic community services and (ii) to more economically pay for the operation and maintenance of infrastructure and services. Residents within a CDD will usually experience lower unit assessments costs for capital infrastructure and the delivery of certain basic services due to lower financing costs associated with tax-exempt bond financing and potentially lower administrative costs as a result of localized, single purpose management.

During the early years of a CDD, the landowner/developer generally controls the governing body of the CDD, giving the landowner/developer an effective management entity to plan and implement the proposed development. A CDD performs management and financing functions for large-scale community development, but cannot function other than as authorized to implement the planning and regulatory parameters approved by local governments.

While a CDD is an independent special District within a County or municipality and is endowed with certain powers, which are necessary for the effective construction, operation and maintenance of capital infrastructure and services, the Act is selective in the powers granted to a CDD. Certain types of powers may not be exercised by a CDD. All governmental planning, environmental, and land development laws, regulations, and ordinances apply to all development of the land within a CDD.

CDDs 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 Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act.

The creation of a CDD is not a development order under State law and a CDD can take no action which is inconsistent with applicable comprehensive plans, ordinances, or regulations of the applicable local general-purpose government.

### **Establishment of a Community Development District**

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The procedure for establishment of a CDD depends on the size of the proposed CDD. A proposed CDD of 1,000 acres or more is created by a rule adopted by the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission (the “FLWAC,” which consists of the Governor and the Cabinet) pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. If the proposed CDD is less than

1,000 acres, the CDD is created by an ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County containing a majority of the area of the proposed CDD, provided, however, that if any area of the land to be included in the proposed CDD is within the boundaries of a municipality, the County Commission may not create the CDD without the approval of the municipality. If all of the land in the proposed CDD is within the territorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the CDD is created pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the governing body of the municipality. A County or municipality which has received a petition for establishment of a CDD may, within 90 days, transfer such petition to the FLWAC. It is then the responsibility for the FLWAC to grant or deny the petition. A County or municipality has not right or power to grant or deny a petition that has been transferred to the FLWAC.

Additionally, the governing body of any existing special District created to provide one or more of the public improvements and community facilities authorized by the act may petition for re-establishment of the existing District as a CDD.

### **Powers and Operation**

In order to allow a CDD to effectively finance and manage the major capital infrastructure of a development and to deliver basic community development services, the Act vests CDDs with certain special powers.

A CDD may plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate and maintain the following basic infrastructure:

- water management and control;
- water supply;
- sewer and wastewater management;
- bridges and culverts;
- District roads, and
- street lights

With the consent of the affected County or municipality, a CDD may also plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate and maintain additional systems and facilities for:

- parks and facilities for indoor and outdoor recreational, cultural and educational uses;
- fire prevention and control;
- school buildings and related structures
- security, including but not limited to, guardhouses, fences and gates and electronic intrusion-detection devices;
- control and elimination of mosquitoes, and
- waste collection and disposal

### **Fund Raising Mechanisms**

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Among the special powers vested in a CDD is the authorization to assess certain types of taxes and fees within the CDD.

- **Ad Valorem Taxes:** A CDD, the members of whose governing body have been elected by the qualified electors of the CDD, may levy and assess ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property within the CDD, for the purposes of (i) construction, operation and maintenance of assessable improvements, and (ii) payment on general obligation bonds issued by the CDD.

- The levy of ad valorem taxes by a CDD must be approved by the qualified electors in the CDD by referendum when required by the State constitution.
- Ad valorem taxes which may be levied by a CDD are in addition to County and all other ad valorem taxes provided for by law.
- Ad valorem taxes levied by a CDD for operating purposes (exclusive of debt services on general obligation bonds) may not exceed 3 mills, except that a CDD authorized to engage in any of the activities requiring the consent of the local general-purpose government may levy an additional 2 mills for operating purposes.
- **Benefit and Maintenance Taxes:** A CDD may levy benefit taxes to pay principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on bonds issued to finance water management and control facilities of the CDD and maintenance taxes to maintain and preserve such facilities.
- **Special Assessment Taxes:** A CDD may levy special assessments, in accordance with applicable law, for the construction or reconstruction of the systems and facilities which the CDD is authorized to undertake, and may issue certificates of indebtedness and assessment bonds in connection therewith.
- **Fees and Charges:** A CDD is authorized, after public hearing, to prescribe, fix, establish, and collect rates, fees, rentals or other charges, and to revise the same from time to time, for use of the facilities and services furnished by the CDD. A CDD may also provide for reasonable penalties against any user or property with respect to any rates, fees, rentals or other charges that are delinquent.

## **Other General Powers**

Among others, CDDs have the following powers:

To lease to or from any person, firm, corporation, association or body, public or private, any projects of the type that the CDD is authorized to undertake and facilities or property of any nature for the use of the CDD to carry out any of the purposes authorized by the Act.

To exercise the power of eminent domain pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law, over any property within the State, except municipal, County, State and Federal property, for the uses and purposes of the CDD relating solely to water, sewer, District roads and water management, provided, however, that if such power of eminent domain is to be exercised beyond the physical boundaries of the CDD, prior approval must be obtained from the governing body of the County (if the taking will occur in an unincorporated area) or the municipality (if the taking will occur within a municipality).

To exercise all of the powers necessary, convenient, incidental or proper in connection with any of the powers, duties or purposes authorized by the Act.

## **Financing**

One of the major benefits of a CDD is the authority to issue tax-exempt bonds and notes to finance the capital infrastructure of a development. The ability to issue tax-exempt bonds and notes means that a CDD may finance the capital infrastructure of a development at a lower cost than would normally be incurred through conventional borrowing. A CDD may issue general obligation bonds, assessment bonds, revenue bonds and refunding bonds. A CDD may also issue bond anticipation notes. Bonds issued by a CDD are not backed by the full faith and credit of the County or municipality in which the CDD issuing such bonds is

located, or by the State or any political subdivision, department or agency thereof. Any bonds to be issued by a CDD maturing over a period of more than five years must be validated and confirmed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State. Most financing undertaken by a CDD will be backed by special assessments.

**Special Assessment Bonds** - Assessment bonds are special obligations of a CDD which are payable solely from proceeds of the special assessments levied for a public improvement or community facility that the CDD is empowered to provide. This is a specialized form of debt financing in which a long-term bond issued by the CDD is repaid through a special, compulsory charge or tax levied on specific properties rather than from general tax revenues.

Special assessments and betterments are generally used for the construction and maintenance of public improvements such as sewers, drains, sidewalks, and water extensions. The underlying rationale of a betterment or special assessment is that the property owners should repay the bonds through special charges or assessments because their property values increase as a direct result of the capital improvements and they receive greater benefits from the project than the other citizens of the community do.

There are several advantages to using special assessments and betterments. First, assessments fees are often exempt from property tax limitation laws, such as Proposition 2 1/2 in Massachusetts and proposition 13 in California. Second, tax-exempt institutions such as universities and hospitals, who do not pay for capital improvements supported by property taxes, are generally required to pay for their share of special assessments. Many local officials feel that betterments and special assessments are an equitable method of providing capital improvements since only those who specifically benefit from the project pay for it.

A CDD may levy special assessments in connection with the construction or reconstruction of the systems and facilities which the CDD is authorized to undertake. After any assessments for assessable improvements are made, determined and confirmed as provided in the act, a CDD may issue for the amount so assessed against the abutting property or the property otherwise benefited. Such certificates are payable only from the special assessments levied and collected from the property against which they are issued. The proceeds of such certificates may be pledged for the payment of principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on any revenue bonds, assessment bonds or general obligation bonds issued to finance any assessable improvements, or, if not so pledged, be used to pay the cost or part of the cost of such assessable improvements. These special assessments will represent a lien on the property prior to any existing first mortgage. In most cases these assessments will be included as part of the normal property tax bill.

**Revenue Bonds** - Revenue bonds are obligations of a CDD which are primarily 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 CDD. A CDD may issue revenue bonds from time to time without limitation as to amount. Revenue bonds of a CDD need not be approved by the qualified electors of the CDD unless such bonds are additionally secured by the full faith and credit and taxing power of the CDD. 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 CDD such as a sewer system; from special assessments; or from any other source or pledged security.

**Refunding Bonds** - Refunding bonds are bonds issued by a CDD to refinance outstanding bonds of any type and the redemption premium, if any, and interest thereon. Refunding bonds are issuable and payable in the same manner as the refinanced bonds, except that no approval by the electorate is required unless required by the State constitution.

**General Obligation Bonds** - The aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds which a CDD may have outstanding at any one time, computed in accordance with the Act, may not exceed 35% of the assessed value of the taxable property within the CDD as shown on the pertinent tax records at the time of the authorization of such bonds. In arriving at the amount of general obligation bonds of a CDD permitted to be outstanding at any one time, there is not included any general obligation bonds which are additionally secured by the pledge of: (i) special assessments levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the general obligation bonds so secured (provided certain requirements of the Act are complied with), (ii) water revenues, sewer, revenue or water and sewer revenues of the CDD to be derived from user fees in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the general obligation bonds so secured, or (iii) any combination of assessments and revenues described in (i) and (ii).

**Bond Anticipation Notes** - A CDD may, after the issuance of any bonds of the CDD has been authorized, borrow money for the purposes for which such bonds are to be issued in anticipation of the receipt for the proceeds of the sale of such bonds and issue bond anticipation notes in a principal sum not in excess of the authorized maximum amount of such bond issue.

### **Special Assessment Tax Collection Procedures**

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In 1988 the Florida Legislature created a uniform method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem taxes. The method, which is found in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, allows non-ad valorem assessments, such as special assessments, to be levied on the property owner's ad valorem tax bill. In case of non-payment, the tax certificate can be sold, making the collection method extremely strong and bondable.

The Statute provides a detailed list of the actions required by the local governing Board, the tax collector and the property owners. Most of the actions required by the local governing Board and the tax collector are similar to those required by the local governing Board and the tax collector are similar to those required for ad valorem taxes. The major difference is the inclusion of both ad valorem and non-ad valorem taxes on the same tax bill. The law provides extremely specific instructions as to the form and content of the combined tax bill including the size of the type required (8 points or larger) and the thickness of the line dividing and two sections (approximately 1/8"). Although the law requires that the form clearly separates the ad valorem and non-ad valorem taxes, if the entire amount is not paid a tax certificate can be issued against the property.

### **Summary of Non-Ad Valorem Tax Collection Procedures**

- Property Appraiser provides information on property within the District
- Local Governing Board adopts the non-ad valorem assessment roll
- Local Governing Board informs property owners
- Property Owners voice any objections at public hearing
- Local Governing Board certifies the non-ad valorem assessment roll to the Tax Collector
- Tax Collector combines all ad valorem and non-ad valorem taxes
- Tax Collector mails combined ad valorem and non-ad valorem tax bills to property owners

### **Form Of Governance Of A Community Development District**

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The District is governed through a Board of Supervisors initially elected by landowners and in the sixth year a phasing mechanism is provided for electors to qualify as supervisors.

The Board consists of five members, initially appointed by the landowner(s) for the first 90 days during which time a landowner's election is held. Members must be residents of the State and citizens of the United States.

Each landowner is entitled to cast one vote per acre of land owned within the District. Board members are elected to two year or four year terms such that three members stand for election every two years.

Commencing six years after the initial election (or ten years if the District is larger than 5,000 acres), the position of each member whose term has expired shall be filled by a qualified elector of the District, elected by the registered electors of the District. Every two years thereafter (in November) elections are held.

Elections held shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general elections.

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 majority vote of the members present, unless general law or a rule of the District requires a greater number.

Board shall keep a permanent record book in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, and all corporate acts. The record book shall be subject to inspection in the same manner as State, County and municipal records.

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and governed by the Provisions of Florida law, including the Sunshine Law.

### **Operations and Maintenance of a Community Development District**

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The Act charges the Board with hiring a professional District Manager, who will 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 the act, for maintaining and operating the equipment owned by the District, and may hire or otherwise employ and terminate the employment of such other persons as may be necessary and authorized by the Board.

In addition to the Manager, the Board will retain a professional consulting engineer and a general counsel to provide the Board with the required guidance in the implementation of the powers, duties and functions of the District.

The organization of the District is an important function of the Board of Supervisors and the following guidelines are recommended for consideration by the Board.

#### **Officers:**

##### **Chairman of the Board**

Elected by the Board members and must be a member of the Board. Responsible for conducting the meetings of the Board and for signing required documents of the District.

##### **Vice Chairman of the Board**

Elected by the Board members and must be a member of the Board. Acts in the position of Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

##### **Secretary of the Board**

Elected by the Board members and can be either a member of the Board or a member of staff.

The Secretary of the Board is responsible for keeping all of the public records of the District, including minutes, agendas, et c., along with attesting to the Chairman's signature on documents. Generally the District Manager serves as the Secretary to the Board of Supervisors

**Treasurer of the Board**

Elected by the Board members and can be either a member of the Board or a member of staff. The Treasurer of the Board is responsible for maintaining the accounting records of the District, including coordination with the trustee and the auditor, accounts payable, payroll, etc. Generally the District Manager serves as the Treasurer to the Board of Supervisors.

**Assistant Secretary**

Elected by the Board members and which is recommended to be all other members of the Board who do not hold either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman position.

**District Manager**

A professional manager hired by the Board of Supervisors, who has charge of the works of the District.

**District Engineer**

A professional engineer hired by the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the provisions of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act, to assist the Board in implementing the functions, duties and responsibilities authorized by the Act.

**District Attorney**

A professional attorney hired by the Board of Supervisors, who provides legal guidance to the District.

The following professionals will be required in order for the Board of Supervisors to review, evaluate and provide advice and opinions on issues relating to the issuance of Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes, for the construction of infrastructure facilities of the District. It is generally sound practice for the Board to engage all of the professionals to be involved in the financing at an early date. This facilitates maximum utilization of their time and talents and reduces the likelihood of last-minute changes. Although there are a multitude of methods used to select these professionals, the single most important criteria is to select persons and firms with whom the District officials are comfortable and in whom they are confident.

**Financial Advisor**

A professional financial advisor assists in virtually all issues to assist the District in preparing the special assessments and to provide independent advice to the District in evaluating proposals from the underwriter, and from a practical standpoint, comfort to the Board that they have done every thing possible to achieve the most favorable financing.

**Underwriter**

The underwriter is the firm that will purchase the Bonds from the District for resale to qualified investors. The underwriter's experience with



Community Development Districts is important to the successful marketing of District Bonds, and the unique financing vehicles utilized by the District require the District to engage an underwriter with expertise outside the realm of traditional municipal finance. The District's financing structure around a real estate development creates a unique partnership between the District, the developer, and the underwriter.

#### **Bond Counsel**

A national firm of recognized professional attorneys who specialize in the issuance of tax-exempt bonds for local governments will be crucial to the District. The District's bond counsel will be responsible for drafting the master trust indenture and all supplemental trust indentures authorizing the issuance of the bonds as well as all documents necessary to successfully close the issue. In addition, a primary responsibility of bond counsel will be to render an opinion to the District that the District's bonds are tax-exempt under the law. This opinion will be relied upon by the underwriter and the bond investor.

#### **Underwriter's Counsel**

A firm of recognized professional attorneys who are engaged by the underwriter to represent the interests of the underwriter in the transaction. Typically the underwriter's Counsel is responsible for the preparation of the Official Statement, which will be utilized to market the District bonds.

#### **Trustee, Bond Register and Paying Agent**

A commercial bank or trust company organized under the laws of the United States and who usually have a combined net capital and surplus of at least \$50 million. The trustee generally serves as the bond registrar and paying agent, who is responsible for the administration of the District's bond funds, including disbursement of construction funds, payment of principal and interest when due, investment of funds at the direction of the District.

With this team in place, the District Board will be guided through a professional and reliable program to implement the functions and duties of the Board of Supervisors.

#### **Summary Of CDDs Benefits To The County**

The County and the District have compatible interests. The CDD reinforces previous County decisions.

A CDD is a special purpose unit of local government granted powers to plan, construct, operate, finance and maintain community-wide infrastructure for the benefit of its residents.

The CDD provides roads, bridges, appurtenant drainage and street lighting, water/sewer and master drainage and can, as well, provide parks and recreation, security, fire service, and mosquito control.

Property owners who receive District improvements and services have the obligation to pay for those services. Under Chapter 190, F.S., the County may take over any CDD provided function at any time.

The County is not obligated in any way to provide District services to the lands within the District. No extra capital or maintenance costs are borne by other County citizens.

The District helps its residents achieve an attractive quality of life and protects property values. The residents, property owners and tenants of the District are County citizens as well.

The CDD may assume responsibility for protecting conservation areas, providing on-site recreation, and maintenance levels matched to property owner standards and willingness to pay.

An increase in the property valuations of the District benefits all County citizens.

A CDD consolidates delivery of community infrastructure under a single entity. A CDD frees the County from the management or administrative burden for the District.

The CDD's borrowing and debt levels do not count against County millage caps, nor can the debt or obligation of a CDD constitute a burden on the County without its consent.

All CDD business is conducted "in the sunshine." A Statutory formula moves CDD governance from landowner to resident control.

The CDD is a non-profit governmental unit, a long-term perpetual entity that serves the specific needs of its community and the County.

The CDD would have no effect upon the incorporation of any of the areas designated a District, if such change is desired.

District operations are governmental; a property association is corporate. Public accountability contrasts sharply.

County staff costs to establish a CDD are offset by a \$15,000 filing fee for each petition.

The County tax collector collects the CDD's taxes; collection cost is defrayed through fees charged the CDD.

CDDs are: "a solution to the State's planning, management, and financing needs for delivery of capital infrastructure to service projected growth without overburdening governments and their taxpayers." Section 190.002(1)(a), F.S.

A CDD provides its residents with the option of having higher levels of services managed and financed through self-imposed charges.

A CDD is solely an alternative by which the District's necessary community infrastructure and services are managed and financed. CDD management and financing is no more expensive, and often less expensive, than the alternatives of an M STU/BU, dependent District, a property owners association, County provision, or through developer bank loans.

### **What Disclosures Are Required?**

The District must provide full disclosure relating to public financing and maintenance of improvements under District responsibility. Any developer of residential land within the District shall include information related to public financing and maintenance in the public offering statement. Each contract for sale of real estate within the District shall include a prominently placed disclosure statement.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has also become an important employer of women, with 5.5 million women employed in the public sector in 1995, compared with 4.5 million in 1980.

There are a number of reasons why the public sector has become an important employer of women. One reason is that the public sector has a high proportion of women in its workforce. In 1995, 85% of the public sector workforce were women, compared with 75% in 1980. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that the public sector has a high proportion of jobs that are traditionally held by women, such as teaching, nursing, and social work.

Another reason why the public sector has become an important employer of women is that it has a high proportion of jobs that are part-time or flexible. In 1995, 25% of the public sector workforce were employed on part-time or flexible contracts, compared with 15% in 1980. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that the public sector has a high proportion of jobs that are traditionally held by women, such as teaching, nursing, and social work.

A third reason why the public sector has become an important employer of women is that it has a high proportion of jobs that are well paid. In 1995, the average salary of a public sector employee was £18,000, compared with £15,000 in 1980. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that the public sector has a high proportion of jobs that are traditionally held by women, such as teaching, nursing, and social work.

There are a number of other reasons why the public sector has become an important employer of women. One reason is that the public sector has a high proportion of jobs that are secure. In 1995, 85% of the public sector workforce were employed on permanent contracts, compared with 75% in 1980. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that the public sector has a high proportion of jobs that are traditionally held by women, such as teaching, nursing, and social work.

Another reason why the public sector has become an important employer of women is that it has a high proportion of jobs that are well located. In 1995, 25% of the public sector workforce were employed in London, compared with 15% in 1980. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that the public sector has a high proportion of jobs that are traditionally held by women, such as teaching, nursing, and social work.

A third reason why the public sector has become an important employer of women is that it has a high proportion of jobs that are well matched to the skills of women. In 1995, 85% of the public sector workforce were employed in jobs that required a degree or higher qualification, compared with 75% in 1980. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that the public sector has a high proportion of jobs that are traditionally held by women, such as teaching, nursing, and social work.

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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 newspaper's website and the statewide legal notice website provided in s. 50.0211(5) 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.

#### **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 government 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.

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# SECTION C

# SECTION 1

**RESOLUTION 2022-01**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tranquility Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

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

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

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

Chairman	_____
Vice Chairman	_____
Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____
Assistant Secretary	_____

**Section 2.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**ATTEST:**

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman/Vice Chairman

## SECTION 2

**RESOLUTION 2022-02**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tranquility Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the District (“Board”) desires to appoint a Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**ATTEST:**

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman/Vice Chairman

## SECTION III

# SECTION A

**AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN  
TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND  
GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES - CENTRAL FLORIDA,  
LLC**

Date of Agreement: 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

Between:                   Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC  
                                  219 E. Livingston Street  
                                  Orlando, Florida 32801

(Hereinafter referred to as “Manager”);

And:                       Tranquility Community Development District  
                                  A unit of special purpose local government located in the City of  
                                  Titusville, Brevard County, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 for 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.

### **Maintenance Contract Administration**

- Upon direction by the District's Board of Supervisors and upon mutual agreement of the parties hereto, Manager will provide Maintenance Contract Administration for District in general accordance with the fees outlined in Exhibit A. The parties further understand and recognize that the scope and number of contracts to be administered under said fee may be limited and/or multiple fees may be required. Any Maintenance Contract Administration shall be by separate agreement between the parties.

## **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.

## 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. Payment shall be made in equal monthly installments at the beginning of each month, 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. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed as a waiver of immunity or limits of liability of the District beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability which may have been adopted by the Florida Legislature in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes or other statute, and 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.
6. Any amendment or change to this Contract shall be in writing and executed by all parties.
7. COMPLIANCE WITH E-VERIFY SYSTEM
  - (a) The Manager shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions and requirements of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes* and Section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, beginning on the Effective Date, to the extent required by Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, the Manager shall enroll 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 Manager has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*.
  - (b) If the Manager anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the work, Manager 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. Manager 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 Manager has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, the District shall promptly notify the Manager. The Manager agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from the District. Further, absent such notification from the District, the Manager or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*, shall promptly terminate its agreement with such person or entity.

(c) By entering into this Agreement, the Manager represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Manager under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

#### 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:

Tranquility Community Development District  
219 E. Livingston Street  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Attn: Chairman

With a copy to:

Cobb Cole Attorneys at Law  
231 North Woodland Blvd.  
Deland, Florida 32720  
Attn: Mark Watts

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

Governmental Management Services – Central Florida, LLC  
219 E. Livingston Street  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Attn: George S. Flint

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 Tranquility  
Community Development District

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary / Assistant Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Governmental Management Services  
- Central Florida, LLC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
George S. Flint, Vice-President

**EXHIBIT A  
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE  
MARCH 2022**

Management, Administrative, and Accounting Services

- Annual Fee paid in equal monthly payments \$ 40,000  
(plus reimbursables)

Annual Assessment Administration \$ 5,000  
(Beginning with the first assessment to individual  
unit owners, direct assessment or utilizing tax collector)

**Other Services\***

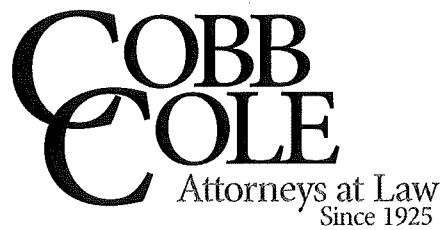
- Maintenance Contract Administration Negotiated
- Pre-paid Assessment Collection Fee \$ 75 (per lot/unit)
- Bond Issuance Cost \$ 15,000 (per bond issue)
- Annual Dissemination Agent Fee \$ 3,500 (per bond issue)
- SERC Preparation & Assistance w/ Petition \$ 2,500
- Assessment Methodology Preparation \$ 15,000

\*Costs for other services shall be by separate agreement or work authorization and may be adjusted based upon the scope of services provided.



## SECTION B

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March 9, 2022

**FIRST-CLASS MAIL & E-MAIL**

George Flint  
District Manager  
Governmental Management Services –  
Central Florida, LLC  
219 East Livingston Street  
Orlando, FL 32801  
gflint@gmscfl.com

Re: Letter of Representation

Dear Mr. Wrathell:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you. This Letter (the "Agreement") sets forth the terms of Cobb Cole's (the "Firm") legal representation.

Through my experience, I have learned that clients appreciate a frank and open discussion and understanding of the services that we will perform and the basis upon which they will be expected to pay for these services. This letter is intended to advise you regarding the nature and scope of the legal services we have agreed to render for you and the amount of our fees for these services. Should you have any questions regarding these terms, I encourage you to contact me prior to engaging our firm.

1. Nature of Legal Services. You have requested that we provide general legal representation to the Tranquility Community Development District (CDD), as needed in the exercise of the powers and authority granted in the petitions and generally outlined in Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

2. Rights as a Client. As a client of the firm, you have the right to (i) competent representation by an attorney; (ii) determine the purposes to be served by the legal representation, so long as those purposes are legal and do not violate the firm's obligation to the profession or the judiciary; (iii) be kept reasonably informed about the status of your matters and have an attorney respond promptly to reasonable requests for information; and (iv) discharge the firm at any time,



by the firm. We reserve the right to discharge you at any time, with or without cause, and without affecting your liability for payment of legal services provided and costs incurred by the firm.

3. Fees for Services. Our charges for the services discussed herein are based upon the time expended and the experience of the attorneys furnishing the services for this matter. We will charge for our services on the basis of hourly rates established from time to time for the attorneys and paralegals of our firm. I will be personally responsible for representing you in all aspects of this representation. In an effort to be sensitive to the costs of legal fees and as a matter of necessity, I utilize associate attorneys and paralegals to assist me in all matters, who perform functions which I feel are within their capabilities, but which at all times are under my direction and for which I assume full responsibility. My current hourly billing rates and the rates for those attorneys and paralegals who may assist me in this matter are as set forth below:

(a)	Mark A. Watts, Esq.	\$375.00
(b)	Associate Attorney	\$240.00
(c)	Paralegals	\$170.00

If an attorney or paralegal, not listed above, assists with this matter, their time will be charged at their normal hourly rate. We will attempt to utilize those lawyers and paralegals having the lowest hourly billing rates that are commensurate with the degree of specialization and level of experience required in order to achieve your objectives.

4. Statements and Payment Provisions. We will provide you with monthly statements of the legal services rendered and out-of-pocket expenses incurred on your behalf during the immediately preceding month. Our monthly statements will summarize each matter for which legal services were rendered, the time expended for that matter and the identity of the lawyer or paralegal who performed the service. This statement will also include an itemized description of out-of-pocket expenses advanced on your behalf. The amounts shown due on the statements will be due thirty days from the date of the statement.

If you have any questions or disagreements regarding the amount or information on the monthly statement, you should contact me within fifteen (15) days from the date of the statement and we will make sure those questions or disagreements are promptly and fairly addressed. Otherwise, we will assume that you agree to pay the amount on Cobb Cole's statement within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice. *If you fail to pay the amount due within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice, Cobb Cole shall charge interest on the past due amount at 18% per annum (1.5% per month) starting 60 days after the statement date.*

5. Advanced Fee Deposit. At this time we do not require a retainer or advanced fee deposit. We reserve the right to request a retainer or advanced fee deposit at any time.

6. Other Fees, Charges, and Expenses. In connection with our representation of you, we anticipate that certain expenses may be incurred and advanced on your behalf. Such expenses include but are not limited to charges for filing papers with government agencies, courier or messenger services, long distance telephone calls, copying materials, overtime clerical assistance, travel expenses, facsimile, computer-assisted research, and postage. You agree to reimburse Cobb



Cole for all out-of-pocket expenses paid by us, or, if you are billed directly for these expenses, to make prompt, direct payments to the originators of the bills.

7. Information to be Made Available to You. We will make a diligent effort to assure that you are informed at all times as to the status of all matters and as to the courses of action which are being followed or are being recommended by us. We agree to provide you with copies of all pleadings, significant discovery documents, correspondence addressing material issues, and other relevant documents. All of our work product will be owned by Cobb Cole.

8. Contact. If at any time during our representation of you, your contact information changes (i.e., mailing address, email address, phone numbers, etc.) or you will be away from your normal means of contact for a period of time longer than thirty (30) days, it will be your responsibility to keep us advised of your new contact information. If you cannot be reached at the last contact information provided to obtain a response for any pending deadline, we will not take any action on your behalf and allow the deadline to pass.

9. Correspondence. In the interest of facilitating our services to you, we may communicate by electronic mail. Such communications may include information that is confidential to you. Our firm employs measures in the use of facsimile machines and computer technology designed to maintain data security. While we will use our best efforts to keep such communications secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards, you recognize and accept that we have no control over the unauthorized interception of these communications once they have been sent and consent to our use of these electronic devices during this engagement. No attorney-client privilege will attach to substantive client-lawyer communications made under circumstances where there is a significant risk that the communications will be read by a third party.

**Please advise us if you do not wish to receive communications from us via e-mail. Unless otherwise advised, your bills and most other communications from us will be delivered electronically.**

10. Termination of Representation. The relationship established by this letter may be terminated as follows:

We reserve the right to withdraw if you fail to honor the terms of this letter or for any just reason as permitted or required under the Rules of Professional Conduct as adopted by the Florida Bar and the Florida Supreme Court or as permitted by the rules of courts of the State of Florida. Notification of withdrawal shall be made in writing to you. In the event of such withdrawal, you agree to promptly pay Cobb Cole for all services rendered by Cobb Cole and all other fees, charges, and expenses incurred pursuant to this Agreement prior to the date of such withdrawal.

You have the right to terminate our representation with or without cause. Notification of the termination shall be made in writing to Cobb Cole. In the event of any such termination by you, you shall promptly reimburse Cobb Cole for all other fees, charges, and expenses incurred pursuant to this Agreement prior to the date of such termination.

11. Effort and Outcome. We agree to use our best efforts in representing you in this matter. However, because of the unpredictable nature of real estate, environmental, land use and



zoning matters, we have not given nor will we give any assurances regarding the outcome of this matter.

12. Document Retention Policy. During the course of your matter, you may be required to provide to us documents such as tax records, expense records, bank records, deeds, etc. We will hold these records for you during the pendency of your action. At the conclusion of your matter, we will contact you and make arrangements for the return of the records you provided if the records were not already returned to you. We will retain the balance of your file for an appropriate time period. It is your responsibility to secure the return of your records. If arrangements are not made for the return of your file within six years following the conclusion of your matter, it will be destroyed.

If the general terms outlined herein for engagement of the firm are agreeable to you, please sign below and return this letter to my office either by fax, email, or mail. My email address is [mark.watts@cobbcole.com](mailto:mark.watts@cobbcole.com) and my fax number is 386-785-1549. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with you, appreciate your confidence in us, and look forward to the opportunity to provide said representation. At any time during our representation, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Watts".

Mark A. Watts

The undersigned hereby engages Cobb Cole for the purposes of representing them on the terms set forth above.

READ AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

George Flint, District Manager

Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC

# SECTION C

## **RESOLUTION 2022-03**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED AGENT'S OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING SERVICE OF PROCESS, NOTICE OR DEMAND ON BEHALF OF THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, The Tranquility Community Development District (hereinafter 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 Titusville, Brevard County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is statutorily required to designate a registered agent and a registered office location for the purposes of records keeping and accepting any process, notice or demand required or permitting by law to be served upon the District in accordance with section 189.416(1), Florida Statutes.

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

**Section 1.** Mark Watts of Cobb Cole Attorneys at Law is hereby designated as registered agent for the Tranquility Community Development District.

**Section 2.** The District's Registered Office shall be 231 N. Woodland Blvd, DeLand, FL 32720 and whose telephone number is 386-736-7700.

**Section 3.** In accordance with section 189.416, Florida Statutes, the District's Secretary is hereby directed to file certified copies of this Resolution to Brevard County and to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective on March 9, 2022.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2022.**

**ATTEST:**

**TRANQUILITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** **COMMUNITY**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

# SECTION D



## INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 9th day of March, 2022, by and between:

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, with a mailing address of 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the “District”); and

**HONEYCUTT & ASSOCIATES, INC.**, a Florida company, with a business address of 3700 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville, Florida 32780 (“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 (“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	\$1,000,000

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, order 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 of the 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 FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 558.0035 (2018), 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 **George Flint**.

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (407) 841-5524,**

[GFLINT@GMSCFL.COM](mailto:GFLINT@GMSCFL.COM), OR AT 219 E. LIVINGSTON STREET, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801.

**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, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

**A. If to the District:** Tranquility Community  
Development District  
219 E. Livingston Street  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Attn: George Flint

**With a copy to:** Cobb Cole Attorneys at Law  
231 North Woodland Blvd  
Deland, Florida 32720  
Attn: Mark Watts

**B. If to Engineer:** Honeycutt & Associates, Inc.  
3700 S. Washington Avenue  
Titusville, FL 32780  
Attn: Rodney Honeycutt

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 Brevard 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.

*[Remainder of this page intentionally left blank]*

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

ATTEST:

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary / Assistant Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

WITNESS:  
company

**Honeycutt & Associates, Inc.,** a Florida

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Exhibit A: Work Authorization Number 1**

**March 9, 2022**

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 1, Tranquility Community Development District**  
**Brevard County, Florida**

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

Honeycutt & Associates, Inc. is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for Tranquility Community Development District (the "District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated March 9, 2022 ("Engineering Agreement") as follows:

**I. Scope of Work**

The District will engage the services of Honeycutt & Associates, 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 Honeycutt & Associates, Inc. [a lump sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) OR by hourly rate presented 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 Honeycutt & Associates, 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 Honeycutt & Associates, Inc.; we look forward to helping you create a quality project.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

Sincerely,

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative of  
Tranquility Community  
Development District

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rodney Honeycutt  
Honeycutt & Associates, Inc.

**Exhibit B**  
Schedule of Rates

*Fee Schedule will be provided  
under separate cover*

# SECTION E

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES  
FOR THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

*RFQ for Engineering Services*

The Tranquility Community Development District ("District"), located in Brevard County, Florida announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District's capital improvements which may include work related to stormwater management system, stormwater retention ponds, stormwater collection infrastructure, lift stations, public roadways and other public improvements authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and provide District engineering services, as required.

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 with Brevard County; e) the geographic location of the Applicant's headquarters and offices; f) the current and projected workloads of the Applicant; and g) the volume of work previously awarded to the Applicant by the District. 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 interested must submit one (1) original and one (1) electronic version of Standard Form No. 330 and Qualification Statement by **12:00 PM** \_\_\_\_\_ **to the attention of Mr. George S. Flint, c/o Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC, 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 ("District Manager's Office").**

The Board shall select and rank the Applicants using the requirements set forth in the CCNA and the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, 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, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours (excluding weekends) 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). Additional information and requirements regarding protests are set forth in the District's Rules of Procedure, which are available from the District Manager.

**TRANQUILITY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT ENGINEER PROPOSALS**

**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: 5 Points)

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

**7) Volume of Work Previously Awarded to Consultant by District** (Weight: 5 Points)

Consider the desire to diversify the firms that receive work from the District; etc.

## SECTION IV

# SECTION C



# SECTION 1

**RESOLUTION 2021-04**

**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE DATE, TIME AND  
PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF ADOPTING UNIFORM RULES OF  
PROCEDURE FOR THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Tranquility Community Development District (hereinafter the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated entirely within Brevard County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors (hereinafter the "Board") is authorized by Section 190.011(5), Florida Statutes, to adopt rules and orders pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the attached draft Rules of Procedure and desires hold the necessary public hearing regarding the adoption of the Rules of Procedure.

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

1. A public hearing will be held for the adoption of Uniform Rules of Procedure on:

Date:	_____
Hour:	_____
Place:	_____
	_____
	_____

2. The District Secretary is directed to publish a notice of rule development and a notice of rule making in accordance with Section 120.54, Florida Statutes.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

**ATTEST:**

**TRANQUILITY                      COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/ Assistant Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman/ Vice Chairman

**RULES OF PROCEDURE  
TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**EFFECTIVE AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2021**

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**Rule 1.0      General.**

- (1) The Tranquility Community Development District (the “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 (the “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 (the “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, but no more than thirty (30) 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. 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 (407) 841-5524. 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.”
- (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 available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. 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 Fire safety Board Discussions. Portions of a meeting which relate to or would reveal a security or fire safety 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 Responsive and Responsible 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 March 9, 2022, 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.

## SECTION D

# SECTION 1

## RESOLUTION 2022-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Tranquility Community Development District (“District”) was recently established by the City Council of Titusville, Florida effective February 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the Tranquility Community Development District (the “Board”) a proposed operating budget for the Fiscal Year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and desires to set the required public hearing thereon.

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

1. The operating budget proposed by the District Manager for the Fiscal Year 2022 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said budget.
2. A public hearing on said approved budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

HOUR: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the proposed budget to the City of Titusville and Brevard County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.
4. In accordance with Section 189.016, Florida Statutes, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved budget on the District's website at least two days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

5. Notice of this public hearing shall be published in the manner prescribed in Florida law.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2022**

ATTEST:

**TRANQUILITY                      COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman/Vice Chairman

Exhibit A: Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

***Tranquility***  
***Community Development District***

***Proposed Budget***  
***FY2022***



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# Tranquility

## Community Development District

### Proposed Budget

### General Fund

Description	Proposed Budget FY2022*
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	
Developer Contributions	\$ 78,433
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 78,433</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	
<i><u>General &amp; Administrative</u></i>	
Supervisor Fees	\$ 7,000
Engineering	\$ 8,750
Attorney	\$ 14,583
Management Fees	\$ 23,333
Information Technology	\$ 1,050
Website Maintenance **	\$ 2,450
Telephone	\$ 175
Postage & Delivery	\$ 583
Insurance	\$ 5,000
Printing & Binding	\$ 583
Legal Advertising	\$ 10,000
Other Current Charges	\$ 4,000
Office Supplies	\$ 365
Travel Per Diem	\$ 385
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$ 175
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 78,433</b>
<b>Excess Revenues/(Expenditures)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\* Budget is prorated from March 2022 to September 2022.

\*\* Budget amount includes a one-time website creation fee.



# Tranquility

## 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 the Fiscal Year.

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#### **Expenditures:**

##### **General & 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.

##### **Engineering**

The District's engineer will be providing general engineering services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices and various projects as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

##### **Attorney**

The District's legal counsel will be providing general legal services to the District, e.g. attendance and preparation for meetings, preparation and review of agreements, resolutions, etc. as directed by the Board of Supervisors and the District Manager.

##### **Annual Audit**

The District is required by Florida Statutes to arrange for an independent audit of its financial records on an annual basis.

##### **Assessment Administration**

The District will contract to levy and administer the collection of non-ad valorem assessment on all assessable property within the District.

##### **Arbitrage**

The District will contract with an independent certified public accountant to annually calculate the District's Arbitrage Rebate Liability on an anticipated bond issuance.

##### **Dissemination**

The District is required by the Security and Exchange Commission to comply with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) which relates to additional reporting requirements for unrated bond issues. This cost is based upon an anticipated bond issuance.

# **Tranquility**

## **Community Development District**

### **General Fund Budget**

#### Trustee Fees

The District will incur trustee related costs with the issuance of its' issued bonds.

#### Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC. The services include but are not limited to, recording and transcription of board meetings, administrative services, budget preparation, all financial reports, annual audits, etc.

#### Information Technology

Represents costs related to the District's information systems, which include but are not limited to video conferencing services, cloud storage services and servers, security, accounting software, etc.

#### Website Maintenance

Represents the 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 & Delivery

The District incurs charges for mailing of Board meeting agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc.

#### Insurance

The District's general liability and public official's liability insurance coverages.

#### Printing & Binding

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

#### 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.

**Tranquility**  
**Community Development District**  
**General Fund Budget**

Office Supplies

Any supplies that may need to be purchased during the fiscal year, e.g., paper, minute books, file folders, labels, paper clips, etc.

Travel Per Diem

The Board of Supervisors can be reimbursed for travel expenditures related to the conducting of District business.

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.

## SECTION 2

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 2022 DEVELOPER FUNDING AGREEMENT**

**THIS FISCAL YEAR 2022 DEVELOPER FUNDING AGREEMENT** (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, by and between:

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government, established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in the City of Titusville, Brevard County, Florida (hereinafter “District”), and

**CAROLINA HOLDINGS II, LLC**, a Nevada limited liability company and a landowner in the District (hereinafter “Developer”).

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, the District was established by Ordinance Number 04-2022 of the City Council of Titusville, Florida (the “City Council”), pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended, (the “Act”) for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure, including a storm water management system, roadways, water distribution and sewer collection systems, landscaping, recreational facilities and other infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, pursuant to the Act, 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 presently owns and/or is developing real 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 has adopted or anticipates adopting its general fund budget for the fiscal year 2022, which year commenced on October 1, 2021, and concludes on September 30, 2022 (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 “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has or will levy non ad valorem special assessments on all land within the District that will benefit from the District activities, operations and services set forth in Exhibit “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services provide a special and peculiar benefit equal to or in excess of the costs reflected on Exhibit “A” to the property owned by the Developer within the District (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, in lieu of initially certifying for collection special assessments on the Property, the District is willing to allow the Developer to provide such funds as are necessary to allow the District to proceed with its operations as described in Exhibit “A” so long as payment is timely provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to secure the funding of the Budget through the imposition of a continuing lien against the Property and otherwise as provided herein and in any resolutions of the District pertaining to the imposition of a lien for special assessments.

**WHEREAS**, the Developer agrees to enter into the Agreement in lieu of having the District 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 the Budget.

**NOW THEREFORE**, based upon good and valuable consideration and the mutual covenants of the parties, the receipt of which and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District based on actual expenditures of the District as called for in the budget attached hereto as Exhibit “A” (and as Exhibit “A” may be amended from time to time), within thirty (30) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the District’s Budget as shown in Exhibit “A” adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. The funds provided under this Agreement shall be placed in the District’s general checking account. These payments are made by the Developer in lieu of the collection of special assessments that might otherwise be collected by the District.

2. 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 and 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 date and time of the recording of a “Notice of Lien for FY 2022 Budget” in the public records of Brevard County, Florida, stating among other things, the description of the real property and the amount due as of the recording of the Notice, and the existence of this Agreement. The District Manager, in its sole discretion, is hereby authorized by the District to file the Notice of Lien for the Budget on behalf of the District, without need of further Board action authorizing or directing such filing. At the District Manager’s direction, the District may also bring an action at law against the record title holders 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. In the event the Developer sells any of the Property after the execution of this Agreement, the Developers' rights and obligations under this Agreement shall remain the same, provided however that the District shall only have the right to file a lien upon the remaining Property owned by the Developer.

3. The District has found that the activities, operations and services set out in Exhibit "A" provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, as described in the legal description attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B". The Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services set forth in Exhibit "A" provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set out in Exhibit "A", as described in Exhibit "B". Therefore, in the alternative or in addition to the other methods of collection set forth in this Agreement, or in any resolution of the District regarding the imposition and collection of special assessments, the District, in its sole discretion, and upon failure of the Developer to make payment as provided for in this Agreement, may choose to certify for collection 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 on a future years tax roll and collected by the Brevard County Tax Collector, collected pursuant to a foreclosure action, or, at the District's discretion, collected in any other method authorized by law.

4. In the event the District is required to certify non ad valorem special assessments for collection as a result of the Developer's failure to provide the funds as required under this Agreement, the amount of funds received by the District from Developer under this Agreement shall be credited pro-rata to all lands subject to special assessments in the manner provided in the District's assessment methodology of operation and maintenance.

5. District and Developer agree that the FY 2022 Budget shall be revised at the end of the fiscal year to reflect the actual expenditures for the District for the period beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. Developer shall not be responsible for any costs other than those costs provided for in the Budget, as so amended.

6. 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 that is executed by both of the parties hereto.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 through the imposition and enforcement of a contractual or other lien on property owned by the Developer, and in the manner described in paragraph 3 above.

10. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution or appellate proceedings.

11. 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.

12. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

13. 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 elected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

14. The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties. The enforcement provisions of this Agreement shall survive its termination until all payments due under this Agreement are paid in full.

**[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]**



**SIGNATURE PAGE TO TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
FY 2022 DEVELOPER FUNDING AGREEMENT**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this agreement the day and year first written above.

Attest:

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT,** a Florida  
community development district.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Assistant Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**CAROLINA HOLDINGS II, LLC,** a Nevada  
limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Witness

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT “A”**

**(Fiscal Year 2022 Budget)**

[SEE ATTACHED]

**EXHIBIT “B”**

**(Legal Description)**

[SEE ATTACHED]

## SECTION V

# SECTION C

## **RESOLUTION 2022-06**

### **A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPORT AND LEGAL DEFENSE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) and the officers of the Tranquility Community Development District (“District”) are constantly presented with the necessity for making decisions regarding various phases of 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 Board and its officers 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 so as 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 THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:**

1. As set forth in this Resolution, the District, in accordance with Florida law, agrees that the following Board members and officers 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. The District Manager, Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers, and other District officers.

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 Board members and officers, 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 Board member or officer 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 Board member or officer for an act or omission under color of state law, custom or usage, wherein it is alleged that such Board member or officer 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 hereby further agrees to provide legal representation to defend against any other litigation arising against a Board member or officer 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 through its laws protect the Board and its officers from liability, the District is committed to doing so to the extent described in this Resolution and as permitted by law.

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 a Board member or officer while performing the duties and functions of his or her position.

4. This Resolution is intended to evidence the District's support of Board members and officers 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 District Board member(s) and/or officer(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.

5. In the event that the District has expended funds to provide an attorney to defend a Board member or officer 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.

6. The District agrees to pay any final judgment, including damages, fines, penalties or other damages, costs, and attorney's fees and costs, arising from any complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of any Board member or officer 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.

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 Board member and/or officer were outside the scope of his or her duties and authority; or
- b. The acts or omissions of the Board member and/or officer 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 Board member and/or officer received financial profit or advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

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 Chairman, Vice Chairman, District Manager or District Attorney 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 Board member and/or officer; and
- b. The Board member and/or officer must cooperate continuously and fully with the District in the defense of the action.

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 Board member and/or officer 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. Any indemnification or defense prohibited by law.



10. In the event legal representation or defense is provided pursuant to this Resolution, the Board member and/or officer 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 Board member and/or officer, 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 Board member or officer.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**ATTEST:**

**TRANQUILITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**COMMUNITY**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

# SECTION D

## **RESOLUTION 2022-07**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE FILING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the District was established by City of Titusville Ordinance No. 4-2022, which became effective on February 22, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is required to file a “Notice of Establishment” within the property records of Brevard County, Florida pursuant to Chapter 190.0485, Florida Statutes, within thirty (30) days of the establishment of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain adherence with the filing deadline required by Chapter 190.0485, *Florida Statutes*, District Counsel filed a Notice of Establishment on behalf of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”), in accordance with Florida Statutes, desires to approve and ratify the filing of such Notice of Establishment.

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

**SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein. District Counsel is hereby ratified for recording a Notice of Establishment in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** within the property records of Brevard County, Florida.

**SECTION 2. APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT.** The Notice of Establishment, recorded by District Counsel on Book 9431, Page 1062 to 1065 of the Public Records of Brevard County, Florida in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved and ratified by the District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2022.**

**ATTEST:**

**TRANQUILITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**COMMUNITY**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

**Exhibit A:** Form of Notice of Establishment

This Instrument Prepared By:

Mark A. Watts, Esquire  
COBB & COLE  
231 N. Woodland Blvd.  
DeLand, FL 32720

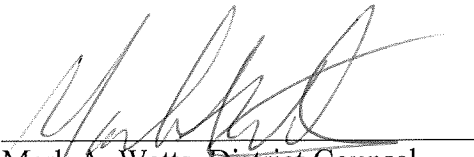
NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANQUILITY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT


PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a petition filed by Carolina Holdings II, LLC, Sunbelt Titusville Investments, LLC, and additional property owners listed in the SECOND AMENDMENT TO PETITION FOR AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, incorporated herein by reference, the City of Titusville, Florida adopted an Ordinance which became effective on February 22, 2022, establishing the Tranquility Community Development District (the "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 in accordance with Section 189.416, Florida Statutes.


TRANQUILITY 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Notice has been executed on this 2nd day of March, 2022, for recordation in the Official Records of Brevard County, Florida.

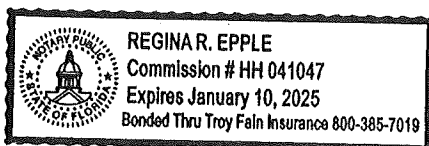
  
Mark A. Watts, District Counsel  
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Witness  
Heather Flores  
Print Name

  
Witness  
Regina R. Epple  
Print Name

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

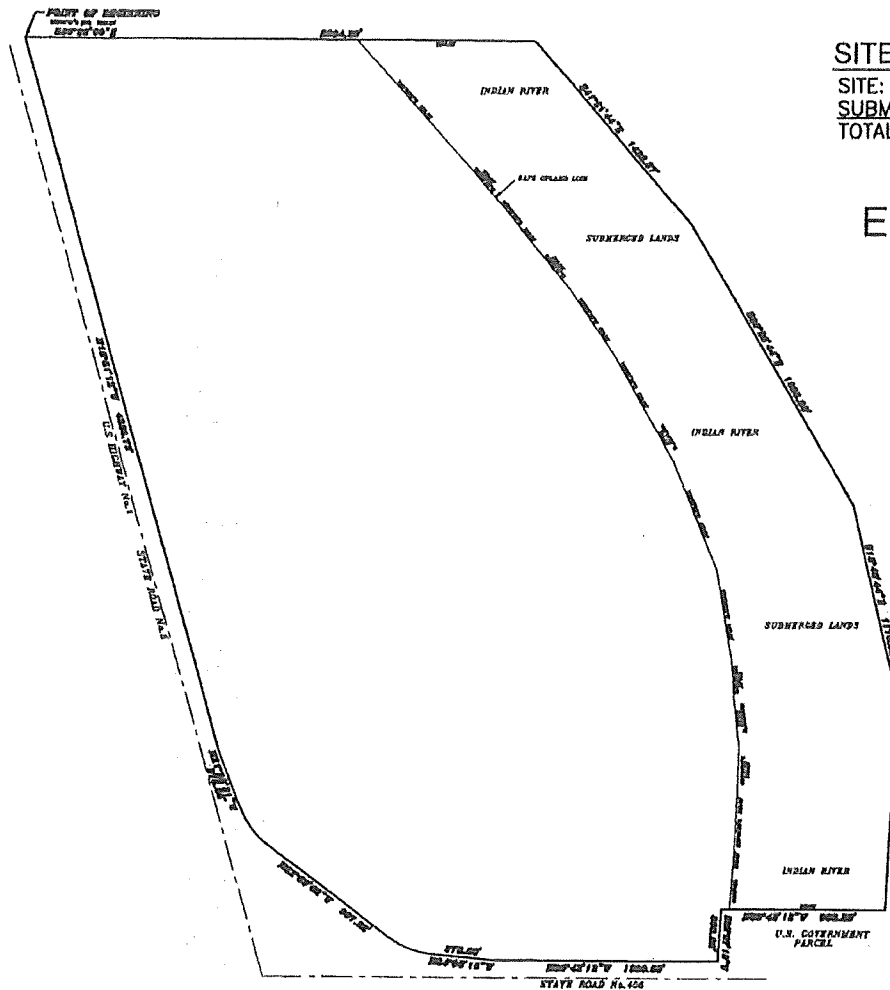
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this 2nd day of March, 2022 by Mark A. Watts, who is personally known to me, and who Did [ ] Did Not [☒] take an oath.



  
Notary Public, State of Florida

Print Name: Regina R. Epple  
Commission No.: HH 041047  
My Commission Expires: JANUARY 10, 2025

Exhibit "A"  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**SITE ACREAGE:**

SITE:	344.70 AC
SUBMERGED LAND:	111.06 AC
TOTAL:	455.76 AC

**EXHIBIT "1"****TRANQUILITY - SKETCH AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

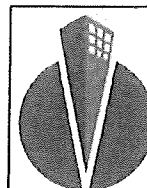
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A PARCEL OF LAND LYING WITHIN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 35 AND THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 1 (STATE ROAD 5); THENCE RUN S89°26'09"E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 35 A DISTANCE OF 2994.26 FEET INTO THE WATERS OF THE INDIAN RIVER; THENCE RUN S41°21'44"E A DISTANCE OF 1432.37 FEET; THENCE RUN S30°26'44"E A DISTANCE OF 1905.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S13°40'44"E A DISTANCE OF 1170.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S02°37'16"W A DISTANCE OF 1238.21 FEET; THENCE RUN N89°42'12"W A DISTANCE OF 963.23 FEET; THENCE RUN S03°07'18"W A DISTANCE OF 308.82 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 405; THENCE RUN N89°42'12"W, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 1330.58 FEET; THENCE RUN N84°03'16"W, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 373.80 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 475.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 31°04'14"; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 257.59 FEET; THENCE RUN N52°59'02"W A DISTANCE OF 907.82 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 475.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 33°07'50"; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 274.66 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 1 (STATE ROAD 5); THENCE RUN N21°23'31"W, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 375.65 FEET; THENCE RUN N15°51'12"W, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 4336.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

8/14/20 EX-1



**CONSTRUCTION  
ENGINEERING  
GROUP**  
Consulting Engineers



# SECTION E

## **RESOLUTION 2022-08**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY 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**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors, hereinafter referred to as the “Board” of the Tranquility Community Development District, hereinafter referred to as “District” 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 THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

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.

2. Securities listed in paragraphs c and d shall be invested to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they come due.

3. This Resolution shall become effective this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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Secretary/ Assistant Secretary

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

# SECTION F

## **RESOLUTION 2022-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TRANQUILITY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER,  
TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE PUBLIC  
DEPOSITORS REPORT, AND FURTHER  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY AND  
ALL OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS; PROVIDING  
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS,** Tranquility Community Development District has established the position of Treasurer for the purpose of maintaining the financial records of the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE  
TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS  
FOLLOW:**

1. The District Manager or Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of Tranquility Community Development District to execute the public depositor report to the Office of the Treasurer as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, and any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law ordinance or regulation.
2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**THIS RESOLUTION INTRODUCED and ADOPTED** by the **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** at their organizational meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

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Secretary/ Assistant Secretary

# SECTION G

## RESOLUTION 2020-10

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TRANQUILITY 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**, the Tranquility Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated in the City of Titusville, Brevard County, 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 ("**Board**") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a policy (the "**Public Comment Policy**") for immediate use and application.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TRANQUILITY 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 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 or non-agenda matter(s) of personal or general concern, during the initial Public Comment Period.
- 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.
  - 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, including those set forth in Section 286.0114(3) 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. Furthermore, upon its passage this Resolution supersedes any Public Comment Policy previously adopted by the District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:

**TRANQUILITY                      COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairperson/Vice Chairperson



# SECTION H

## **RESOLUTION 2022-11**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING A POLICY FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Tranquility Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated in City of Titusville, Brevard County, 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**, the District recognizes that its board members, employees, consultants, or advisors may undergo travel in connection with the performance of their official duties, and that they may incur usual, ordinary, and incidental expenses in relation to such travel; and

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) finds that it is in the best interest of the District to adopt by resolution a policy (the “Travel and Reimbursement Policy”) for immediate use and application.

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

#### **SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

- 1.1 The usual, ordinary, and incidental travel expenditures necessarily incurred by District board members, employees, consultants, or advisors in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed by the District. Each board member's city of residence shall be his or her official headquarters for purposes of travel expense reimbursement.
- 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.

#### **SECTION 2. 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 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 increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, the District shall, without further action by the Board, 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 s/he is gratuitously transported by another person, or when he 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 her/his 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.

### **SECTION 3. 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 increase the meal allowances specified in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, the District shall, without further action by the Board, 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. In the event room or meal expenses are included in the registration fee, reimbursement for these expenses will be reduced accordingly.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2022.**

**ATTEST:**

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/ Assistant Secretary

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

# SECTION I

## **RESOLUTION 2022-12**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY 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 EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tranquility Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, being situated in the City of Titusville, Brevard County, 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 1.2(2) of the District’s Proposed Rules of Procedure appoints the Secretary of the District as the District’s records custodian; 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 (“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 THE TRANQUILITY 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; and
- B. coordinate the District's records inventory; and
- C. maintain records retention and disposition forms; and
- D. coordinate District records management training; and
- E. develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended; and
- F. participate in the development of the District's development of electronic record keeping systems; and
- G. submit annual compliance statements; and
- 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 amendment 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. Furthermore, upon its passage this resolution supersedes any Records Retention Policy previously adopted by the District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:

**TRANQUILITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**COMMUNITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chairman/Vice Chairman



# SECTION J



*Align the future. ReAlign the past.*

Customized ADA Compliant Website Proposal  
for:

**Tranquility  
Community Development District**

March 3, 2022

# Project Scope

## Website Design Overview

### 1. Project Background and Description

**Tranquility 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**.

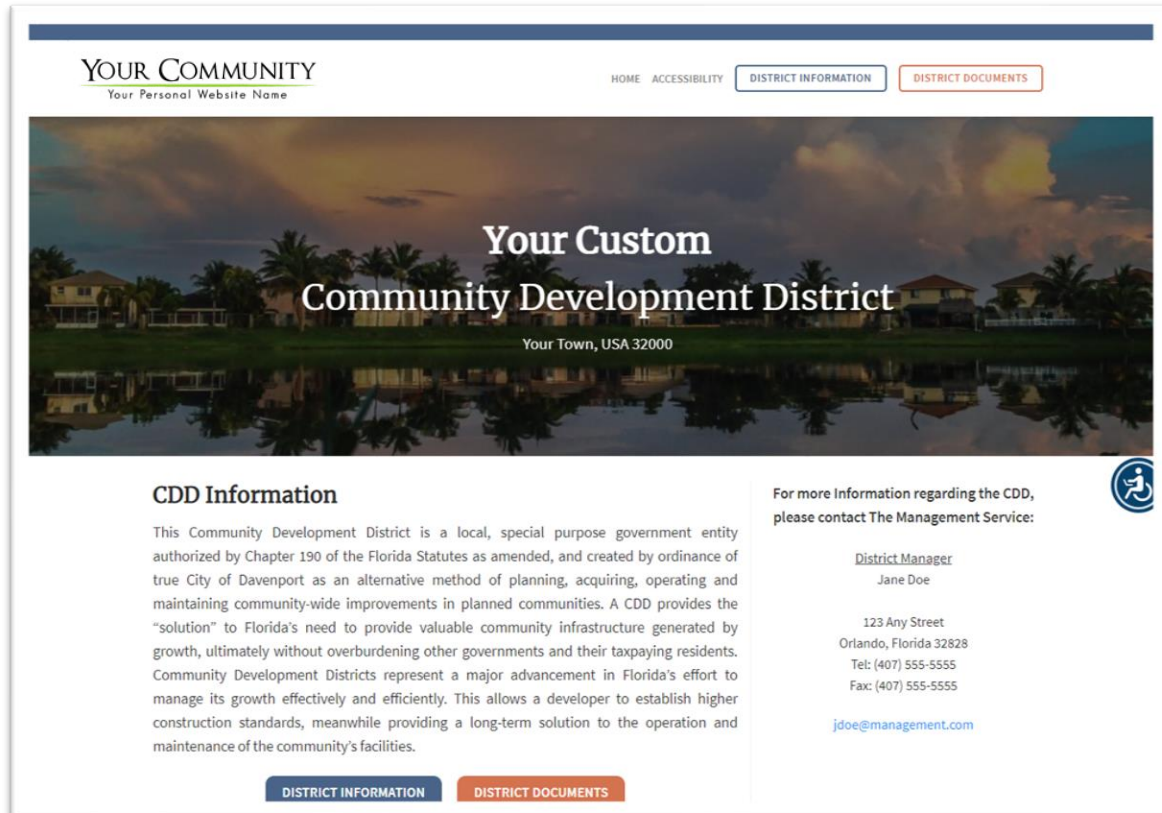
### 5. High-Level Timeline/Schedule

**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

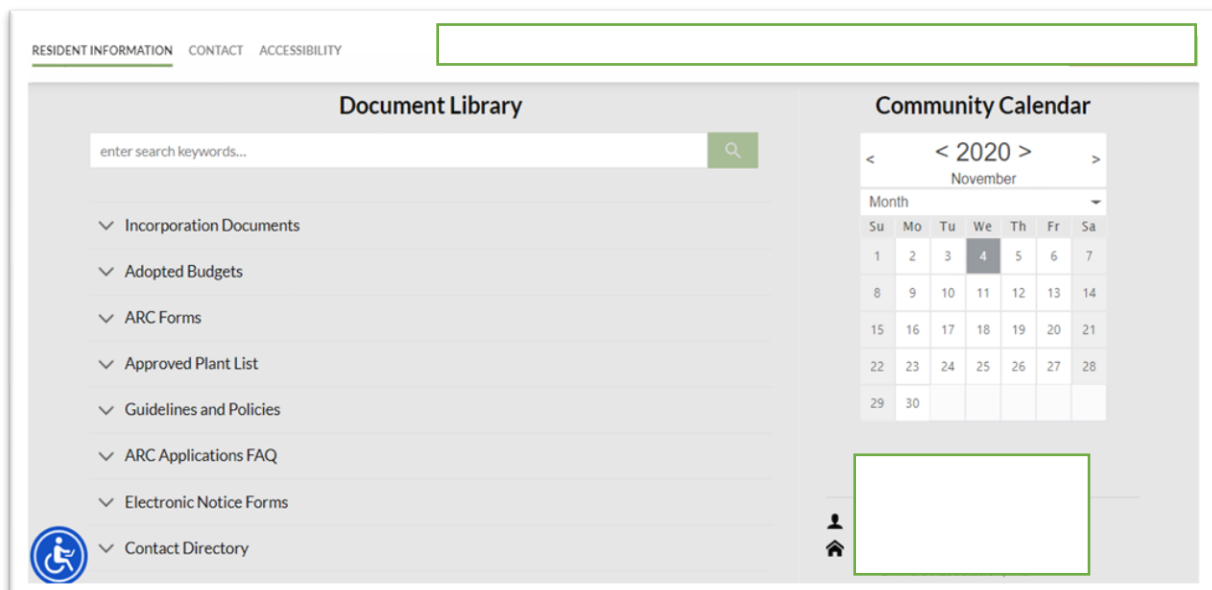
### Custom Website Design

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



**TROY GRAY**  
BOARD MEMBER

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**JULY WOOD**  
BOARD MEMBER

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BOARD MEMBER

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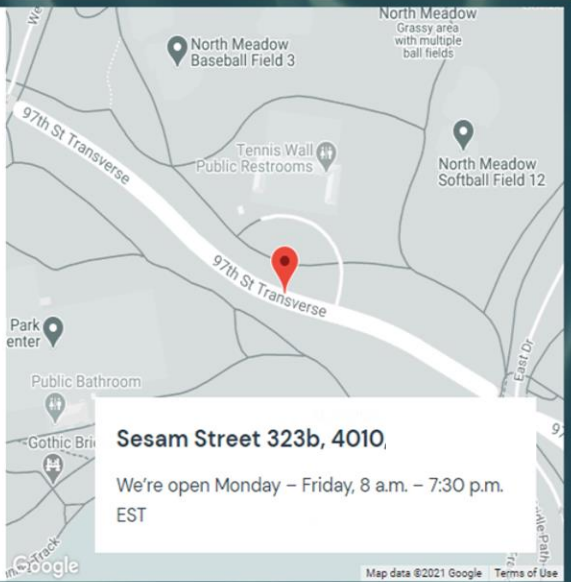
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### GET IN TOUCH

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**Sesam Street 323b, 4010**

We're open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. EST



**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.

## SECTION VI

# SECTION A



# SECTION 1

## BOND COUNSEL AGREEMENT

This Bond Counsel Agreement is entered into this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, by and between **TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a community development district organized and existing under the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "District"), and **BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.**, a Florida professional service corporation ("BMO").

### W I T N E S S E T H:

**WHEREAS**, the District plans to issue its revenue bonds (the "Bonds") to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and equipping of certain capital improvements benefiting landowners of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to engage BMO as bond counsel in connection with the issuance and sale of the obligations including Bonds, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, BMO desires to accept engagement as bond counsel for the District in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises, which shall be deemed an integral part of this Agreement, and of the covenants and agreements herein contained, the District and BMO, both intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

#### 1. BOND COUNSEL

**1.1. Duties of Bond Counsel.** BMO shall serve as bond counsel to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is anticipated that such Bonds will be sold through a negotiated sale or private placement. The duties of BMO as bond counsel shall include the following:

1.1.1. Prepare or review all indentures (including a Master Indenture and Supplemental Indenture) with respect to the Bonds, and other documents relating to the Bonds, said duty to be performed in cooperation with the financial advisors and/or underwriters/placement agents engaged by the District.

1.1.2. Review all disclosure documents, including official statements, prepared or authorized by the District insofar as such documents contain descriptions of the Bonds and summaries of contracts or other documents relevant to the Bonds; provided, however, that BMO shall have no responsibility for the disclosure documents insofar as such documents describe the financial circumstances of the offering or any other statistical projects or data, and provided further, that BMO shall have no responsibility to the purchasers of the Bonds for state or federal securities law compliance in

connection with the offering of the Bonds.

1.1.3. Prepare all closing documents, and attend and be responsible for the closing, as well as attending drafting and informational meetings regarding the Bonds.

1.1.4. Render opinions in written form at the time the Bonds are to be authenticated and delivered, which opinions shall cover the legality of the Bonds and the exemption of the interest to be paid with respect to the Bonds from federal income taxation.

**1.2 *Duties of Bond Counsel under this engagement are limited to those expressly set forth above. Among other things, Bond Counsel's duties do not include:***

1.2.1 Assisting in the preparation or review of an official statement or any other disclosure document with respect to the public offering of tax exempt debt obligations, or performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document or rendering advice that the official statement or other disclosure document does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

1.2.2 Preparing blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the debt instrument.

1.2.3 Drafting state constitutional or legislative amendments.

1.2.4 Pursuing test cases or other litigation (such as validation proceedings).

1.2.5 Making an investigation or expressing any view as to the creditworthiness of the District, any credit enhancement provider, liquidity provider or the debt instrument.

1.2.6 Assisting in the preparation of, or opining on, a continuing disclosure undertaking pertaining to any publicly offered debt or, after Closing, providing advice concerning any actions necessary to assure compliance with any continuing disclosure undertaking.

1.2.7 Representing the District in Internal Revenue Service examinations or inquiries, or Securities and Exchange Commission investigations.

1.2.8 After Closing, providing continuing advice to the District or any other party concerning any actions necessary to assure that interest paid on any tax exempt debt instrument will continue to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes (e.g., this engagement does not include rebate calculations for any tax exempt debt).

1.2.9 Providing any advice or opinions on bankruptcy matters.

1.2.10 Providing advice or opinions on interest rate swap agreements.

1.2.11 Addressing any other matter not specifically set forth above that is not required to render BMO's legal opinions.

**1.3. Fees and Expenses for Services Rendered as Bond Counsel.** Based upon (i) our understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing represented by each Series of Bonds; (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this agreement; (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financing; and (iv) the responsibilities we will assume in connection therewith, we will submit a fee for your approval prior to the issuance of each series of Bonds. Our fee may vary: (a) if the principal amount of Bonds actually issued differs significantly from the amount originally anticipated; (b) if material changes in the structure or schedule of the financing occur; or (c) if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time or responsibility. If, at any time, we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee, we will advise you and request your prior approval.

The District shall pay to BMO, as a fee for services rendered pursuant to this Section 1, the following sums:

- (a) for services rendered in connection with the issuance of bonds through a public offering of the bonds, an amount of \$47,500 for each such issue; and
- (b) for services rendered in connection with the issuance of bonds through a private placement with a single financial institution, an amount of \$30,000 for each such issue.

The fees shall be paid by the District to BMO from the proceeds derived by the District from the sale of the Bonds and, if the Bonds are not sold, then no fees shall be paid by the District for services rendered pursuant to this Section 1.

The foregoing fees shall not include out-of-pocket expenses incurred by BMO in connection with services rendered hereunder, which shall be payable in addition to said fee in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per issue

**1.4 Limitations on Engagement:** Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, it is understood and agreed that the District is not relying upon Bond Counsel for investment or accounting advice or decisions, or to investigate the character or credit of any persons with whom you are or may be dealing in connection with this matter.

**1.5 Waiver of Future Conflicts:** It is a condition of BMO's acceptance of this engagement that the District understand and agree that BMO may continue to represent, or may undertake in the future to represent, any existing or future client(s) in any matter which is not substantially related to the particular matter that BMO is handling for the District in this engagement.

**1.6    *Applicability to Future Engagements:*** Unless a different engagement letter is executed in the future, the terms of this engagement letter will also be applicable to and govern our professional relationship on all subsequent matters on or in which we may become involved or engaged on the District's behalf.

**2.        *TERMINATION.*** This Agreement may be terminated by the District, or by BMO, with or without cause, upon fifteen (15) days prior written notice to the other. If the District terminates BMO for reasonable cause related to the District's dissatisfaction with the quality of the services rendered by BMO (such as, for example, BMO's failure to meet reasonable deadlines imposed by the District, BMO's neglect of its duties hereunder, or BMO's improper performance of its duties hereunder), then no compensation shall be paid to BMO for any services theretofore rendered pursuant to Section 1 of this Agreement. If the District terminates BMO for any other reason, but nevertheless sells the Bonds, then compensation to be paid by the District shall be an amount equal to the number of hours devoted by BMO to its services as bond counsel pursuant to Section 1 above through the termination date multiplied by \$350.00.

**3.        *CONSTRUCTION.*** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida.

**4.        *CONFLICTS.*** The rules regulating The Florida Bar provide that common representation of multiple parties is permissible where the clients are generally aligned in interest, even though there is some difference in interest among them. BMO is disclosing to the District that it has, and may in the future, serve as bond or disclosure counsel to other local governments or otherwise act as underwriter's counsel or trustee's counsel on public finance matters in Florida. From time to time, BMO may represent the firms which may underwrite the District's bonds, notes or other obligations (including MBS Capital Markets, LLC and other financial institutions hired by the District) on financings for other governmental entities in Florida on unrelated matters. In either case, such representations are standard and customary within the industry and BMO can effectively represent the District and the discharge of BMO's professional responsibilities to the District will not be prejudiced as a result, either because such engagements will be sufficiently different or because the potential for such prejudice is remote and minor and outweighed by consideration that it is unlikely that advice given to the other client will be relevant in any respect to the subject matter, and the District expressly consents to such other representations consistent with the circumstances herein described. The District acknowledges and agrees that BMO's role as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, or counsel to any local governmental entity or financial institution or in conjunction with public finance transactions is not likely to create or cause any actual conflict, and service as disclosure, bond, or counsel to other clients of BMO will not per se be construed as a conflict or be objectionable to the District. The District acknowledges that BMO currently represents MBS Capital Markets, LLC, which will underwrite the District's bonds in this transaction, on other unrelated financings as underwriter's counsel. The District being fully informed, expressly consents to the representation and waives the conflict.

Please understand that while we cannot, and do not, guarantee the outcome or success of this or any other engagement or professional undertaking, we will earnestly strive to represent and serve the District's interests in this engagement effectively, efficiently and responsively while endeavoring to accomplish its objectives in this engagement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the District and BMO have executed this Agreement as of the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Kenneth Artin, Shareholder

## SECTION 3





## MBS CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

### AGREEMENT FOR UNDERWRITING SERVICES TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

March 9, 2022

Board of Supervisors  
Tranquility Community Development District

Dear Supervisors:

MBS Capital Markets, LLC (the "Underwriter") offers to enter into this agreement (the "Agreement") with the Tranquility Community Development District (the "District") which, upon your acceptance of this offer, will be binding upon the District and the Underwriter. This agreement relates to the proposed issuance of bonds (the "Bonds") to acquire and/or construct certain public infrastructure improvements for the initial phase of the capital improvement plan. This Agreement will cover the engagement for the Bonds and will be supplemented for future bond issuances as may be applicable.

1. **Scope of Services:** MBS intends to serve as the underwriter, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The scope of services to be provided in a non-fiduciary capacity by the Underwriter for this transaction will include those listed below.

- Advice regarding the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the particular municipal securities described above.
- Preparation of rating strategies and presentations related to the issue being underwritten.
- Preparations for and assistance with investor "road shows," if any, and investor discussions related to the issue being underwritten.
- Advice regarding retail order periods and institutional marketing if the District decides to engage in a negotiated sale.
- Assistance in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement, if any, and the Final Official Statement.
- Assistance with the closing of the issue, including negotiation and discussion with respect to all documents, certificates, and opinions needed for the closing.
- Coordination with respect to obtaining CUSIP numbers and the registration with the Depository Trust Company.
- Preparation of post-sale reports for the issue, if any.
- Structuring of refunding escrow cash flow requirements, but not the recommendation of and brokerage of particular municipal escrow investments.



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2. **Fees:** The Underwriter will be responsible for its own out-of-pocket expenses other than the fees and disbursements of underwriter's or disclosure counsel which fees shall be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. Any fees payable to the Underwriter will be contingent upon the successful sale and delivery or placement of the Bonds. The underwriting fee for the sale or placement of the Bonds will be the greater of 2% of the par amount of Bonds issued or \$50,000.
3. **Termination:** Both the District and the Underwriter will have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the non-terminating party.
4. **Purchase Contract:** At or before such time as the District gives its final authorization for the Bonds, the Underwriter and its counsel will deliver to the District a purchase or placement contract (the "Purchase Contract") detailing the terms of the Bonds.
5. **Notice of Meetings:** The District shall provide timely notice to the Underwriter for all regular and special meetings of the District. The District will provide, in writing, to the Underwriter, at least one week prior to any meeting, except in the case of an emergency meeting for which the notice time shall be the same as that required by law for the meeting itself, of matters and items for which it desires the Underwriter's input.
6. **Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role Required by MSRB Rule G-17.** The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Rule G-17 requires underwriters to make certain disclosures to issuers in connection with the issuance of municipal securities. Those disclosures are attached hereto as "Exhibit A." By execution of this Agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same. If you or any other Issuer officials 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 the Issuer's own financial and/or municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent you deem appropriate. It is our understanding that you have the authority to bind the Issuer by contract with us, and that you are not a party to any conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.



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This Agreement shall be effective upon your acceptance hereof and shall remain effective until such time as the Agreement has been terminated in accordance with Section 3 hereof.

We are required to seek your acknowledgement that you have received the disclosures referenced herein and attached hereto as Exhibit A. By execution of this agreement, you are acknowledging receipt of the same.

Sincerely,  
**MBS Capital Markets, LLC**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BSealy", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brett Sealy  
Managing Partner

Approved and Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **Disclosures Concerning the Underwriter's Role**

- (i) MSRB Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- (ii) The underwriter's primary role is to purchase the Bonds with a view to distribution in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. The underwriters has financial and other interests that differ from those of the District.
- (iii) Unlike a municipal advisor, the underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the District under the federal securities laws and are, therefore, is required by federal law to act in the best interests of the District without regard to their own financial or other interests.
- (iv) The underwriter has a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price but must balance that duty with their duty to sell the Bonds to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable.
- (v) The underwriter will review the official statement for the Bonds in accordance with, and as part of, its respective responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction.

#### **Disclosure Concerning the Underwriter's Compensation**

The underwriter will be compensated by a fee and/or an underwriting discount that will be set forth in the bond purchase agreement to be negotiated and entered into in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Payment or receipt of the underwriting fee or discount will be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee or discount may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since the underwriter may have an incentive to recommend to the District a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Underwriter has not identified any additional potential or actual material conflicts that require disclosure including those listed below.



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**Payments to or from Third Parties.** There are no undisclosed payments, values, or credits to be received by the Underwriter in connection with its underwriting of this new issue from parties other than the District, and there are no undisclosed payments to be made by the Underwriter in connection with this new issue to parties other than the District (in either case including payments, values, or credits that relate directly or indirectly to collateral transactions integrally related to the issue being underwritten). In addition, there are no third-party arrangements for the marketing of the District's securities.

**Profit-Sharing with Investors.** There are no arrangements between the Underwriter and an investor purchasing new issue securities from the Underwriter (including purchases that are contingent upon the delivery by the District to the Underwriter of the securities) according to which profits realized from the resale by such investor of the securities are directly or indirectly split or otherwise shared with the Underwriter.

**Credit Default Swaps.** There will be no issuance or purchase by the Underwriter of credit default swaps for which the reference is the District for which the Underwriter is serving as underwriter, or an obligation of that District.

**Retail Order Periods.** For new issues in which there is a retail order period, the Underwriter will honor such agreement to provide the retail order period. No allocation of securities in a manner that is inconsistent with a District's requirements will be made without the District's consent. In addition, when the Underwriter has agreed to underwrite a transaction with a retail order period, it will take reasonable measures to ensure that retail clients are bona fide.

**Dealer Payments to District Personnel.** Reimbursements, if any, made to personnel of the District will be made in compliance with MSRB Rule G-20, on gifts, gratuities, and non-cash compensation, and Rule G-17, in connection with certain payments made to, and expenses reimbursed for, District personnel during the municipal bond issuance process.

### **Disclosures Concerning Complex Municipal Securities Financing**

Since the Underwriter has not recommended a "complex municipal securities financing" to the Issuer, additional disclosures regarding the financing structure for the Bonds are not required under MSRB Rule G-17.

# SECTION 5



*U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association  
Global Corporate Trust  
225 E. Robinson Street, Suite 250  
Orlando, Florida 32801*

March 1, 2022

Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC  
Attn: George Flint  
219 East Livingston St.  
Orlando, FL 32801

**Re: Proposal to serve as Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar for Tranquility Community Development District**

Dear George,

On behalf of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, we are pleased to submit our fees to serve as Trustee, Paying Agent & Registrar for the Tranquility Community Development District.

Recognized as a premier global provider of corporate trust services, U.S. Bank Global Corporate Trust provides expert trust services to both corporate and municipal clients. We have established a solid position as a responsive specialist that promises and delivers premium performance and service over the life of your bond programs - coupled with a steadfast commitment to integrity.

U.S. Bank has made a long-term commitment to remain in the corporate trust business and to expand its services through acquisitions and establishing new offices in key areas. We have southeast regional corporate trust offices in Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Jacksonville, Florida, to meet the needs of the bank's growing line of business in this area. The following are just a few of the many advantages that make U.S. Bank Global Corporate Trust Services an excellent choice for corporate trust services:

- Trust officers with extensive experience in working with all parties of the financing team.
- Local presence through to ensure responsiveness for you and the bondholders.

We appreciate your business and look forward to this opportunity to serve as your trustee as well as any future banking or corporate trust needs.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (407)835-3805.

Best regards,

Stacey L. Johnson  
Vice President  
Relationship Manager | Southeast Region



## Fee Schedule -Tranquility Community Development District

### **Acceptance Fee** **\$2,000.00 One Time, Per Series, Payable in Advance**

Covers review of documents, participation in document conferences, establishing records/accounts, authentication/delivery of bonds, receipt of funds, establishment of procedures and ticklers necessary to perform our duties and monitor the various terms and covenants in the financing documents.

### **Annual Administration Fee** **\$3,750.00 Per Series, Payable in Advance** **\$2,750.00 Per Series, if any, issued at closing**

Maintenance of records in connection with the control of the bonds outstanding; review and compliance of document provisions; receive, pay out and control the movement of funds; pay periodic interest and principal; and prepare periodic accountings and reports. Bond Registrar and Paying Agent services are included. Standard Trustee disclosure information is provided in our services.

### **Trustee Counsel Fees** **Not to exceed \$6,000.00**

Any additional Series or ongoing legal fees and expenses would be billed at cost.

### **Investment Administration** **\*\$500 Per Contract**

The investment fee includes the activities associated with establishing the account, manual processing of transactions, reconciliation of balances, wiring of funds, etc. Payable at time of initial investment and annually in advance. \*Does not include U.S. Bank investment products.

### **Out of Pocket Expenses** **Billed at Cost**

Includes, but are not limited to, travel expenses to attend closing.

### **Incidental Expenses** **7.75% of Annual Admin. Fee**

Incidental expenses, such as wires, postage, copies, mailings, courier expenses, etc.

### **Extraordinary Expenses / Other Services** **Billed at Cost**

Extraordinary services are responses to requests, inquiries or developments, or the carrying out of duties or responsibilities of an unusual nature, including termination, which may or may not be provided for in the governing documents, are not routine or undertaken in the ordinary course of business. Payment of fees for extraordinary services is appropriate where particular requests, inquiries or developments are unexpected, even if the possibility of such things could have been foreseen at the inception of the transaction. This would include but is not limited to document amendments and substitutions, mandatory tenders, optional redemptions, UCC filings, investment agreements, outside held money market funds, default administration, travel expense (if any outside the city), etc. A reasonable charge will be assessed and collected by the trustee based on the nature of the extraordinary service. At our option, these charges will be billed at a flat fee or at our hourly rate then in effect.

*\* The quoted fee does not include services as Disclosure/Dissemination Agent pursuant to Securities & Exchange commission Rule 15c12-12, as amended. U.S. Bank will discuss this service with the Obligor if applicable pursuant to the terms of the bond issue.*

*Account approval is subject to review and qualification. Fees are subject to change at our discretion and upon written notice. Fees paid in advance will not be prorated. The fees set forth above and any subsequent modifications thereof are part of your agreement. Finalization of the transaction constitutes agreement to the above fee schedule, including agreement to any subsequent changes upon proper written notice. In the event your transaction is not finalized, any related out-of-pocket expenses will be billed to the client directly. Absent your written instructions to sweep or otherwise invest, all sums in your account will remain uninvested and no accrued interest or other compensation will be credited to the account. Payment of fees constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth.*

*To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a nonindividual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust or other legal entity, we ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. We may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.*



## SECTION B

**BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND  
CAROLINA HOLDINGS II, LLC**

This Agreement is made and entered into this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, by and between:

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in the City of Titusville, Brevard County, Florida (hereinafter "District"), and

**CAROLINA HOLDINGS II, LLC**, a Nevada limited liability company, the primary landowner and developer in the District (the "Developer").

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Tranquility Community Development District was established by Ordinance 4-2022 of the City Council of the City of Titusville, Florida, for the purpose of financing roadway improvements, utility distribution and collections systems, the master stormwater management system, lighting, landscaping, signage, parks and other public 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 Developer is developing lands within the district which will benefit from such improvements, facilities, and services and desires to assist the District with its financing program; 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 of which and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Provision of Funds.** 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. 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. Developer and the District 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 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 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 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 Developer. The District agrees to provide to 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. Developer agrees to provide additional funds within fourteen (14) days of receipt of written notification from the District Manager of the need for such funds.
- E. In the event that Developer fails to provide any such funds pursuant to this Agreement, Developer and the District agree the work may be halted until such time as sufficient funds are provided by Developer to ensure payment of the costs, fees or expenses which may be incurred in the performance of such work.

**2. Termination.** Developer and District agree that Developer may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to the District. Any such termination by Developer is contingent upon 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. Developer and the District agree that the District may terminate this Agreement due to a failure of Developer to provide funds in accordance with Section 1 of this Agreement, by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to Developer; provided, however, that the Developer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any such failure. Any excess funds shall be returned to the Developer in accordance with section 1 of this Agreement.

**3. 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.

**4. Enforcement of Agreement.** In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

**5. Agreement.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**8. 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, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to Developer: Carolina Holdings II, LLC  
5150 Tamiami Trail N.  
Suite 500  
Naples, FL 34103  
Attn: William G. Allen

B. If to District: Tranquility Community Development District  
Governmental Management Services -  
Central Florida, LLC  
219 E. Livingston Street  
Orlando, FL 32801  
Attn: District Manager  
[gflint@gmscfl.com](mailto:gflint@gmscfl.com)

With a copy to: Cobb Cole Attorneys at Law  
231 N. Woodland Blvd  
DeLand, Florida 32720  
Attn: Mark Watts  
[Mark.Watts@cobbcole.com](mailto:Mark.Watts@cobbcole.com)

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.

**9. Third Party Beneficiaries.** 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.

**10. Assignment.** Neither party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

**11. Controlling Law.** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida.

**12. 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.

**13. Public Records.** Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District or to District Staff in connection with the work contemplated under this Agreement are public records and are treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

**14. Capitalization.** The parties agree that all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement are properly reimbursable from proceeds of District financing for capital improvements, and that within 45 days of receipt of the proceeds by the District of bonds or notes for the District's capital projects, the District shall reimburse 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 two (2) years of the date of this agreement, all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments.

[Signatures contained on next page.]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties execute this agreement the day and year first written above.

**ATTEST:**

**TRANQUILITY                      COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman/Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**WITNESSES:**

**CAROLINA HOLDINGS II, LLC**, a  
Nevada limited liability company

X \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION VII

# SECTION A



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## SECTION B

# SECTION 1

Engineer's Report  
For  
**Tranquility**  
**Community Development District**  
Brevard County  
Titusville, Florida

March 3, 2022

**FOR REVIEW ONLY**

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**Prepared For:**  
Tranquility Community Development District

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

### **DESCRIPTION OF TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Tranquility is a proposed 345.9 acre regional mixed use development located in the City of Titusville, Brevard County, Florida. (See Exhibit 1 for Vicinity Map) The proposed project consist of 2,404 residential dwelling units along with retail, hotels, restaurants and marina. (See Exhibit 2 for CDD Master Plan) A breakdown of uses is provided below:

Single Family	276 Units
Multi Family	2,128 Units
Commercial	3.0 Max FAR

Infrastructure in support of the project consist of roadways, potable water lines, sanitary sewer collection systems, sidewalks, recreation areas, open space, parks and stormwater retention/treatment systems/lakes. The existing site is vacant consisting of mostly upland areas with minimal wetlands.

### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this Engineer's Report is to provide cost, permit and entitlement information with respect to the public infrastructure improvements to be constructed or acquired by the Tranquility Community Development District (CDD). All of the major infrastructure components are described in the following sections. Cost estimates for the completion of this work is also presented.

### **THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The CDD is designed to provide public infrastructure, services, and facilities along with operations and maintenance to the entire development within the boundaries of the CDD. There are also offsite infrastructure improvements for the benefit of the development.

The CDD is an independent unit of special purposed local government authorized by Chapter 190, F.S., to plan, finance, construct, operate and maintain community-wide infrastructure in large, planned community developments. CDDs provide "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." –Section 190.002(1)(a), F.S.

A CDD is not a substitute for the local, general purpose government unit, i.e., the City or County in which the CDD lies. A CDD does not have the permitting, zoning or policing powers possessed by general purpose governments. A CDD is an alternative means of financing, constructing, operating and maintaining community infrastructure for developments, such as Tranquility.

## **REPORT ASSUMPTIONS**

In preparation of this report, Honeycutt & Associates, Incorporated (HAI) relied on information provided by Sunbelt Titusville Investments LLC & Carolina Holdings II, the landowner, in regards to details of the development of the CDD and acquisition of the infrastructure improvements. As the engineer of record, HAI has a comprehensive knowledge of the design and construction of the proposed infrastructure improvements. Certain assumptions were also made with regard to all cost estimates, pricing, etc., based on previous experience within the industry, local/recent construction costs and actual bid documents supplied by prospective Site Development Contractors.

## **II. PROJECT BOUNDARY**

### **PROPERTY BOUNDARY**

The development is located on the east side of U.S. Highway #1 (South Washington Avenue) and north of State Road 405 (Columbia Boulevard). A location map vicinity is attached to this report as EXHIBIT 1.

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT SERVED**

The CDD is wholly located within the City of Titusville in Brevard County, Florida. The development will be a fully contiguous community.

## **III. PROPOSED PROJECT**

### **STORMWATER DRAINAGE & MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The stormwater system for the development consists of excavated lakes, culverts, swales, inlets, interconnecting solid pipes, and water control structures. (See Exhibit 3) The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and the City of Titusville will be the governing authorities for permitting the development's Surface Water Management system. The proposed stormwater system will be designed to adhere to the SJRWMD and City's minimum criteria for water quality treatment and flood protection.

The stormwater facilities consist of isolated and interconnected stormwater ponds. Interconnection is achieved by both pipe and structure or by swales. All stormwater runoff from the subject property will be routed to these stormwater management ponds for the purposes of water quality treatment and attenuation of large storm events. The treated stormwater will be subsequently conveyed through the system and discharged into Addison Creek.

As part of the required National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements, Erosion and Sediment Control Plans will be prepared and shall be implemented by the contractor throughout all construction. These plans include various

stormwater pollution preventative measures such as: synthetic jute bales, staked silt fences, floating turbidity barriers, and truck wash-down areas.

The stormwater system outlined above will be owned and maintained by the CDD. Accordingly, they shall be considered eligible for CDD funding.

## **ROADWAYS AND SIDEWALKS**

The CDD-funded roadways include the roadways internal to the development, and offsite roadway improvements which includes: Columbia Boulevard turn lane/existing intersection improvements and South Washington Avenue roadway improvements. (See Exhibits 4, 5, 6, & 7) These roadways will be designed and constructed in accordance with all local, state, and federal codes. These roadway components include base, sub-base and paving material, curbing, curb and gutters, lighting poles, conduit and fixtures, and sidewalks. The internal roadways will be owned and maintained by the City of Titusville, unless they are within gated communities, which will be CDD owned and maintained. Gated communities will have “soft” type gates to allow for vetted public access. The offsite adjoining roadways will be owned and maintained by the State of Florida.

The development is a pedestrian friendly community that includes or will include extensive sidewalks within the right-of-ways. The sidewalks in the rights-of-way will be concrete throughout the entire community. All sidewalks will be ADA compliant, with curb ramps and detectable warnings at every street crossing where there is sidewalk on both sides. The City of Titusville will own and maintain the sidewalks that are located in the public street rights-of-way throughout the development. The CDD will own and maintain the sidewalks located in non-city owned rights-of-way. All sidewalk improvements are eligible for CDD funding.

## **SANITARY SEWER AND POTABLE WATER UTILITIES**

The CDD-funded utilities include the utilities internal to the development, potable water extending along Columbia Boulevard in the road right-of-way to the existing City water main, and sanitary sewer extending along Columbia Boulevard in the road right-of-way to an existing City of Titusville force main. The utilities considered in the report consist of potable water and sanitary sewer. (See Exhibits 8 & 9) The potable water and sanitary sewer systems will be designed in accordance with City of Titusville, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The sewage collection system and potable water distribution system will be owned and maintained by the City of Titusville.

The potable water distribution facilities will include all necessary valves, fire hydrants, and water services to individual lots and development parcels. The potable water system will utilize water provided by the City of Titusville.



The sanitary sewer facilities include a gravity sewer system consisting of pipe and manhole structures in conjunction with four (4) sanitary sewer lift stations. The City of Titusville will accept flow from the system as well as own and maintain it.

## **PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND SPECIAL FEATURE AMENITIES**

The development will include various amenities throughout the community. The amenities will include; clubhouse, pool, trails, tot-lot, playground, multipurpose field/courts, walking trails, pavilions or docks. The CDD will own and maintain all of the amenities throughout the development including the clubhouse and pool.

## **LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION**

The shoulder of the roadways, boulevards, traffic circles and main entrance on State Road 405 and US Highway #1 will be enhanced with first class landscaping. Sidewalks will be routed through the landscaping. All of the landscaping will be irrigated. The landscaping and irrigation will be eligible for CDD funding and will be maintained by the CDD.

## **GOVERNMENT AND MITIGATION FEES**

The City of Titusville will provide potable water and sanitary sewer service for the Tranquility Development. The City's current impact fee for sanitary sewer is \$2,170 per equivalent residential connection (ERC) and for potable water is \$1,970 per ERC. There are 276 proposed single family residential units at 1 ERC each and 2,128 multifamily residential units estimated to be 2/3 ERC each. The commercial area is composed of hotels, condotels, retail, fast foods, marina, etc. with an estimated 244 ERCs for this report.

Agency application review and permitting fees vary. It is generally based on a fee for each different project. Each project submission could be from \$3,000 to \$5,000 each plus additional fees for platting of single family subdivision. Commercial application fees are similar. The significant agency fee is the City permit fee which is 2.5% of the site cost for the project. Therefore there will be a City permit fee of \$25,000 per \$1,000,000 of site development cost.

The Saint John's River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection also have application and permitting fees. These fees are generally lower, in the \$1,000-\$1,500 per project.

The development will place wetland areas that are to remain within preservation areas. The maintenance and monitoring of these areas will be the responsibility of the CDD. Mitigation, either on-site or off-site, within a SJRWMD/ACOE approved mitigation bank may be eligible for CDD funding.

#### IV. OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

##### SUMMARY OF COSTS

The table below represents the opinion of probable cost for the CDD's public infrastructure projects. This opinion of probable costs includes the estimated infrastructure costs for the aforementioned infrastructure improvements within this report, including, but not limited to, materials, labor, construction, technical services, and contingencies. For new construction all estimates within this report are based on the monetary value of the dollar in 2021 and do not account for any inflation factors.

<b>Infrastructure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Storm Drainage/Treatment	\$ 6,114,654.00
Roadways	\$ 8,210,333.00
Sanitary Sewer / Potable Water	\$ 12,427,876.00
Parks/Open Spaces/Special Feature	\$ 16,304,125.00
Landscape/Irrigation	\$ 9,341,250.00
Government Fees	\$ 12,855,020.00

The ownership and operation/maintenance entity for each of the infrastructure improvements are shown in the following table:

<b>Proposed Infrastructure Improvements</b>	<b>Funding Entity</b>	<b>Ownership Entity</b>	<b>Operation and Maintenance Entity</b>
Stormwater Management System	CDD	CDD	CDD
Roadways - Onsite	CDD	CDD/City	CDD/City
Road Improvements - Offsite	CDD	State	State
Sanitary Sewer System / Potable Water Distribution System	CDD	City	City
Parks / Open Spaces / Spec. Features	CDD	CDD	CDD
Landscape / Irrigation	CDD	CDD	CDD
Government Fees	CDD	N/A	N/A

## PERMITS

Local, state, and federal permits and approvals are required prior to the construction of the aforementioned infrastructure improvements for the proposed development. Permits and permit modifications are considered to be part of the design and permitting process and are applied for as required by various time constraints.

As the engineer of record, HAI certifies that all permits known to be necessary to complete the construction of the infrastructure for the development have been indicated below.

Permitting Agency	Type of Permit
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	Collection/Transmission Wastewater Permit
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	Potable Water/Distribution Permit
St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD)	Environmental Resource Permit
City of Titusville	Land Development Permit
Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE)	ACOE Permit
City of Titusville	Zoning Approval
City of Titusville	Sketch/Preliminary Plat Approval
City of Titusville	Final Plat Approval

## CONCLUSION

This report summarizes all of the infrastructure improvements necessary to develop the CDD as required by the applicable governing agencies and good engineering practice. The design of the infrastructure for the development should be in full compliance with all current requirements of the various applicable governing agencies involved, as of the date of permit issuance. The infrastructure presented in this report will serve its intended function to the Tranquility Community Development District assuming substantial compliance with the design and permits issued for Capital Improvement Program from all contractors involved.

It is HAI's professional opinion that the costs associated with the Tranquility Community Development District proposed infrastructure improvements are reasonable.

It should be noted that this opinion of probable infrastructure cost is only an opinion determined by HAI and is not a guaranteed maximum price. These costs were derived from various sources such as historical unit pricing, site contractor bids and HAI's past experience within the infrastructure industry.

Therefore, HAI is of the opinion that the construction of the Capital Improvement Program described in the report for the CDD can be completed at the costs stated in Section IV of this report. However, several unforeseen factors may alter the final cost, which are outside of the control of the CDD, such as future costs of labor, equipment and materials, increased future regulatory actions/measures, and unforeseen changes throughout the actual construction process. Due to these potential circumstances, the actual total final cost may vary from this opinion of probable infrastructure cost.

## SECTION 2

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## SECTION 3

## **RESOLUTION 2022-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE 2022 ASSESSMENT AREA WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES; DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED ON ASSESSABLE LAND IN THE 2022 ASSESSMENT AREA; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tranquility Community Development District ("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 ("Uniform Act"), by the City Council of the City of Titusville, Florida in Ordinance No. 4-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the District ("Board") hereby determines to establish an assessment area within the boundaries of the District designated as the "2022 Assessment Area," as more fully described herein, and to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain a portion of the public improvements described in the District Engineer's Report, prepared by Honeycutt & Associates and dated March 9, 2022 as eligible to be funded by the District's Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 (collectively, "Improvements"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference (the "Engineer's Report"); and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the District to pay all or a portion of the cost of the Improvements through the levy of special assessments on assessable land in the 2022 Assessment Area 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, refinance, 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**, the District hereby determines that benefits will accrue to the property in the 2022 Assessment Area improved, the amount of those benefits, and that the Assessments will be made in proportion to the benefits received as set forth in the District's Master Special Assessment Methodology Report for the 2022 Assessment Area, prepared by Governmental Management Services - Central Florida, LLC, dated March 9, 2022, attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference (the "Assessment Methodology Report"), and on file at the offices



of the District Manager, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the "District Manager's Office"); and

**WHEREAS**, the District hereby determines that the Assessments to be levied will not exceed the benefits to the property improved in the 2022 Assessment Area.

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

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as findings of fact of the Board.

**Section 2.** The 2022 Assessment Area, as legally described in the Assessment Methodology Report, is hereby established and designated as such by the District. The Assessments shall be levied on the assessable land in the 2022 Assessment Area to defray the Estimated Total Cost (hereinafter defined) of the Improvements. The nature of the Improvements generally consists of a system of public infrastructure, improvements and facilities, all as described more particularly in the Engineer's Report and in the plans and specifications on file in the District Manager's Office.

**Section 3.** The general location of the Improvements is within and without the boundaries of the District in the City of Titusville in the State of Florida.

**Section 4.** The total estimated cost of the Improvements is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter, referred to as the "Estimated Cost").

**Section 5.** The Assessments will defray up to \$\_\_\_\_\_, a portion of which includes the Estimated Cost, plus estimated financing-related costs, including capitalized interest, debt service reserve and contingency related to bonds and bond anticipation notes (collectively, "Bonds"), which may be issued by the District to finance a portion of the Improvements (the "Estimated Total Cost").

**Section 6.** The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in the Assessment Methodology Report.

**Section 7.** The Assessments shall be levied within the 2022 Assessment Area on all lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon such Improvements or specially benefited thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

**Section 8.** There is on file at the District Manager's Office an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, the plans and specifications describing the Improvements and the Estimated Cost of the Improvements, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.

**Section 9.** Commencing with the year in which the Assessments are certified for collection and subsequent to the capitalized interest period for each series of Bonds, the Assessments shall be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments or the maximum period of time permitted by law then in effect. 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 Board to be in the best interest of the District, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law and the Assessments shall be collected in such manner as required or permitted by the trust indentures relating to the District's Special Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2022.

**Section 10.** The District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the Assessment Methodology Report, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the Assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the Assessments may be divided, which is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

**Section 11.** The Board shall adopt a subsequent resolution to fix a time and place at which the owners of property to be assessed or any other persons interested therein may appear before the Board and be heard as to the propriety and advisability of the Assessments or the making of the Improvements, the cost thereof, the manner of payment therefor, or the amount thereof to be assessed against each property as improved.

**Section 12.** The District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 170.05, Florida Statutes within Brevard County, Florida, and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

**Section 13.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9th day of March, 2022.

**ATTEST:**

**TRANQUILITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** **COMMUNITY**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Engineer's Report (dated March 9, 2022)

**Exhibit B:** Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (dated March 9, 2022)

**Exhibit A**

Engineer's Report (dated March 9, 2022)

## **Exhibit B**

Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (dated March 9, 2022)

## SECTION 4

## **RESOLUTION 2022-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 9, 2022 AT 2:00 PM, AT 2000 S. WASHINGTON AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT ON IMPOSING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTERS 170, 190 AND 197, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the Tranquility Community Development District ("Board") has previously adopted Resolution **2022-14** entitled

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE 2022 ASSESSMENT AREA WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES; DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED ON ASSESSABLE LAND IN THE 2022 ASSESSMENT AREA; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAID BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Resolution 2022-14, a preliminary assessment roll has been prepared and all other conditions precedent set forth in Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to the holding of the aforementioned public hearing have been satisfied, and the roll and related documents are available for public inspection at the offices of the District Manager, 219 East Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 (the "District Manager's Office").

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

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby declared a public hearing to be held at 2000 S. Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, Titusville, FL 32780 on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. for the purpose of hearing comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for assessable improvements as identified in the preliminary assessment roll, a copy of which is on file at the District Manager's Office. Affected parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the meeting to the District Manager's Office.

**SECTION 2.** Notice of said hearing shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper of general circulation within City of Titusville (by two publications one week apart with the last publication at least one week 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 this 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 Manager's Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9th day of March 2022.

Attest:

**TRANQUILITY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of  
Supervisors

## SECTION IX

# SECTION C

**Tranquility**  
Community Development District

**FY22 Funding Request #1**  
**March 9, 2022**

Bill to:

Payee		General Fund FY2022	
1	Funds to open Operating Account	\$	5,000.00
2	Insurance - Fiscal Year 2022	\$	5,000.00
3	Legal Advertising	\$	10,000.00
4	ADA Website Creation	\$	1,750.00
		\$	21,750.00
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 21,750.00</b>

Please make check payable to:

**Tranquility Community Development District**  
6200 Lee Vista Blvd, Suite 300  
Orlando, FL 32822