

*Cypress Bluff
Community Development District*

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Board of Supervisors
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Dear Board Members:

The Cypress Bluff Community Development District Organizational Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at the Duval County Southeast Regional Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida.** Following is the advance agenda for the meeting:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Organizational Matters
 - A. Oath of Office
 - B. Review of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
 - C. Review of Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
 - D. Resolution 2018-01, Election of Officers
- IV. Consideration of Administrative Resolutions
 - A. Appoint District Manager, Resolution 2018-02
 - 1. District Management Agreement
 - B. Appoint District Counsel, Resolution 2018-03
 - 1. District Counsel Agreement
 - C. Designate Registered Agent and Registered Office, Resolution 2018-04
 - D. Designate Local District Records Office, Resolution 2018-05
 - E. Designate Public Comment Period, Resolution 2018-06
- V. Consideration of Organization Resolutions
 - A. Consideration of Travel Reimbursement Policy, Resolution 2018-07
 - B. Consideration of Prompt Payment Policies, Resolution 2018-08
 - C. Consideration of Resolution 2018-09, Setting Forth District Policy for Legal Defense of Board Members and Officers
 - 1. Public Officers Liability Insurance
 - D. Authorizing the Filing of Notice of Establishment, Resolution 2018-10
 - E. Adopt Records Retention Schedule, Resolution 2018-11
 - F. Consideration of Agreement for Retention of Interim Engineer
 - 1. Interim Engineer Proposal
 - 2. Proposals for Improvement Plan and Engineer's Report

- G. Authorize RFQ for District Engineer
- H. Authorizing Chairman to Execute Plats, Permits, and Conveyances, Resolution 2018-12
- I. Consideration of Resolution 2018-13, Authorizing Change Orders
- VI. Designation of Meeting and Hearing Dates Resolutions
 - A. Consideration of Establishment of Audit Committee
 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2018-14, Designating a Date, Time and Location for a Landowners' Meeting
 - C. Designate Regular Meeting Dates, Time and Location, Resolution 2018-15
 - D. Consideration of Resolution 2018-16, Approving the Proposed Budget for FY 2018 for Submission to the County and Set Date, Time, Place for Public Hearings
 - 1. Consideration of Funding Agreement for FY 2018
 - E. Consideration of Resolution 2018-17, Approving the Proposed Budget for FY 2019 for Submission to the County and Set Date, Time, Place for Public Hearings
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 - F. Set Date, Time, and Place and Authorize Publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Rules of Procedure, Resolution 2018-18
 - 1. Discussion Regarding Draft Rules and Notices
 - G. Set Date, Time, and Location and Authorize Publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Uniform Method of Collecting, Resolution 2018-19
- VII. Resolutions Relating to Banking
 - A. Select District Depository, Resolution 2018-20
 - B. Authorize Bank Account Signatories, Resolution 2018-21
 - C. Approve Disbursement for Expenses, Resolution 2018-22
- VIII. Consideration of Funding and Expense Issues
 - A. Funding Request No. 1
- IX. Consideration of Bond Issuance Matters
 - A. Appointment of Financing Team
 - 1. Consideration of Financing Team Funding Agreement
 - 2. Consideration of Appointing Bond Counsel, Resolution 2018-23
 - a. Agreement with Bryant, Miller, Olive
 - 3. Consideration of Appointing Investment Banker, Resolution 2018-24
 - a. Agreement with MBS Capital Markets, LLC
 - 4. Consideration of Assessment Methodology Consultant
 - 5. Consideration of Selection of Trustee
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 - D. Consideration of Resolution 2018-25, Declaring Special Assessments
 - E. Consideration of Resolution 2018-26, Setting Public Hearing Date
 - F. Consideration of Resolution 2018-27, Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds, Approving the Form of an Indenture, and Authorizing the Commencement of Validation Proceedings
- X. Consideration of Resolution 2018-28, Directing Staff to Petition to the City Council of City of Jacksonville, Florida Requesting Consent to the District's Exercise of Special Power
- XI. Staff Reports
 - A. District Counsel
 - B. Interim Engineer
 - C. District Manager
- XII. Supervisor's Requests and Audience Comments

XIII. Next Scheduled Meeting – TBD

XIV. Adjournment

The first section of the agenda is general in nature and you will subscribe to an oath of office. As a Supervisor you are a local public official and as such are subject to financial disclosure requirements, public official's code of ethics and the Sunshine Law. I will distribute at the meeting a financial disclosure form that must be completed and mailed to the Supervisor of Elections in the County in which you reside within 30 days of the organizational meeting. Since a Community Development District may be a new experience for you I am enclosing a copy of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes and the Sunshine Guide.

The fourth order of business is consideration of administrative resolutions. Enclosed are Resolutions 2018-02 through 2018-06 as well as the District Management and District Counsel proposed agreements. The blanks in the Resolutions will be filled in at the conclusion of the appointment of these officers.

The fifth order of business is consideration of organizational resolutions. A copy of the travel reimbursement policy is enclosed for your review and approval with resolution 2018-07. Resolution 2018-08 regarding prompt payment policies is enclosed for your review and approval. Resolution 2018-09 setting forth District policy for legal defense of Board Members and Officers is enclosed for your review and approval. Resolution 2018-10, authorizing the filing of notice of establishment is enclosed for your review. Resolution 2018-11, adopting a records retention schedule is enclosed for your review and approval. The next item is authorization to notice a request for engineering qualifications, which is the first step in the engineering selection process. Resolution 2018-12, authorizing chairman to execute plats, permits, and conveyances is enclosed for your review and approval. Resolution 2018-13 authorizing change orders is also enclosed.

The sixth order of business is designation of future meetings and public hearings. The first item is consideration of establishment of the audit committee. The second item is to designate a date, time and location for a landowners' meeting with resolution 2018-14. Next is designating a regular meeting schedule with resolution 2018-15. The fourth item is approval of Resolution 2018-16, which approves the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 and sets a public hearing date to adopt the budget. This public hearing can be scheduled 60 days after the proposed budgets have been provided to the local government. The Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Developer Funding Agreement is enclosed for your review and approval. Similarly, resolution 2018-17 approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019 is enclosed, as well as the FY19 developer funding agreement. The sixth item is a request to schedule a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Rules and Procedure, a copy of which is enclosed for your review and approval along with resolution 2018-18. The next item is resolution 2018-19 to set a public hearing to express the District's intent to utilize the uniform method of levying, collecting and enforcing non ad valorem assessments that will enable us to place our non ad valorem assessments on the County tax bills.

Enclosed under the seventh order of business are the following documents for review: Resolution 2018-20 to select a district depository, Resolution 2018-21 to authorize bank account signatories, and Resolution 2018-22 to approve disbursement for expenses.

The eighth order of business is consideration of funding and expense issues. A copy of Funding Request No. 1 is enclosed for your review.

The ninth order of business is consideration of bond issuance matters. The first item is appointment of financing team. Enclosed for your review and approval is the financing team funding agreement, Resolution 2018-23, appointing Bond Counsel (Bond Counsel agreement will be provided separately), and Resolution 2018-24, appointing an Investment Banker (Investment Banker's agreement will be provided separately). The second item is consideration of Engineer's Report, which will be provided under separate cover. The third item is consideration of Assessment Methodology, which also will be distributed under separate cover. The fourth item is consideration of Resolution 2018-25, declaring special assessments. The fifth item is consideration of Resolution 2018-26 setting a public hearing date. The last item is Resolution 2018-27, authorizing the issuance of bonds, approving the form of an Indenture and authorizing the commencement of validation proceedings. 2018-25 through 2018-27 will be distributed under separate cover.

Lastly, enclosed under the tenth order of business is consideration of resolution 2018-28, directing staff to petition to the City Council of City of Jacksonville, Florida requesting consent to the District's exercise of special powers.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (904) 940-5850.

Sincerely,

James Perry

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On behalf of the
Cypress Bluff Community
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AGENDA

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THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

B.

The Florida Senate

2017 Florida Statutes

<u>Title XIII</u>	Chapter 190
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

CHAPTER 190

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

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190.001 Short title.— This act may be cited as the “Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980.”

History.—s. 2, ch. 80-407.

190.002 Legislative findings, policies, and intent.—

(1) The Legislature finds that:

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

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

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

(2) It is the policy of this state:

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

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

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

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

(3) It is the legislative intent and purpose, based upon, and consistent with, its findings of fact and declarations of policy, to authorize a uniform procedure by general law to establish an independent special district as an alternative method to manage and finance basic services for community development. It is further the legislative intent and purpose to provide by general law for the uniform operation, exercise of power, and procedure for termination of any such independent district. It is further the purpose and intent of the Legislature that a district created under this chapter not have or exercise any zoning or development permitting power, that the establishment of the independent community development district as provided in this act not be a development order within the meaning of chapter 380, and that all applicable planning and permitting laws, rules, regulations, and policies control the development of the land to be serviced by the district. It is further the purpose and intent of the Legislature that no debt or obligation of a district constitute a burden on any local general-purpose government without its consent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

by this act have been given by law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) The cost of improvements.

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

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

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

(g) Financing charges.

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

(i) Working capital.

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

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

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

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

(n) Administrative expenses.

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

(p) Payments, contributions, dedications, fair share or concurrency obligations, and any other exactions required as a condition to receive any government approval or permit necessary to accomplish any district purpose.

(9) “District” means the community development district.

(10) “District manager” means the manager of the district.

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

(12) “Elector” means a landowner or qualified elector.

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

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

- (15) “Local general-purpose government” means a county, municipality, or consolidated city-county government.
- (16) “Project” means any development, improvement, property, utility, facility, works, enterprise, or service now existing or hereafter undertaken or established under the provisions of this act.
- (17) “Qualified elector” means any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida and of the district, and who registers to vote with the supervisor of elections in the county in which the district land is located.
- (18) “Refunding bonds” means bonds issued to refinance outstanding bonds of any type and the interest and redemption premium thereon. Refunding bonds shall be issuable and payable in the same manner as the refinanced bonds, except that no approval by the electorate shall be required unless required by the State Constitution.
- (19) “Revenue bonds” means obligations of the district which are payable from revenues derived from sources other than ad valorem taxes on real or tangible personal property and which do not pledge the property, credit, or general tax revenue of the district.
- (20) “Sewer system” means any plant, system, facility, or property, and additions, extensions, and improvements thereto at any future time constructed or acquired as part thereof, useful or necessary or having the present capacity for future use in connection with the collection, treatment, purification, or disposal of sewage, including, without limitation, industrial wastes resulting from any process of industry, manufacture, trade, or business or from the development of any natural resource. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term “sewer system” includes treatment plants, pumping stations, lift stations, valves, force mains, intercepting sewers, laterals, pressure lines, mains, and all necessary appurtenances and equipment; all sewer mains, laterals, and other devices for the reception and collection of sewage from premises connected therewith; and all real and personal property and any interest therein, rights, easements, and franchises of any nature relating to any such system and necessary or convenient for operation thereof.
- (21) “Water management and control facilities” means any lakes, canals, ditches, reservoirs, dams, levees, sluiceways, floodways, curbs, gutters, pumping stations, or any other works, structures, or facilities for the conservation, control, development, utilization, and disposal of water, and any purposes appurtenant, necessary, or incidental thereto. The term “water management and control facilities” includes all real and personal property and any interest therein, rights, easements, and franchises of any nature relating to any such water management and control facilities or necessary or convenient for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, operation, or maintenance thereof.
- (22) “Water system” means any plant, system, facility, or property and additions, extensions, and improvements thereto at any future time constructed or acquired as part thereof, useful or necessary or having the present capacity for future use in connection with the development of sources, treatment, or purification and distribution of water. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term “water system” includes dams, reservoirs, storage, tanks, mains, lines, valves, hydrants, pumping stations, chilled water distribution systems, laterals, and pipes for the purpose of carrying water to the premises connected with such system, and all rights, easements, and franchises of any nature relating to any such system and necessary or convenient for the operation thereof.

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

190.004 Preemption; sole authority.—

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

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

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

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

190.005 Establishment of district.—

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

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

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

2. The written consent to the establishment of the district by all landowners whose real property is to be included in the district or documentation demonstrating that the petitioner has control by deed, trust agreement, contract, or option of 100 percent of the real property to be included in the district, and when real property to be included in the district is owned by a governmental entity and subject to a ground lease as described in s. 190.003(14), the written consent by such governmental entity.

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

4. The proposed name of the district.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

notices only in the county where the majority of the acreage within the district lies.

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

(d) A local public hearing on the petition shall be conducted by a hearing officer in conformance with the applicable requirements and procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act. The hearing shall include oral and written comments on the petition pertinent to the factors specified in paragraph (e). The hearing shall be held at an accessible location in the county in which the community development district is to be located. The petitioner shall cause a notice of the hearing to be published in a newspaper at least once a week for the 4 successive weeks immediately prior to the hearing. 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. The advertisement shall not be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county and of general interest and readership in the community, not one of limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. Whenever possible, the advertisement shall appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week, unless the only newspaper in the community is published fewer than 5 days a week. In addition to being published in the newspaper, the map referenced above must be part of the online advertisement required 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(14) 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 shall 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(14), 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.

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.

(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.

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 or s. 380.061 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.

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.

(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. The district may merge with any other special districts upon filing a petition for establishment of a community development 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 shall not be 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 the 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.

(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.

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.

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I. HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S ETHICS LAWS

Florida has been a leader among the states in establishing ethics standards for public officials and recognizing the right of citizens to protect the public trust against abuse. Our state Constitution was revised in 1968 to require a code of ethics, prescribed by law, for all state employees and non-judicial officers prohibiting conflict between public duty and private interests.

Florida's first successful constitutional initiative resulted in the adoption of the Sunshine Amendment in 1976, providing additional constitutional guarantees concerning ethics in government. In the area of enforcement, the Sunshine Amendment requires that there be an independent commission (the Commission on Ethics) to investigate complaints concerning breaches of public trust by public officers and employees other than judges.

The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees is found in Chapter 112 (Part III) of the Florida Statutes. Foremost among the goals of the Code is to promote the public interest and maintain the respect of the people for their government. The Code is also intended to ensure that public officials conduct themselves independently and impartially, not using their offices for private gain other than compensation provided by law. While seeking to protect the integrity of government, the Code also seeks to avoid the creation of unnecessary barriers to public service.

Criminal penalties, which initially applied to violations of the Code, were eliminated in 1974 in favor of administrative enforcement. The Legislature created the Commission on Ethics that year "to serve as guardian of the standards of conduct" for public officials, state and local. Five of the Commission's nine members are appointed by the Governor, and two each are appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives. No more than five Commission members may be members of the same political party, and none may be lobbyists, or hold any public employment during their two-year terms of office. A chair is selected from among the members to serve a one-year term and may not succeed himself or herself.

II. ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In addition to its constitutional duties regarding the investigation of complaints, the Commission:

- Renders advisory opinions to public officials;
- Prescribes forms for public disclosure;
- Prepares mailing lists of public officials subject to financial disclosure for use by Supervisors of Elections and the Commission in distributing forms and notifying delinquent filers;
- Makes recommendations to disciplinary officials when appropriate for violations of ethics and disclosure laws, since it does not impose penalties;

- Administers the Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Law;
- Maintains financial disclosure filings of constitutional officers and state officers and employees; and,
- Administers automatic fines for public officers and employees who fail to timely file required annual financial disclosure.

III. THE ETHICS LAWS

The ethics laws generally consist of two types of provisions, those prohibiting certain actions or conduct and those requiring that certain disclosures be made to the public. The following descriptions of these laws have been simplified in an effort to provide notice of their requirements. Therefore, we suggest that you also review the wording of the actual law. Citations to the appropriate laws are in brackets.

The laws summarized below apply generally to all public officers and employees, state and local, including members of advisory bodies. The principal exception to this broad coverage is the exclusion of judges, as they fall within the jurisdiction of the Judicial Qualifications Commission.

Public Service Commission (PSC) members and employees, as well as members of the PSC Nominating Council, are subject to additional ethics standards that are enforced by the Commission on Ethics under Chapter 350, Florida Statutes. Further, members of the governing boards of charter schools are subject to some of the provisions of the Code of Ethics [Sec. 1002.33(26), Fla. Stat.], as are the officers, directors, chief executive officers and some employees of business entities that serve as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.].

A. PROHIBITED ACTIONS OR CONDUCT

1. *Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts*

Public officers, employees, local government attorneys, and candidates are prohibited from soliciting or accepting anything of value, such as a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service that is based on an understanding that their vote, official action, or judgment would be influenced by such gift. [Sec. 112.313(2), Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file financial disclosure FORM 1 or FORM 6 (see Part III F of this brochure), and state procurement employees, are prohibited from **soliciting** any gift from a political committee, lobbyist who has lobbied the official or his or her agency within the past 12 months, or the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist or from a vendor doing business with the official's agency. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and state procurement employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly **accepting** a gift worth more than \$100 from such a lobbyist, from a partner, firm, employer, or principal of the lobbyist, or from a political committee or vendor doing business with their agency. [Sec.112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

However, effective in 2006 and notwithstanding Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Typically, this would include gifts valued at less than \$100 that formerly were permitted under Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

Also, effective May 1, 2013, persons required to file Form 1 or Form 6, and state procurement employees and members of their immediate families, are prohibited from accepting any gift from a political committee. [Sec. 112.31485, Fla. Stat.]

2. Unauthorized Compensation

Public officers or employees, local government attorneys, and their spouses and minor children are prohibited from accepting any compensation, payment, or thing of value when they know, or with the exercise of reasonable care should know, that it is given to influence a vote or other official action. [Sec. 112.313(4), Fla. Stat.]

3. Misuse of Public Position

Public officers and employees, and local government attorneys are prohibited from corruptly using or attempting to use their official positions or the resources thereof to obtain a special privilege or benefit for themselves or others. [Sec. 112.313(6), Fla. Stat.]

4. Disclosure or Use of Certain Information

Public officers and employees and local government attorneys are prohibited from disclosing or using information not available to the public and obtained by reason of their public position, for the personal benefit of themselves or others. [Sec. 112.313(8), Fla. Stat.]

5. *Solicitation or Acceptance of Honoraria*

Persons required to file financial disclosure FORM 1 or FORM 6 (see Part III F of this brochure), and state procurement employees, are prohibited from **soliciting** honoraria related to their public offices or duties. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

Persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and state procurement employees, are prohibited from knowingly **accepting** an honorarium from a political committee, lobbyist who has lobbied the person's agency within the past 12 months, or the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist, or from a vendor doing business with the official's agency. However, they may accept the payment of expenses related to an honorarium event from such individuals or entities, provided that the expenses are disclosed. See Part III F of this brochure. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

Lobbyists and their partners, firms, employers, and principals, as well as political committees and vendors, are prohibited from **giving** an honorarium to persons required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6 and to state procurement employees. Violations of this law may result in fines of up to \$5,000 and prohibitions against lobbying for up to two years. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch or legislative lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] This may include honorarium event related expenses that formerly were permitted under Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

B. PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

1. *Doing Business With One's Agency*

(a) A public employee acting as a purchasing agent, or public officer acting in an official capacity, is prohibited from purchasing, renting, or leasing any realty, goods, or services for his or her agency from a business entity in which the officer or employee or his or her spouse or child owns more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

(b) A public officer or employee, acting in a private capacity, also is prohibited from renting, leasing, or selling any realty, goods, or services to his or her own agency if the officer or employee is a state officer or employee, or, if he or she is an officer or employee of a political subdivision, to that subdivision or any of its agencies. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

2. *Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship*

(a) A public officer or employee is prohibited from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]

(b) A public officer or employee also is prohibited from holding any employment or having a contractual relationship which will pose a frequently recurring conflict between the official's private interests and public duties or which will impede the full and faithful discharge of the official's public duties. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]

(c) Limited exceptions to this prohibition have been created in the law for legislative bodies, certain special tax districts, drainage districts, and persons whose professions or occupations qualify them to hold their public positions. [Sec. 112.313(7)(a) and (b), Fla. Stat.]

3. *Exemptions—Pursuant to Sec. 112.313(12), Fla. Stat., the prohibitions against doing business with one's agency and having conflicting employment may not apply:*

(a) When the business is rotated among all qualified suppliers in a city or county.

(b) When the business is awarded by sealed, competitive bidding and neither the official nor his or her spouse or child have attempted to persuade agency personnel to enter the contract. NOTE: Disclosure of the interest of the official, spouse, or child and the nature of the business must be filed prior to or at the time of submission of the bid on Commission FORM 3A with the Commission on Ethics or Supervisor of Elections, depending on whether the official serves at the state or local level.

(c) When the purchase or sale is for legal advertising, utilities service, or for passage on a common carrier.

(d) When an emergency purchase must be made to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

(e) When the business entity is the only source of supply within the political subdivision and there is full disclosure of the official's interest to the governing body on Commission FORM 4A.

(f) When the aggregate of any such transactions does not exceed \$500 in a calendar year.

(g) When the business transacted is the deposit of agency funds in a bank of which a county, city, or district official is an officer, director, or stockholder, so long as agency records show that the governing body has determined that the member did not favor his or her bank over other qualified banks.

(h) When the prohibitions are waived in the case of ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS by the appointing person or by a two-thirds vote of the appointing body (after disclosure on Commission FORM 4A).

(i) When the public officer or employee purchases in a private capacity goods or services, at a price and upon terms available to similarly situated members of the general public, from a business entity which is doing business with his or her agency.

(j) When the public officer or employee in a private capacity purchases goods or services from a business entity which is subject to the regulation of his or her agency where the price and terms of the transaction are available to similarly situated members of the general public and the officer or employee makes full disclosure of the relationship to the agency head or governing body prior to the transaction.

4. Additional Exemptions

No elected public officer is in violation of the conflicting employment prohibition when employed by a tax exempt organization contracting with his or her agency so long as the officer is not directly or indirectly compensated as a result of the contract, does not participate in any way in the decision to enter into the contract, abstains from voting on any matter involving the employer, and makes certain disclosures. [Sec. 112.313(15), Fla. Stat.] A qualified blind trust established pursuant to Sec. 112.31425, Fla. Stat., may afford an official protection from conflicts of interest arising from assets placed in the trust.

5. Legislators Lobbying State Agencies

A member of the Legislature is prohibited from representing another person or entity for compensation during his or her term of office before any state agency other than judicial tribunals. [Art. II, Sec. 8(e), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.]

6. Employees Holding Office

A public employee is prohibited from being a member of the governing body which serves as his or her employer. [Sec. 112.313(10), Fla. Stat.]

7. Professional and Occupational Licensing Board Members

An officer, director, or administrator of a state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association, while holding such position, may not serve as a member of a state examining or licensing board for the profession or occupation. [Sec. 112.313(11), Fla. Stat.]

8. *Contractual Services: Prohibited Employment*

A state employee of the executive or judicial branch who participates in the decision-making process involving a purchase request, who influences the content of any specification or procurement standard, or who renders advice, investigation, or auditing, regarding his or her agency's contract for services, is prohibited from being employed with a person holding such a contract with his or her agency. [Sec. 112.3185(2), Fla. Stat.]

9. *Local Government Attorneys*

Local government attorneys, such as the city attorney or county attorney, and their law firms are prohibited from representing private individuals and entities before the unit of local government which they serve. A local government attorney cannot recommend or otherwise refer to his or her firm legal work involving the local government unit unless the attorney's contract authorizes or mandates the use of that firm. [Sec. 112.313(16), Fla. Stat.]

10. *Dual Public Employment*

Candidates and elected officers are prohibited from accepting public employment if they know or should know it is being offered for the purpose of influence. Further, public employment may not be accepted unless the position was already in existence or was created without the anticipation of the official's interest, was publicly advertised, and the officer had to meet the same qualifications and go through the same hiring process as other applicants. For elected public officers already holding public employment, no promotion given for the purpose of influence may be accepted, nor may promotions that are inconsistent with those given other similarly situated employees. [Sec. 112.3125, Fla. Stat.]

C. RESTRICTIONS ON APPOINTING, EMPLOYING, AND CONTRACTING WITH RELATIVES

1. *Anti-Nepotism Law*

A public official is prohibited from seeking for a relative any appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement in the agency in which he or she is serving or over which the official exercises jurisdiction or control. No person may be appointed, employed, promoted, or advanced in or to a position in an agency if such action has been advocated by a related public official who is serving in or exercising jurisdiction or control over the agency; this includes relatives of members of collegial government bodies. NOTE: This prohibition does not apply to school districts (except as provided in Sec. 1012.23, Fla. Stat.), community colleges and state universities, or to appointments of boards, other than those with land-planning or zoning responsibilities, in municipalities of fewer than 35,000 residents. Also, the approval of budgets does not constitute "jurisdiction or control" for the purposes

of this prohibition. This provision does not apply to volunteer emergency medical, firefighting, or police service providers. [Sec. 112.3135, Fla. Stat.]

2. Additional Restrictions

A state employee of the executive or judicial branch or the PSC is prohibited from directly or indirectly procuring contractual services for his or her agency from a business entity of which a relative is an officer, partner, director, or proprietor, or in which the employee, or his or her spouse, or children own more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.3185(6), Fla. Stat.]

D. POST OFFICE HOLDING AND EMPLOYMENT (REVOLVING DOOR) RESTRICTIONS

1. Lobbying by Former Legislators, Statewide Elected Officers, and Appointed State Officers

A member of the Legislature or a statewide elected or appointed state official is prohibited for two years following vacation of office from representing another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member. Former members of the Legislature are also prohibited for two years from lobbying the executive branch. [Art. II, Sec. 8(e), Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.]

2. Lobbying by Former State Employees

Certain employees of the executive and legislative branches of state government are prohibited from personally representing another person or entity for compensation before the agency with which they were employed for a period of two years after leaving their positions, unless employed by another agency of state government. [Sec. 112.313(9), Fla. Stat.] These employees include the following:

- (a) Executive and legislative branch employees serving in the Senior Management Service and Selected Exempt Service, as well as any person employed by the Department of the Lottery having authority over policy or procurement.

- (b) Persons serving in the following position classifications: the Auditor General; the director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA); the Sergeant at Arms and Secretary of the Senate; the Sergeant at Arms and Clerk of the House of Representatives; the executive director and deputy executive director of the Commission on Ethics; an executive director, staff director, or deputy staff director of each joint committee, standing committee, or select committee of the Legislature; an executive director, staff director, executive assistant, legislative analyst, or attorney serving in the Office of the President of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Party Office, the Senate Minority Party Office, the

House Majority Party Office, or the House Minority Party Office; the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the State University System; the general counsel to the Board of Regents; the president, vice presidents, and deans of each state university; any person hired on a contractual basis and having the power normally conferred upon such persons, by whatever title; and any person having the power normally conferred upon the above positions.

This prohibition does not apply to a person who was employed by the Legislature or other agency prior to July 1, 1989; who was a defined employee of the State University System or the Public Service Commission who held such employment on December 31, 1994; or who reached normal retirement age and retired by July 1, 1991. It does apply to OPS employees.

PENALTIES: Persons found in violation of this section are subject to the penalties contained in the Code (see PENALTIES, Part V) as well as a civil penalty in an amount equal to the compensation which the person received for the prohibited conduct. [Sec. 112.313(9)(a)5, Fla. Stat.]

3. Additional Restrictions on Former State Employees

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee is prohibited from having employment or a contractual relationship, at any time after retirement or termination of employment, with any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract in which the employee participated personally and substantially by recommendation or decision while a public employee. [Sec. 112.3185(3), Fla. Stat.]

A former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee who has retired or terminated employment is prohibited from having any employment or contractual relationship for two years with any business entity (other than a public agency) in connection with a contract for services which was within his or her responsibility while serving as a state employee. [Sec.112.3185(4), Fla. Stat.]

Unless waived by the agency head, a former executive or judicial branch employee or PSC employee may not be paid more for contractual services provided by him or her to the former agency during the first year after leaving the agency than his or her annual salary before leaving. [Sec. 112.3185(5), Fla. Stat.]

These prohibitions do not apply to PSC employees who were so employed on or before Dec. 31, 1994.

4. Lobbying by Former Local Government Officers and Employees

A person elected to county, municipal, school district, or special district office is prohibited from representing another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of

which he or she was an officer for two years after leaving office. Appointed officers and employees of counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts may be subject to a similar restriction by local ordinance or resolution. [Sec. 112.313(13) and (14), Fla. Stat.]

E. VOTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

State public officers are prohibited from voting in an official capacity on any measure which they know would inure to their own special private gain or loss. A state public officer who abstains, or who votes on a measure which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate, must make every reasonable effort to file a memorandum of voting conflict with the recording secretary in advance of the vote. If that is not possible, it must be filed within 15 days after the vote occurs. The memorandum must disclose the nature of the officer's interest in the matter.

No county, municipal, or other local public officer shall vote in an official capacity upon any measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss, or which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate. The officer must publicly announce the nature of his or her interest before the vote and must file a memorandum of voting conflict on Commission Form 8B with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days after the vote occurs disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter. However, members of community redevelopment agencies and district officers elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not required to abstain when voting in that capacity.

No appointed state or local officer shall participate in any matter which would inure to the officer's special private gain or loss, the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained, of the parent organization or subsidiary or sibling of a corporate principal by which he or she is retained, of a relative, or of a business associate, without first disclosing the nature of his or her interest in the matter. The memorandum of voting conflict (Commission Form 8A or 8B) must be filed with the meeting's recording officer, be provided to the other members of the agency, and be read publicly at the next meeting.

If the conflict is unknown or not disclosed prior to the meeting, the appointed official must orally disclose the conflict at the meeting when the conflict becomes known. Also, a written memorandum of voting conflict must be filed with the meeting's recording officer within 15 days of the disclosure being made and must be provided to the other members of the agency, with the disclosure being read publicly at the next scheduled meeting. [Sec. 112.3143, Fla. Stat.]

A qualified blind trust established pursuant to Sec. 112.31425, Fla. Stat., may afford an official protection from voting conflicts of interest arising from assets placed in the trust.

F. DISCLOSURES

Conflicts of interest may occur when public officials are in a position to make decisions that affect their personal financial interests. This is why public officers and employees, as well as candidates who run for public office, are required to publicly disclose their financial interests. The disclosure process serves to remind officials of their obligation to put the public interest above personal considerations. It also helps citizens to monitor the considerations of those who spend their tax dollars and participate in public policy decisions or administration.

All public officials and candidates do not file the same degree of disclosure; nor do they all file at the same time or place. Thus, care must be taken to determine which disclosure forms a particular official or candidate is required to file.

The following forms are described below to set forth the requirements of the various disclosures and the steps for correctly providing the information in a timely manner.

1. FORM 1 - Limited Financial Disclosure

Who Must File:

Persons required to file FORM 1 include all state officers, local officers, candidates for local elective office, and specified state employees as defined below (other than those officers who are required by law to file FORM 6).

STATE OFFICERS include:

- 1) Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
- 2) Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding members of solely advisory bodies; but including judicial nominating commission members; directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and CareerSource Florida, and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association, board members of the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission, and members of the board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.;

members of the board of Florida is for Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.

3) The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, local boards of trustees and presidents of state universities, and members of the Florida Prepaid College Board.

LOCAL OFFICERS include:

1) Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.

2) Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of any county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; a community college or junior college district board of trustees; a board having the power to enforce local code provisions; a planning or zoning board, board of adjustments or appeals, community redevelopment agency board, or other board having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within the political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; a pension board or retirement board empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or to determine entitlement to or amount of a pension or other retirement benefit.

3) Any other appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.

4) Persons holding any of these positions in local government: mayor; county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$20,000 for the local governmental unit.

5) Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.

6) The officers, directors, and chief executive officer of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that is serving as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision, and any business entity employee who is acting as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of the political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.]

SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE includes:

1) Employees in the Office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.

2) The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: secretary or state surgeon general, assistant or deputy secretary, executive director, assistant or deputy executive director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

3) The following positions in each state department or division: director, assistant or deputy director, bureau chief, assistant bureau chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

4) Assistant state attorneys, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, public counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.

5) The superintendent or director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.

6) State agency business managers, finance and accounting directors, personnel officers, grant coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$20,000.

7) The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.

What Must Be Disclosed:

FORM 1 requirements are set forth fully on the form. In general, this includes the reporting person's sources and types of financial interests, such as the names of employers and addresses of real property holdings. NO DOLLAR VALUES ARE REQUIRED TO BE LISTED. In addition, the form requires the

disclosure of certain relationships with, and ownership interests in, specified types of businesses such as banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, and utility companies.

When to File:

CANDIDATES for elected local office must file FORM 1 together with and at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

STATE and LOCAL OFFICERS and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES are required to file disclosure by July 1 of each year. They also must file within thirty days from the date of appointment or the beginning of employment. Those appointees requiring Senate confirmation must file prior to confirmation.

Where to File:

Each LOCAL OFFICER files FORM 1 with the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which he or she permanently resides.

A STATE OFFICER or SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE files with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

2. FORM 1F - Final Form 1 Limited Financial Disclosure

FORM 1F is the disclosure form required to be filed within 60 days after a public officer or employee required to file FORM 1 leaves his or her public position. The form covers the disclosure period between January 1 and the last day of office or employment within that year.

3. FORM 2 - Quarterly Client Disclosure

The state officers, local officers, and specified state employees listed above, as well as elected constitutional officers, must file a FORM 2 if they or a partner or associate of their professional firm represent a client for compensation before an agency at their level of government.

A FORM 2 disclosure includes the names of clients represented by the reporting person or by any partner or associate of his or her professional firm for a fee or commission before agencies at the reporting person's level of government. Such representations do not include appearances in ministerial matters, appearances before judges of compensation claims, or representations on behalf of one's agency in one's official capacity. Nor does the term include the preparation and filing of forms and applications merely for the purpose of obtaining or transferring a license, so long as the issuance of the license does not require a variance, special consideration, or a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

When to File:

This disclosure should be filed quarterly, by the end of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter during which a reportable representation was made. FORM 2 need not be filed merely to indicate that no reportable representations occurred during the preceding quarter; it should be filed ONLY when reportable representations were made during the quarter.

Where To File:

LOCAL OFFICERS file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside.

STATE OFFICERS and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES file with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145(4), Fla. Stat.]

4. *FORM 6 - Full and Public Disclosure*

Who Must File:

Persons required by law to file FORM 6 include all elected constitutional officers and candidates for such office; the mayor and members of the city council and candidates for these offices in Jacksonville; the Duval County Superintendent of Schools; judges of compensation claims (pursuant to Sec. 440.442, Fla. Stat.); members of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Board and members of expressway authorities, transportation authorities (except the Jacksonville Transportation Authority), bridge authority, or toll authorities created pursuant to Ch. 348 or 343, or 349, or other general law.

What Must be Disclosed:

FORM 6 is a detailed disclosure of assets, liabilities, and sources of income over \$1,000 and their values, as well as net worth. Officials may opt to file their most recent income tax return in lieu of listing sources of income but still must disclose their assets, liabilities, and net worth. In addition, the form requires the disclosure of certain relationships with, and ownership interests in, specified types of businesses such as banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, and utility companies.

When and Where To File:

Incumbent officials must file FORM 6 annually by July 1 with the Commission on Ethics. CANDIDATES must file with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

5. *FORM 6F - Final Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure*

This is the disclosure form required to be filed within 60 days after a public officer or employee required to file FORM 6 leaves his or her public position. The form covers the disclosure period between January 1 and the last day of office or employment within that year.

6. *FORM 9 - Quarterly Gift Disclosure*

Each person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and each state procurement employee, must file a FORM 9, Quarterly Gift Disclosure, with the Commission on Ethics on the last day of any calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which he or she received a gift worth more than \$100, other than gifts from relatives, gifts prohibited from being accepted, gifts primarily associated with his or her business or employment, and gifts otherwise required to be disclosed. FORM 9 NEED NOT BE FILED if no such gift was received during the calendar quarter.

Information to be disclosed includes a description of the gift and its value, the name and address of the donor, the date of the gift, and a copy of any receipt for the gift provided by the donor. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

7. *FORM 10 - Annual Disclosure of Gifts from Government Agencies and Direct-Support Organizations and Honorarium Event Related Expenses*

State government entities, airport authorities, counties, municipalities, school boards, water management districts, and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, may give a gift worth more than \$100 to a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and to state procurement employees, if a public purpose can be shown for the gift. Also, a direct-support organization for a governmental entity may give such a gift to a person who is an officer or employee of that entity. These gifts are to be reported on FORM 10, to be filed by July 1.

The governmental entity or direct-support organization giving the gift must provide the officer or employee with a statement about the gift no later than March 1 of the following year. The officer or employee then must disclose this information by filing a statement by July 1 with his or her annual financial disclosure that describes the gift and lists the donor, the date of the gift, and the value of the total gifts provided during the calendar year. State procurement employees file their statements with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat.]

In addition, a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, or a state procurement employee, who receives expenses or payment of expenses related to an honorarium event from someone who is prohibited from giving him or her an honorarium, must disclose annually the name, address, and affiliation of the donor, the amount of the expenses, the date of the event, a description of the

expenses paid or provided, and the total value of the expenses on FORM 10. The donor paying the expenses must provide the officer or employee with a statement about the expenses within 60 days of the honorarium event.

The disclosure must be filed by July 1, for expenses received during the previous calendar year, with the officer's or employee's FORM 1 or FORM 6. State procurement employees file their statements with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat.]

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3149, Fla. Stat., no executive branch or legislative lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. This may include gifts or honorarium event related expenses that formerly were permitted under Sections 112.3148 and 112.3149. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Similar prohibitions apply to legislative officials and employees. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.] In addition, gifts, which include anything not primarily related to political activities authorized under ch. 106, are prohibited from political committees. [Sec. 112.31485 Fla. Stat.]

8. FORM 30 - Donor's Quarterly Gift Disclosure

As mentioned above, the following persons and entities generally are prohibited from giving a gift worth more than \$100 to a reporting individual (a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6) or to a state procurement employee: a political committee; a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency, and the partner, firm, employer, or principal of such a lobbyist; and vendors. If such person or entity makes a gift worth between \$25 and \$100 to a reporting individual or state procurement employee (that is not accepted in behalf of a governmental entity or charitable organization), the gift should be reported on FORM 30. The donor also must notify the recipient at the time the gift is made that it will be reported.

The FORM 30 should be filed by the last day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the gift was made. If the gift was made to an individual in the legislative branch, FORM 30 should be filed with the Lobbyist Registrar. [See page 35 for address.] If the gift was to any other reporting individual or state procurement employee, FORM 30 should be filed with the Commission on Ethics.

However, notwithstanding Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no executive branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. This may include gifts that formerly were permitted under Section 112.3148. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Similar prohibitions apply to legislative officials and employees. However, these laws are not administered

by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.] In addition, gifts from political committees are prohibited. [Sec. 112.31485, Fla. Stat.]

9. *FORM 1X AND FORM 6X - Amendments to Form 1 and Form 6*

These forms are provided for officers or employees to amend their previously filed Form 1 or Form 6.

IV. AVAILABILITY OF FORMS

LOCAL OFFICERS and EMPLOYEES who must file FORM 1 annually will be sent the form by mail from the Supervisor of Elections in the county in which they permanently reside not later than JUNE 1 of each year. Newly elected and appointed officials or employees should contact the heads of their agencies for copies of the form or download it from www.ethics.state.fl.us, as should those persons who are required to file their final disclosure statements within 60 days of leaving office or employment.

ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, OTHER STATE OFFICERS, and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES who must file annually FORM 1 or 6 will be sent these forms by mail from the Commission on Ethics by JUNE 1 of each year. Newly elected and appointed officers and employees should contact the heads of their agencies or the Commission on Ethics for copies of the form or download it from www.ethics.state.fl.us, as should those persons who are required to file their final disclosure statements within 60 days of leaving office or employment.

Any person needing one or more of the other forms described here may also obtain them from a Supervisor of Elections or from the Commission on Ethics, P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709. They are also available on the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us.

V. PENALTIES

A. Non-criminal Penalties for Violation of the Sunshine Amendment and the Code of Ethics

There are no criminal penalties for violation of the Sunshine Amendment and the Code of Ethics. Penalties for violation of these laws may include: impeachment, removal from office or employment, suspension, public censure, reprimand, demotion, reduction in salary level, forfeiture of no more than one-third salary per month for no more than twelve months, a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000, and restitution of any pecuniary benefits received, and triple the value of a gift from a political committee.

B. Penalties for Candidates

CANDIDATES for public office who are found in violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics may be subject to one or more of the following penalties: disqualification from being on the

ballot, public censure, reprimand, or a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000, and triple the value of a gift received from a political committee.

C. Penalties for Former Officers and Employees

FORMER PUBLIC OFFICERS or EMPLOYEES who are found in violation of a provision applicable to former officers or employees or whose violation occurred prior to such officer's or employee's leaving public office or employment may be subject to one or more of the following penalties: public censure and reprimand, a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000, and restitution of any pecuniary benefits received, and triple the value of a gift received from a political committee.

D. Penalties for Lobbyists and Others

An executive branch lobbyist who has failed to comply with the Executive Branch Lobbying Registration law (see Part VIII) may be fined up to \$5,000, reprimanded, censured, or prohibited from lobbying executive branch agencies for up to two years. Lobbyists, their employers, principals, partners, and firms, and political committees and committees of continuous existence who give a prohibited gift or honorarium or fail to comply with the gift reporting requirements for gifts worth between \$25 and \$100, may be penalized by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and a prohibition on lobbying, or employing a lobbyist to lobby, before the agency of the public officer or employee to whom the gift was given for up to two years. Any agent or person acting on behalf of a political committee giving a prohibited gift is personally liable for a civil penalty of up to triple the value of the gift.

Executive Branch lobbying firms that fail to timely file their quarterly compensation reports may be fined \$50 per day per principal for each day the report is late, up to a maximum fine of \$5,000 per report.

E. Felony Convictions: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits

Public officers and employees are subject to forfeiture of all rights and benefits under the retirement system to which they belong if convicted of certain offenses. The offenses include embezzlement or theft of public funds; bribery; felonies specified in Chapter 838, Florida Statutes; impeachable offenses; and felonies committed with intent to defraud the public or their public agency. [Sec. 112.3173, Fla. Stat.]

F. Automatic Penalties for Failure to File Annual Disclosure

Public officers and employees required to file either Form 1 or Form 6 annual financial disclosure are subject to automatic fines of \$25 for each day late the form is filed after September 1, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. [Sec. 112.3144 and 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

VI. ADVISORY OPINIONS

Conflicts of interest may be avoided by greater awareness of the ethics laws on the part of public officials and employees through advisory assistance from the Commission on Ethics.

A. Who Can Request an Opinion

Any public officer, candidate for public office, or public employee in Florida who is in doubt about the applicability of the standards of conduct or disclosure laws to himself or herself, or anyone who has the power to hire or terminate another public employee, may seek an advisory opinion from the Commission about himself or herself or that employee.

B. How to Request an Opinion

Opinions may be requested by letter presenting a question based on a real situation and including a detailed description of the situation. Opinions are issued by the Commission and are binding on the conduct of the person who is the subject of the opinion, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request for the opinion. Published opinions will not bear the name of the persons involved unless they consent to the use of their names; however, the request and all information pertaining to it is a public record, made available to the Commission and to members of the public in advance of the Commission's consideration of the question.

C. How to Obtain Published Opinions

All of the Commission's opinions are available for viewing or download at its website: www.ethics.state.fl.us.

VII. COMPLAINTS

A. Citizen Involvement

The Commission on Ethics cannot conduct investigations of alleged violations of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics unless a person files a sworn complaint with the Commission alleging such violation has occurred, or a referral is received, as discussed below.

If you have knowledge that a person in government has violated the standards of conduct or disclosure laws described above, you may report these violations to the Commission by filing a sworn complaint on the form prescribed by the Commission and available for download at www.ethics.state.fl.us. The Commission is unable to take action based on learning of such misdeeds through newspaper reports, telephone calls, or letters.

You can obtain a complaint form (FORM 50), by contacting the Commission office at the address or phone number shown on the inside front cover of this booklet, or you can download it from the Commission's website:
www.ethics.state.fl.us.

B. Referrals

The Commission may accept referrals from: the Governor, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, a State Attorney, or a U.S. Attorney. A vote of six of the Commission's nine members is required to proceed on such a referral.

C. Confidentiality

The complaint or referral, as well as all proceedings and records relating thereto, is confidential until the accused requests that such records be made public or until the matter reaches a stage in the Commission's proceedings where it becomes public. This means that unless the Commission receives a written waiver of confidentiality from the accused, the Commission is not free to release any documents or to comment on a complaint or referral to members of the public or press, so long as the complaint or referral remains in a confidential stage.

A COMPLAINT OR REFERRAL MAY NOT BE FILED WITH RESPECT TO A CANDIDATE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION, OR WITHIN THE 30 CALENDAR DAYS PRECEDING THE ELECTION DATE, UNLESS IT IS BASED ON PERSONAL INFORMATION OR INFORMATION OTHER THAN HEARSAY.

D. How the Complaint Process Works

Complaints which allege a matter within the Commission's jurisdiction are assigned a tracking number and Commission staff forwards a copy of the original sworn complaint to the accused within five working days of its receipt. Any subsequent sworn amendments to the complaint also are transmitted within five working days of their receipt.

Once a complaint is filed, it goes through three procedural stages under the Commission's rules. The first stage is a determination of whether the allegations of the complaint are legally sufficient: that is, whether they indicate a possible violation of any law over which the Commission has jurisdiction. If the

complaint is found not to be legally sufficient, the Commission will order that the complaint be dismissed without investigation, and all records relating to the complaint will become public at that time.

In cases of very minor financial disclosure violations, the official will be allowed an opportunity to correct or amend his or her disclosure form. Otherwise, if the complaint is found to be legally sufficient, a preliminary investigation will be undertaken by the investigative staff of the Commission. The second stage of the Commission's proceedings involves this preliminary investigation and a decision by the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to believe that there has been a violation of any of the ethics laws. If the Commission finds no probable cause to believe there has been a violation of the ethics laws, the complaint will be dismissed and will become a matter of public record. If the Commission finds probable cause to believe there has been a violation of the ethics laws, the complaint becomes public and usually enters the third stage of proceedings. This stage requires the Commission to decide whether the law was actually violated and, if so, whether a penalty should be recommended. At this stage, the accused has the right to request a public hearing (trial) at which evidence is presented, or the Commission may order that such a hearing be held. Public hearings usually are held in or near the area where the alleged violation occurred.

When the Commission concludes that a violation has been committed, it issues a public report of its findings and may recommend one or more penalties to the appropriate disciplinary body or official.

When the Commission determines that a person has filed a complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations, the complainant will be liable for costs plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the person complained against. The Department of Legal Affairs may bring a civil action to recover such fees and costs, if they are not paid voluntarily within 30 days.

E. Dismissal of Complaints At Any Stage of Disposition

The Commission may, at its discretion, dismiss any complaint at any stage of disposition should it determine that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further, in which case the Commission will issue a public report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissal. [Sec. 112.324(12), Fla. Stat.]

F. Statute of Limitations

All sworn complaints alleging a violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics must be filed with the Commission within five years of the alleged violation or other breach of the public trust. Time starts to run on the day AFTER the violation or breach of public trust is committed. The statute of limitations

is tolled on the day a sworn complaint is filed with the Commission. If a complaint is filed and the statute of limitations has run, the complaint will be dismissed. [Sec. 112.3231, Fla. Stat.]

VIII. EXECUTIVE BRANCH LOBBYING

Any person who, for compensation and on behalf of another, lobbies an agency of the executive branch of state government with respect to a decision in the area of policy or procurement may be required to register as an executive branch lobbyist. Registration is required before lobbying an agency and is renewable annually. In addition, each lobbying firm must file a compensation report with the Commission for each calendar quarter during any portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were registered to represent a principal. As noted above, no executive branch lobbyist or principal can make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 can knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.]

Paying an executive branch lobbyist a contingency fee based upon the outcome of any specific executive branch action, and receiving such a fee, is prohibited. A violation of this prohibition is a first degree misdemeanor, and the amount received is subject to forfeiture. This does not prohibit sales people from receiving a commission. [Sec. 112.3217, Fla. Stat.]

Executive branch departments, state universities, community colleges, and water management districts are prohibited from using public funds to retain an executive branch (or legislative branch) lobbyist, although these agencies may use full-time employees as lobbyists. [Sec. 11.062, Fla. Stat.]

Online registration and filing is available at www.floridalobbyist.gov. Additional information about the executive branch lobbyist registration system may be obtained by contacting the Lobbyist Registrar at the following address:

Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration
Room G-68, Claude Pepper Building
111 W. Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1425
Phone: 850/922-4987

IX. WHISTLE-BLOWER'S ACT

In 1986, the Legislature enacted a "Whistle-blower's Act" to protect employees of agencies and government contractors from adverse personnel actions in retaliation for disclosing information in a sworn complaint alleging certain types of improper activities. Since then, the Legislature has revised this law to afford greater protection to these employees.

While this language is contained within the Code of Ethics, the Commission has no jurisdiction or authority to proceed against persons who violate this Act. Therefore, a person who has disclosed information alleging improper conduct governed by this law and who may suffer adverse consequences as a result should contact one or more of the following: the Office of the Chief Inspector General in the Executive Office of the Governor; the Department of Legal Affairs; the Florida Commission on Human Relations; or a private attorney. [Sec. 112.3187 - 112.31895, Fla. Stat.]

X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

As mentioned above, we suggest that you review the language used in each law for a more detailed understanding of Florida's ethics laws. The "Sunshine Amendment" is Article II, Section 8, of the Florida Constitution. The Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees is contained in Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

Additional information about the Commission's functions and interpretations of these laws may be found in Chapter 34 of the Florida Administrative Code, where the Commission's rules are published, and in The Florida Administrative Law Reports, which until 2005 published many of the Commission's final orders. The Commission's rules, orders, and opinions also are available at www.ethics.state.fl.us.

If you are a public officer or employee concerned about your obligations under these laws, the staff of the Commission will be happy to respond to oral and written inquiries by providing information about the law, the Commission's interpretations of the law, and the Commission's procedures.

XI. TRAINING

Constitutional officers and elected municipal officers are required to receive a total of four hours training, per calendar year, in the area of ethics, public records, and open meetings. The Commission on Ethics does not track compliance or certify providers.

Visit the training page on the Commission's website for up-to-date rules, opinions, audio/video training, and opportunities for live training conducted by Commission staff. A comprehensive online training course addressing Florida's Code of Ethics, as well as Sunshine Law, and Public Records Act is available via a link on the Commission's homepage.

D.

RESOLUTION 2018-01

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICERS OF THE
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Cypress Bluff Community Development District at a regular business meeting held on July 11, 2018 desires to elect the below recited persons to the offices specified.

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

1. The following persons were elected to the offices shown, to wit:

_____	Chairman
_____	Vice-Chairman
_____	Secretary
_____	Treasurer
_____	Assistant Treasurer
_____	Assistant Secretary
_____	Assistant Secretary
_____	Assistant Secretary

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JULY 2018.

Chairman / Vice Chairman

Secretary / Assistant Secretary

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

RESOLUTION 2018-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER; APPOINTING AN ASSESSMENT ADVISOR IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS; APPOINTING A DESIGNATED INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ADMINISTER INVESTMENT DIRECTION WITH REGARD TO DISTRICT FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Cypress Bluff 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 Duval County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (hereinafter the “Board”) must employ and fix compensation of a District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an Assessment Advisor to advise regarding the proposed issuance of special assessment bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint an Investment Representative to direct and advise on the investment of District funds including, but not limited to directing the assigned Trustee; to invest District funds consistent with any and all Indentures and to maximize return; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the appointment of an Assessment Advisor and Investment Representative is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint a District Manager, Assessment Advisor and Investment Representative and to provide compensation for their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. Governmental Management Services, LLC is appointed as District Manager, Assessment Advisor, and Designated Investment Representative and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

1.

**AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT MANAGEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
AND GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC**

Date of Agreement: July 11, 2018.

Between: Governmental Management Services, LLC
 1001 Bradford Way
 Kingston, Tennessee 37763

(Hereinafter referred to as "Manager");

And: Cypress Bluff Community Development District
 A unit of special purpose local government located in
 Duval County, Florida

(Hereinafter referred to as "District").

SERVICES OF DISTRICT MANAGER

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

Management Services

- Attend, record and conduct all regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors' Meetings including landowners meetings, continued meetings and workshops
- Present the District's annual budget in accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
- Ensure District is in compliance with administrative and financial reporting for Community Development Districts
- Correspond and communicate with Board of Supervisors and Staff to respond to the various needs of the District and Community
- Review and approve agendas for circulation to the Board of Supervisors
- Review and approve annual budget, annual audit, monthly disbursements
- Review annual insurance policy to ensure District maintains proper insurance coverage

Administrative Services

- Provide minutes for all Board of Supervisors' Meetings including landowners meetings
- Prepare agenda packages for transmittal to Board of Supervisors and staff 7 days prior to Board of Supervisors' Meeting
- Ensure compliance with all administrative statutes affecting the District, which includes but not limited to:
 - Publish and circulate annual meeting notice
 - Report annually the number of registered voters in the District by June 1, of each year
 - Maintain "Record of Proceedings" for the District within the County the District is located which includes meeting minutes, agreements, resolutions and other required records
 - Properly notice public meetings in accordance with the appropriate Florida Statutes in the newspaper of general circulation of the District

Accounting and Financial Reporting Services

- Establish Governmental Fund Accounting System in accordance with the Uniform Accounting System prescribed by the Florida Department of Financial Services for Government Accounting. This system includes preparing monthly balance sheet, income statement(s) with budget to actual variances
- Prepare accounts payable and present to Board of Supervisors for approval or ratification
- Prepare annual budget for review and approval by the Board of Supervisors
- Transmit proposed budget to local governing authorities 60 days prior to adoption
- Prepare year-end adjusting journal entries in preparation for annual audit by Independent Certified Public Accounting Firm
- Maintain checking accounts with qualified public depository selected by the Board of Supervisors
- Ensure compliance with financial and accounting statutes affecting the District which include but are not limited to:
 - Complete annual financial audit report within 9 months after the fiscal year end
 - Circulate annual financial audit report and annual financial report to appropriate governmental agencies
 - Prepare annual public depositor report
 - 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.
 - Transmit Public Facilities Report to the appropriate agencies
 - Bind necessary insurance for the District, which includes liability, property, workers' compensation, etc.

Other Services: Maintenance Contract Administration

- Provide maintenance contract administration for swimming pool, landscape and lake maintenance contracts to ensure contractors are providing services in accordance with contracts approved by the Board of Supervisors
- Provide services for reservation of District facilities and maintenance of recreation access system
- Respond to inquiries by residents and others regarding maintenance program
- Other services as required by the Board of Supervisors to ensure satisfactory operation of 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 for these services shall be payable in equal monthly installments at the beginning of each month, and may be amended annually as evidenced by the budget approved by the Board.

In addition, the District agrees to reimburse the Manager for expenses incurred as part of performing the duties and responsibilities outlined in this contract. These expenses include, but are not limited to: travel, reproduction, printing and binding, long distance telephone, facsimile transmission, postage and express mail, legal advertising and supplies, computer time. All expenses shall be at the cost incurred by Manager, and in all cases shall be consistent with the provisions of Chapter 112, F.S., to the extent applicable.

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.

In addition, the District shall provide office space at the District's recreational facilities to the Manager to assist in the start up and opening of the District's recreational facilities at no cost to the Manager.

TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT

This Contract may be terminated as follows:

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

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

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All invoices are due and payable when received.
2. This Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
3. In the event that any provision of this contract shall be determined to be unenforceable or invalid by a court such unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Contract, which shall remain in full force and effect.
4. The rights and obligations of the District as defined by this Contract shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the District. There shall be no assignment of this Contract by the Manager, without the approval of the District.
5. The Manager agrees to pay, discharge, defend (if required by the District), indemnify and hold the District and its supervisors, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns harmless from and against any and all demands, claims, causes of action, proceedings, obligations, settlements, liabilities, damages, injunctions, penalties, liens, losses, charges and expenses of every kind or nature (including, without limitation, reasonable fees of attorneys and other professionals retained by the District in the event Manager fails to retain counsel to represent the District, its supervisors, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, who is reasonably acceptable to the District), incurred by the District or its supervisors, agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns arising out of or in connection with: (i) any management services to be provided by the Manager pursuant to this Contract; (ii) any failure by Manager to perform any of its obligations under this agreement; (iii) any accident, injury or damage to property or persons, if caused by the acts or omissions of Manager or Managers officers, partners, employees, contractors, subcontractors, invitees, representatives, or agents; (iv) any and all accidents or damage that may occur in connection with Managers or Manager's officers, employees, contractors, subcontractors, invitees, representatives, or agents use of the District property; (v) any failure of Manager or Manager's officers, employees, contractors, subcontractors, invitees, representatives, or agents to comply with any applicable codes, laws, ordinances, or governmental requirements, agreements, approvals, or permits affecting District property. The

provisions of this paragraph shall survive the expiration or sooner termination of this Contract.

6. 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.
7. Any amendment or change to this Contract shall be in writing and executed by all parties.

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:

Cypress Bluff Community Development District
475 West Town Place Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Attn: Chairperson

With a copy to: Katie Buchanan
Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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

Governmental Management Services, LLC
1001 Bradford Way
Kingston, Tennessee 37763
Attn: Darrin Mossing

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
Cypress Bluff
Community Development District

Witness

By: _____
Chairman

Governmental Management Services,
LLC.

Witness

James A. Perry, Managing Director

B.

RESOLUTION 2018-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT APPOINTING DISTRICT COUNSEL FOR THE
DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING ITS COMPENSATION AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Cypress Bluff 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 Duval County, Florida; and

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

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

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

1. Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., is appointed as District Counsel and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in **Exhibit A**.
2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JULY, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

1.

**HOPPING GREEN & SAMS PA
FEE AGREEMENT**

I. PARTIES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the following parties:

- A. Cypress Bluff Community Development District (“Client”)
c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092

and

- B. Hopping Green & Sams PA (“HGS”)
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300 (32301)
P.O. Box 6526
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

- A. The Client agrees to employ and retain HGS as its legal representative and in connection with the day-to-day operations of the District.
- B. HGS accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client in connection with those matters referenced above.

III. CLIENT FILES

The files and work product materials (“client file”) of the Client generated or received by HGS will be maintained confidentially to the extent permitted by law and in accordance with the Florida Bar rules. At the conclusion of the representation, the client file will be stored by HGS for a minimum of five (5) years. After the five (5) year storage period, the Client hereby acknowledges and consents that HGS may confidentially destroy or shred the client file, unless HGS is provided a written request from the Client requesting return of the client file, to which HGS will return the client file at Client’s expense.

IV. FEES

- A. The Client agrees to compensate HGS for services rendered in connection with any matters covered by this Agreement according to the standard hourly billing rates for individual HGS lawyers plus actual expenses incurred by HGS in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy (Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference).
- B. The standard hourly rate of Katie Buchanan, the attorney who is initially expected to

handle the bulk of Client's work, is \$275.00; associates who are most likely to assist in this work are billed at \$245.00 per hour. HGS' standard hourly billing rates are reevaluated annually prior to the beginning of the calendar year and are subject to change each year at that time. Client agrees to HGS' annual rate increases to the extent hourly rates are not increased beyond \$15/hour for attorneys working on this matter. To the extent practicable and consistent with the requirements of sound legal representation, HGS will attempt to reduce Client's bills by assigning each task to the person best able to perform it at the lowest rate so long as he or she has the requisite knowledge and experience.

- C. For matters regarding issuance of debt, we will identify a 'not to exceed' flat fee and, if the debt issuance does not close, will bill our time on an hourly basis. For the first series of bonds to be issued by the District, HGS agrees to a flat fee of \$42,500 plus costs (which includes all fees for the levy and imposition of assessments, preparation of issuer's counsel documents, and other matters relating to the issuance of the bonds, provided however that validation proceedings will be billed separately and on an hourly basis).
- C. HGS will include costs and expenses (including interest charges on past due statements) on its billing statements for Client reimbursement in accordance with the attached standard Expense Reimbursement Policy.

V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

The Client agrees to pay HGS monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of a statement from HGS. HGS shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under this Fee Agreement if any such billing statement remains unpaid longer than thirty (30) days after submittal to and receipt by Client. Non-payment of billing statements shall be a basis for HGS to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by HGS as part of the representation.

VI. DEFAULT

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

VII. CONFLICTS

It is important to disclose that HGS represents a number of special districts, trustees (including U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank"), Regions Bank, and Wells Fargo National Association), bondholders, and other entities throughout Florida relating to community

development districts and other special districts, and that HGS may have represented the developer entity or an affiliate in connection with the establishment of the District. HGS understands that Client may enter into an agreement with U.S. Bank or other trustee in connection with the issuance of bonds, and that Client may request that HGS simultaneously represent Client in connection with the issuance of bonds, while HGS is also representing U.S. Bank or other trustee on unrelated matters. By accepting this Agreement Client agrees that (1) Client was provided with an explanation of the implications of the common representation(s) and the advantages and risks involved; (2) HGS will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of HGS' other representations, and (3) there is not a substantial risk that HGS' representation of Client would be materially limited by HGS' responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this fee proposal will constitute your waiver of any "conflict" with HGS' representation of various special districts, trustees, bondholders, developers, and other entities relating to community development districts and other special districts in Florida.

VIII. TERMINATION

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

IX. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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

X. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

By:_____

Date:_____

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.

By:_____

Its: Vice President

Date:_____

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS PA
CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The following is Hopping Green & Sams' standard expense reimbursement policy for community development district representation. This policy applies unless a different arrangement has been negotiated based on the unique circumstances of a particular client or matter.

All expenses are billed monthly. Billings ordinarily reflect expenses for the most recent month, except where there are delays in receiving bills from third party vendors.

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

Photocopying and Printing. In-house photocopying and printing is charged at \$0.25 per page (black & white) and \$0.50 per page (color). Outside copying is billed as a pass-through of the outside vendor's charges.

Facsimile. Outgoing facsimile transmissions are charged at \$1.00 per page. There is no charge for incoming faxes.

Postage. Postage is billed at actual cost.

Overnight Delivery. Overnight delivery is billed at actual cost.

Local Messenger Service. Local messenger service is billed at 44.5 cents per mile pursuant to Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. Should the State increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, HGS shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate.

Computerized Legal Research. Charges for computerized legal research are billed at an amount approximating actual cost.

Travel. Travel (including air fare, rental cars, taxicabs, hotel, meals, tips, etc.) is billed at actual cost. Where air travel is required, coach class is used wherever feasible. Out-of-town mileage is billed at 44.5 cents per mile pursuant to Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. Should the State increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes, HGS shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate. 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.

Consultants. Unless prior arrangements are made, consultants are ordinarily employed directly by the client. Where consultants are employed by the firm, their charges are passed-through with no mark-up. The client is responsible for notifying the firm of any particular billing arrangements or procedures which the client requires of the consultant.

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

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

ATTACHMENT A

C.

RESOLUTION 2018-04

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. Katie S. Buchanan is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for the Cypress Bluff Community Development District.

SECTION 2. The District’s Registered Office shall be located at 119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

D.

RESOLUTION 2018-05

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DESIGNATING THE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT
RECORDS OFFICE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Cypress Bluff 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 Duval County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, District records are available for public review and inspection at _____; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District’s records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Section 190.006(7), Florida Statutes.

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

1. The District’s local records office shall be located at _____.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF JULY, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

E.

RESOLUTION 2018-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF 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 Cypress Bluff 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 Jacksonville, 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 THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. DESIGNATING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS. The District's Chairperson, his or her designee, or such other person conducting a District meeting ("**Presiding Officer**"), shall ensure that there is at least one (1) period of time ("**Public Comment Period**") in the District's meeting agenda whereby the public has an opportunity to be heard on propositions before the Board, as follows:

a) An initial Public Comment Period shall be provided at the start of each Board meeting before consideration of any propositions by the Board. In the event there are propositions that come before the Board that are not listed on the agenda, the Presiding Officer shall announce a Public Comment Period on such proposition prior to the Board voting on the matter.

b) Speakers shall be permitted to address any agenda item during the initial Public Comment Period. Speakers shall be permitted to address any non-agenda matters of personal or

general concern during the Public Comment Period provided after the conclusion of District business items.

c) Individuals wishing to make a public comment are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Potential speakers may not assign his/her three (3) minutes to extend another speaker's time.

d) The Presiding Officer may extend or reduce the time periods set forth herein in order to facilitate orderly and efficient District business, provided however that a reasonable opportunity for public comment shall be provided consistent with the requirements of Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*. The Presiding Officer may also elect to set and announce additional Public Comment Periods if he or she deems it appropriate.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATING A PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO BE HEARD. Unless otherwise directed and declared by the Presiding Officer, individuals seeking to be heard on propositions before the Board shall identify themselves by a show of hands at the beginning of each Public Comment Period, as announced by the Presiding Officer. Alternatively, in the event that public attendance is high, and/or if otherwise in the best interests of the District in order to facilitate efficient and orderly District business, the Presiding Officer may require individuals to complete speaker cards that include the individual's name, address, the proposition on which they wish to be heard, the individual's position on the proposition (i.e., "for," "against," or "undecided"), and if appropriate, to indicate the designation of a representative to speak for the individual or the individual's group. In the event large groups of individuals desire to speak, the Presiding Officer may require each group to designate a representative to speak on behalf of such group. Any attorney hired to represent an individual or company's interests before the Board shall notify the Board of such representation prior to proving any public comment.

Sections 1 and 2 herein shall be deemed to apply only to District Board meetings, but the Presiding Officer of a District workshop in his or her discretion may elect to apply such Sections to District workshops.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC DECORUM. The following policies govern public decorum at public meetings and workshops:

a) Each person addressing the Board shall proceed to the place assigned for speaking, and should state his or her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the public record.

b) All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof or to any staff member. No person other than a Board Supervisor or District staff member shall be permitted to enter into any discussion with an individual speaker while he or she has the floor, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

c) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Presiding Officer from maintaining orderly conduct and proper decorum in a public meeting. Speakers shall refrain

from disruptive behavior and from making vulgar or threatening remarks. Speakers shall refrain from launching personal attacks against any Board Supervisor, District staff member, or member of the public. The Presiding Officer shall have the discretion to remove any speaker who disregards these policies from the meeting.

d) In the case that any person is declared out of order by the Presiding Officer and ordered expelled, and does not immediately leave the meeting facilities, the following steps may be taken:

- i. The Presiding Officer may declare a recess.
- ii. The Presiding Officer may contact the local law enforcement authority.
- 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

RESOLUTION 2018-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (the “District”) is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated entirely in the City of Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of district business; and

WHEREAS, Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, establishes standard travel reimbursement rates, procedures and limitations applicable to all public officers, employees, and authorized persons whose travel is authorized and paid for by a public agency; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses attached as **Exhibit A** (the “Travel Reimbursement Policy”) pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District to adopt by resolution the Travel Reimbursement Policy for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby adopts the Travel Reimbursement Policy, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution or the Travel Reimbursement Policy is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Travel Reimbursement Policy

EXHIBIT A

CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- 1.1** The usual, ordinary, and incidental travel expenditures necessarily incurred by District board members, employees, consultants, or advisors in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed by the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (the "District").
- 1.2** Except as otherwise provided, prior authorization for travel is not required, but reimbursable expenses will be limited to those expenses incurred in the performance of official duties undertaken in connection with such public purposes as the District has been authorized by law to perform.
- 1.3** All claims submitted for reimbursement must be accompanied by a written statement that they are true and correct as to every material matter.

2.0 TRANSPORTATION.

- 2.1** All travel must be by a reasonably direct or usually traveled route. In the event a person travels by an indirect route for his/her own convenience, any additional cost shall be borne by the traveler and reimbursement for expenses shall be based on the usually traveled route.
- 2.2** Commercial travel shall be by the most economical method, tourist or coach class. First class rates will be paid only in the event that a statement is attached to the claim certifying that tourist or coach seating was unavailable.
- 2.3** When available without penalty for cancellation, travelers should take advantage of discount fares.
- 2.4** Transportation by common carrier when traveling on official business and paid for by the traveler shall be substantiated by a receipt.
- 2.5** Rental car expenses shall be substantiated by a copy of the rental agreement.
- 2.6** Whenever travel is by a privately-owned vehicle, the traveler shall be entitled to a mileage allowance at the fixed rate per mile as established by the Legislature in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*. Should the State of Florida increase the mileage allowance specified in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers at the increased rate. As of July 2016, the mileage rate is 44.5 cents per mile.

- 2.7** All mileage shall be from point of origin to point of destination. When travel commences from a location other than the traveler's official headquarters, mileage shall be calculated on the basis of the distance from the headquarters city to the point of destination, unless the actual distance is shorter. Vicinity mileage necessary for conduct of official business is allowable, but must be identified as a separate item on the claim for reimbursement of expenses.
- 2.8** No traveler shall be allowed either mileage or transportation expense when he/she is gratuitously transported by another person, or when he/she is transported by another traveler who is entitled to mileage or transportation expense. However, a traveler on a private aircraft shall be reimbursed the actual amount charged and paid for his/her fare for such transportation up to the cost of a commercial airline ticket for the same flight if one is available, even though the owner or pilot of the aircraft is also entitled to transportation expense for the same flight.

3.0 INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

- 3.1** Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, parking fees, and business-related telephone, telegraph, and facsimile charges shall also be reimbursed if substantiated by receipts.
- 3.2** Reimbursement for meals shall not exceed \$6 for breakfast, \$11 for lunch, and \$19 for dinner. Should the State of Florida increase the meal allowances specified in Section 112.061, *Florida Statutes*, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers based on the increased limits.
- 3.3** Registration fees and other actual and necessary expenses for conventions, conferences, and seminars which will serve a direct public purpose related to District activities will be considered reimbursable if persons attending such meetings receive prior approval. In the event room or meal expenses are included in the registration fee, reimbursement for these expenses will be reduced accordingly.

B.

RESOLUTION 2018-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING PROMPT PAYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 218, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, requires timely payment to vendors and contractors providing certain goods and/or services to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (the “Board”) accordingly finds that it is in the best interest of the District to establish by resolution the Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. The Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board may amend them; provided, however, that as the provisions of Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*, are amended from time to time, the attached Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law without any further action by the Board.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

**In Accordance With the Local Government Prompt Payment Act
Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes***

July 11, 2018

Cypress Bluff Community Development District **Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures**

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I. Purpose

In accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act (Chapter 218, Part VII, *Florida Statutes*) (“PPA”), the purpose of the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (“District”) Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures (“Policies & Procedures”) is to provide a specific policy to ensure timely payment to Vendors and Contractors (both hereinafter defined) providing goods and/or services to the District and ensure the timely receipt by the District of goods and/or services contemplated at the time of contracting. Please note that the PPA, like any statute or law, may be amended from time to time by legislative action. These Policies & Procedures are based on the statutory requirements as of the date identified on the cover page of this document. By this reference, as applicable statutory provisions subsequently change, these Policies & Procedures shall automatically be amended to incorporate the new requirements of law. These Policies & Procedures are adopted by the District to provide guidance in contracting matters. Failure by the District to comply with these Policies & Procedures shall not expand the rights or remedies of any Provider (hereinafter defined) against the District under the PPA. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as more restrictive on the District than what is provided for in the PPA.

II. Scope

These Policies & Procedures apply to all operations of the District, including Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services, as applicable.

III. Definitions

A. Agent

The District-contracted architect, District-contracted engineer, District Manager, or other person, acting on behalf of the District, which is required by law or contract to review invoices or payment requests from Providers (hereinafter defined). Such individuals/entities must be identified in accordance with §218.735 (1), Fla. Stat., and further identified in the relevant agreement between the District and the Provider.

B. Construction Services

All labor, services, and materials provided in connection with the construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvement to real property that require a license under parts I and II of Chapter 489, Fla. Stat.

C. Contractor or Provider of Construction Services

The entity or individual that provides Construction Services through direct contract with the District.

D. Date Stamped

Each original and revised invoice or payment request received by the District shall be marked electronically or manually, by use of a date stamp or other method, which date marking clearly indicates the date such invoice or payment request is first delivered to the District through its Agent. In the event that the

Agent receives an invoice or payment request, but fails to timely or physically mark on the document the date received, "Date Stamped" shall mean the date of actual receipt by the Agent.

E. Improper Invoice

An invoice that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Invoice.

F. Improper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services that does not conform to the requirements of a Proper Payment Request.

G. Non-Construction Goods and Services

All labor, services, goods and materials provided in connection with anything other than construction, alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, or other improvements to real property.

H. Proper Invoice

An invoice that conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies and Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the agreement for goods and/or services for which the invoice is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

I. Proper Payment Request

A request for payment for Construction Services which conforms to all statutory requirements, all requirements of these Policies & Procedures not expressly waived by the District and any additional requirements included in the Construction Services agreement for which the Payment Request is submitted not expressly waived by the District.

J. Provider

Includes any Vendor, Contractor or Provider of Construction Services, as defined herein.

K. Purchase

The purchase of goods, materials, services, or Construction Services; the purchase or lease of personal property; or the lease of real property by the District.

L. Vendor

Any person or entity that sells goods or services, sells or leases personal property, or leases real property directly to the District, not including Construction Services.

IV. Proper Invoice/Payment Request Requirements

A. General

Prior to Provider receiving payment from the District, Non-Construction Goods and Services and Construction Services, as applicable, shall be received and performed in accordance with contractual or other specifications or requirements to the satisfaction of the District. Provision or delivery of Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District does not constitute acceptance for the purpose of payment. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be made only after delivery and inspection by the Agent and the Agent's confirmation that the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services meet contract specifications and conditions. Should the Non-Construction Goods and Services or Construction Services differ in any respect from the specifications, payment may be withheld until such time as the Provider takes necessary corrective action. Certain limited exceptions which require payment in advance are permitted when authorized by the District Board of Supervisors ("Board") or when provided for in the applicable agreement.

B. Sales Tax

Providers should not include sales tax on any invoice or payment request. The District's current tax-exempt number is [REDACTED]. A copy of the tax-exempt form will be supplied to Providers upon request.

C. Federal Identification and Social Security Numbers

Providers are paid using either a Federal Identification Number or Social Security Number. To receive payment, Providers should supply the District with the correct number as well as a proper Internal Revenue Service W-9 Form. The District Manager shall treat information provided in accordance with Florida law.

Providers should notify the District Manager when changes in data occur (telephone (904) 940-5850, email jpermy@gmsnf.com).

D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

All Non-Construction Goods and Services invoiced must be supplied or performed in accordance with the applicable purchase order (including any bid/proposal provided, if applicable) or agreement and such Non-Construction Goods and Services quantity and quality must be equal to or better than what is required by such terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable agreement, invoices should contain all of the following minimum information in order to be considered a Proper Invoice:

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address
3. Invoice Date
4. Invoice number
5. The "Bill To" party must be the District or the Board, or other entity approved

- in writing by the Board of the District Manager
6. Project name (if applicable)
 7. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of goods* should also contain:
 - a. A complete item description
 - b. Quantity purchased
 - c. Unit price(s)
 - d. Total price (for each item)
 - e. Total amount of invoice (all items)
 - f. The location and date(s) of delivery of the goods to the District
 8. In addition to the information required in Section IV.D.1-6 above, invoices involving the *purchase of services* should also contain:
 - a. Itemized description of services performed
 - b. The location and date of delivery of the services to the District
 - c. Billing method for services performed (i.e., approved hourly rates, percentage of completion, cost plus fixed fee, direct/actual costs, etc.)
 - d. Itemization of other direct, reimbursable costs (including description and amount)
 - e. Copies of invoices for other direct, reimbursable costs (other than incidental costs such as copying) and one (1) of the following:
 - i. Copy of both sides of a cancelled check evidencing payment for costs submitted for reimbursement
 - ii. Paid receipt
 - iii. Waiver/lien release from subcontractor (if applicable)
 9. Any applicable discounts
 10. Any other information or documentation, which may be required or specified under the terms of the purchase order or agreement

E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services

Payment Requests must conform to all requirements of Section IV, A-D above, unless otherwise specified in the terms of the applicable agreement or purchase order between the District and the Contractor.

V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

The Provider shall submit all Invoices and Payment Requests for both Construction Services and Non-Construction Goods and Services to the District's Agent as provided in the purchase order or agreement, as applicable, and to the District Manager as follows:

Submit the invoice and/or payment request, with required additional material and in conformance with these Policies and Procedures, by mail, by hand delivery, or via email (Note: email is the preferred method for receipt of Non-Construction Goods and Services invoices).

1. **Mailing and Drop Off Address**
Cypress Bluff Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
2. **Email Address**
jperry@gmsnf.com

VI. Calculation of Payment Due Date

A. Non-Construction Goods and Services Invoices

1. **Receipt of Proper Invoice**
Payment is due from the District forty-five (45) days from the date on which a Proper Invoice is Date Stamped.
2. **Receipt of Improper Invoice**
If an Improper Invoice is received, a required invoice is not received, or invoicing of a request for payment is not required, the time when payment is due from the District is forty-five (45) days from the latest date of the following:
 - a. On which delivery of personal property is fully accepted by the District;
 - b. On which services are completed and accepted by the District;
 - c. On which the contracted rental period begins (if applicable); or
 - d. On which the District and the Vendor agree in a written agreement that provides payment due dates.
3. **Rejection of an Improper Invoice**
The District may reject an Improper Invoice. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Improper Invoice by the District, the Vendor must be notified that the invoice is improper and be given an opportunity to correct the deficient or missing information, remedy the faulty work, replace the defective goods, or take other necessary, remedial action.

The District's rejection of an Improper Invoice must:

1. Be provided in writing;
2. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
3. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

If the Vendor submits a corrected invoice, which corrects the deficiencies specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay the corrected invoice within the later of: (a) ten (10) business days after date the corrected invoice is Date Stamped; or (b) forty-five (45) days after the date the Improper Invoice was Date Stamped.

If the Vendor submits an invoice in response to the District's written rejection which fails to correct the deficiencies specified or continues to be an Improper Invoice, the District must reject that invoice as stated herein.

4. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Invoice

If the District disputes a portion of an invoice, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in these Policies & Procedures.

B. Payment Requests for Construction Services

1. Receipt of Proper Payment Request

The time at which payment is due for Construction Services from the District is as follows:

a. If an Agent must approve the payment request before it is submitted to the District Manager, payment (whether full or partial) is due twenty-five (25) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped. The Contractor may send the District an overdue notice. If the payment request is not rejected within four (4) business days after Date Stamp of the overdue notice, the payment request shall be deemed accepted, except for any portion of the payment request that is fraudulent, misleading or is the subject of dispute.

The agreement between the District and the Contractor shall identify the Agent to which the Contractor shall submit its payment request, or shall be provided by the District through a separate written notice no later than ten (10) days after contract award or notice to proceed, whichever is later. Contractor's submission of a payment request to the Agent shall be Date Stamped, which shall commence the time periods for payment or rejection of a payment request or invoice as provided in this section.

b. If, pursuant to contract, an Agent is not required to approve the payment request submitted to the District, payment is due twenty (20) business days after the payment request is Date Stamped unless such payment request includes fraudulent or misleading information or is the subject of dispute.

2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request

a. If an Improper Payment Request is received, the District must reject the Improper Payment Request within twenty (20) business days after the date on which the payment request is Date Stamped.

b. The District's rejection of the Improper Payment Request must:

1. Be provided in writing;

2. Specify any and all known deficiencies; and
3. State actions necessary to correct the Improper Invoice.

c. If a Contractor submits a payment request which corrects the deficiency specified in the District's written rejection, the District must pay or reject the corrected submission no later than ten (10) business days after the date the corrected payment request is Date Stamped.

3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request

If the District disputes a portion of a payment request, the undisputed portion shall be paid in a timely manner and in accordance with the due dates for payment as specified in this section.

VII. Resolution of Disputes

If a dispute arises between a Provider and the District concerning payment of an invoice or payment request, the dispute shall be resolved as set forth in §218.735, Fla. Stat., for Construction Services, and §218.76, Fla. Stat. for Non-Construction Goods and Services.

A. Dispute between the District and a Contractor

If a dispute between the District and a Contractor cannot be resolved following resubmission of a payment request by the Contractor, the dispute must be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure prescribed in the construction contract, if any. In the absence of a prescribed procedure in the contract, the dispute must be resolved by the procedures specified below.

B. Dispute Resolution Procedures

1. If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.
2. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.
3. Absent a written agreement to the contrary, if the Provider refuses or fails to provide the written statement required above, the Agent and/or District

Manager is not required to contact the Provider in the investigation. In addition, and absent a written agreement to the contrary, if such written statement is not provided, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider.

4. The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
5. A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.
6. If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

When the District intends to pay for a purchase with federal funds or bond funds, the District shall make such purchases only upon reasonable assurances that federal funds or bond funds sufficient to cover the cost will be received. When payment is contingent upon the receipt of bond funds, federal funds or federal approval, the public procurement documents and any agreement with a Provider shall clearly state such contingency. (§218.77, Fla. Stat.).

IX. Requirements for Construction Services Contracts – Project Completion; Retainage

The District intends to follow the PPA requirements for construction project completion and retainage, including, but not limited to, §218.735 (7) and (8), Fla. Stat.

X. Late Payment Interest Charges

Failure on the part of the District to make timely payments may result in District responsibility for late payment interest charges. No agreement between the District and a Provider may prohibit the collection of late payment interest charges allowable under the PPA as mandatory interest. (§218.75, Fla. Stat.).

A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

All payments due from the District, and not made within the time specified within this policy, will bear interest, from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. The Vendor must submit a Proper Invoice to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. (§218.735(9), Fla. Stat.).

An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

B. Related to Construction Services

All payments for Construction Services that are not made within the time periods specified within the applicable statute, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. §218.739(9), Fla. Stat. The Contractor must submit a Proper Payment Request to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. (§218.74 (4), Fla. Stat.).

Unpaid interest is compounded monthly. The term one (1) month means a period beginning on any day of a month and ending on the same day of the following month.

C. Report of Interest

If the total amount of interest paid during the preceding fiscal year exceeds \$250, the District Manager is required to submit a report to the Board during December of each year, stating the number of interest payments made and the total amount of such payments. (§218.78, Fla. Stat.).

C.

RESOLUTION 2018-09

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE POLICY OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPORT AND LEGAL DEFENSE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT OFFICERS, AND RETAINED STAFF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) and the officers and staff of the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (the “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 members of the Board and its officers and staff is maintained at a minimum; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to formalize a policy with regard to the support and legal-protection of the Board and its officers and staff to reduce the threat of personal liability to such individuals and allow for an effective decision-making environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. As set forth in this Resolution, the District, in accordance with Florida law, agrees that the following Board members, officers, and staff (together, “Indemnitees”) of the District, shall be provided the benefit of the indemnification, support and legal defense provisions provided in this Resolution:

- A. All members of the Board of Supervisors; and
- B. Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers, and other District officers, as well as District Staff (e.g., the District Manager, the District Engineer, and the District Counsel).

SECTION 2. As set forth in this Resolution and in accordance with Sections 111.07 and 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, the District hereby agrees to provide legal representation to defend any and all civil actions, including federal civil rights and other federal civil claims, arising from a complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of all Indemnitees, present or former, arising out of and in the scope of his or her employment or function, unless, in the case of a tort action, the Indemnitee 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 Indemnitee for an act or omission under color of state law,

custom or usage, wherein it is alleged that such Indemnitee has deprived another person of rights secured under the Federal Constitution or laws, including, by way of example, actions under 42 U.S.C. §1983 or other federal statute. The District further agrees to provide legal representation to defend against any other litigation arising against an Indemnitee from the performance of their official duties while serving a public purpose, including civil, administrative or criminal actions as permitted by law. By these provisions, the District does not waive any immunity from liability or limited waiver of such immunity as granted under Florida law. Rather, the District is stating that to the extent the State does not protect the Board and its officers from liability through its laws, the District is committed to doing so to the extent described in this Resolution and as permitted by law.

SECTION 3. The District may insure itself in order to cover all reasonable costs and fees directly arising out of or in connection with any legal claim or suit that directly results from a decision or act made by an Indemnitee while performing the duties and functions of his or her position.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is intended to evidence the District's support of Indemnites 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 Indemnitee(s) in question are each presumed to have acted within the scope of his or her office and are presumed to be acting in good faith, without a malicious purpose, and not in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. The District's Board of Supervisors may overcome this presumption only by unanimous vote of those participating and voting, in accordance with Section 7 herein.

SECTION 5. In the event that the District has expended funds to provide an attorney to defend a Indemnitee who is found to be personally liable by virtue of actions outside the scope of his or her employment or function, or is found to have acted in bad faith, with malicious purpose, or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property, the individual shall be required to reimburse the District for funds so expended. The District may recover such funds in a civil action against such individual.

SECTION 6. The District agrees to pay any final judgment, including damages, fines, penalties, or other damages, costs, and attorneys' fees and costs, arising from any complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of any Indemnitee as described in Section 111.07, *Florida Statutes*. If the action arises under Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, as a tort claim, the limitations and provisions of that section governing payment shall apply. If the action is a civil rights action arising under 42 U.S.C. §1983, or similar federal statutes, payment for the full amount of judgment may be made unless the individual has been determined in the final judgment to have caused the harm intentionally. The District agrees to pay any compromise or settlement of any claim or litigation described in this paragraph; provided, however, that the District determines such compromise or settlement to be in the District's best interest.

SECTION 7. To rebut the presumption of the automatic payment of judgments or provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, at least one of the following determinations shall be made by a unanimous decision of the District's Board of Supervisors participating and voting:

- A. The actions of the Indemnitee were outside the scope of his or her duties and authority; or
- B. The acts or omissions of the Indemnitee 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 Indemnitee received financial profit or advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled.

SECTION 8. To ensure the provision of legal representation pursuant to this Resolution, the following must be met:

- A. A copy of the summons, complaint, notice, demand letter, or other document or pleading in the action, or a letter setting forth the substance of any claim or complaint, must be delivered to the District Chairman, Vice Chairman, District Manager, or District Counsel within fourteen (14) calendar days after actual receipt of any such document together with a specific request in writing that the District defend or provide representation for the Indemnitee; and
- B. The Indemnitee must cooperate continuously and fully with the District in the defense of the action.

SECTION 9. Any indemnification, legal defense, or other protection provided pursuant to this representation shall not extend to:

- A. Consulting or other outside professional or business activities for which the Indemnitee received financial or other material compensation, which are outside the scope of his or her District duties and authority; and
- B. Any independent contractor for whom defense or indemnification is not authorized pursuant to Section 1(b) of this Resolution, unless the Board votes to authorize such indemnification, legal defense, or other protection; and
- C. Any fine, penalty, or other punishment imposed as a result of conviction for a criminal offense, and any legal fees and costs incurred to defend criminal prosecution in which a conviction is obtained; and
- D. Claims brought against the Indemnitee by the District's Board of Supervisors; and

E. Any indemnification or defense prohibited by law.

SECTION 10. In the event legal representation or defense is provided pursuant to this Resolution, the Indemnatee may either:

- A. Retain legal counsel appointed by the District, in which case legal counsel shall be paid directly by the District; or
- B. Retain legal counsel chosen by the Indemnatee, in which case the District shall have the right to:
 - i. Approve, in advance, any agreement for legal fees or disbursements; and
 - ii. Pay all or part of the legal fees, costs, and other disbursements, and to set a maximum for legal fees, costs, and other disbursements; and
 - iii. Direct the defense and settle or compromise the action or claim; and
 - iv. Reduce or offset any monies that may be payable by the District by any court costs or attorneys' fees awarded to the Indemnatee.

SECTION 11. The benefits of the policy adopted in this Resolution shall not enlarge the rights that would have been available to any third-party plaintiff or claimant in the absence of this policy.

SECTION 12. To the extent permitted by law, this policy shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, and estate of the Board member and/or officer.

SECTION 13. The District reserves the right to change, modify, or withdraw this Resolution in its sole discretion, except as to actions, demand or other claims based on acts or omissions that occurred before the effective change, modification, or withdrawal of this Resolution.

SECTION 14. This Resolution shall be effective as of its adoption on the date listed below and shall apply to any acts or omissions occurring after that date.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

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Egis Insurance & Risk Advisors

Is pleased to provide a

Proposal of Insurance Coverage for:

Cypress Bluff Community Development District

Please review the proposed insurance coverage terms and conditions carefully.

Written request to bind must be received prior to the effective date of coverage.

The brief description of coverage contained in this document is being provided as an accommodation only and is not intended to cover or describe all Coverage Agreement terms. For more complete and detailed information relating to the scope and limits of coverage, please refer directly to the Coverage Agreement documents. Specimen forms are available upon request.

Quotation being provided for:

**Cypress Bluff Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services,
475 West Town Place, Ste 114
St. Augustine, FL 32092**

Term: June 29, 2018 to October 1, 2018

Quote Number: 100117334

PROPERTY COVERAGE

SCHEDULE OF COVERAGES AND LIMITS OF COVERAGE

COVERED PROPERTY	
Total Insured Values – Blanket Building and Contents – Per Schedule on file totalling	Not Included
Loss of Business Income	Not Included
Additional Expense	Not Included
Inland Marine	
Scheduled Inland Marine	Not Included

It is agreed to include automatically under this Insurance the interest of mortgagees and loss payees where applicable without advice.

	Valuation	Coinsurance
Property	Replacement Cost	None
Inland Marine	Actual Cash Value	None

DEDUCTIBLES:	Not Applicable	Per Occurrence, All other Perils, Building & Contents and Extensions of Coverage.
	Not Applicable	Total Insured Values per building, including vehicle values, for "Named Storm" at each affected location throughout Florida subject to a minimum of Not Applicable per occurrence, per Named Insured.
	Per Attached Schedule	Inland Marine

Special Property Coverages		
Coverage	Deductibles	Limit
Earth Movement	Not Applicable	Not Included
Flood	Not Applicable	Not Included
Boiler & Machinery		Not Included
TRIA		Not Included

*Except for Zones A & V see page 8 (Terms and Conditions) excess of NFIP, whether purchased or not

TOTAL PROPERTY PREMIUM

Not Included

Extensions of Coverage

If marked with an "X" we will cover the following EXTENSIONS OF COVERAGE under this Agreement, These limits of liability do not increase any other applicable limit of liability.

(X)	Code	Extension of Coverage	Limit of Liability
	A	Accounts Receivable	\$500,000 in any one occurrence
	B	Animals	\$1,000 any one Animal \$5,000 Annual Aggregate in any one agreement period
	C	Buildings Under Construction	As declared on Property Schedule, except new buildings being erected at sites other than a covered location which is limited to \$250,000 estimated final contract value any one construction project.
	D	Debris Removal Expense	\$250,000 per insured or 25% of loss, whichever is greater
	E	Demolition Cost, Operation of Building Laws and Increased Cost of Construction	\$500,000 in any one occurrence
	F	Duty to Defend	\$100,000 any one occurrence
	G	Errors and Omissions	\$250,000 in any one occurrence
	H	Expediting Expenses	\$250,000 in any one occurrence
	I	Fire Department Charges	\$50,000 in any one occurrence
	J	Fungus Cleanup Expense	\$50,000 in the annual aggregate in any one occurrence
	K	Lawns, Plants, Trees and Shrubs	\$50,000 in any one occurrence
	L	Leasehold Interest	Included
	M	Air Conditioning Systems	Included
	N	New locations of current Insureds	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence for up to 90 days, except 60 days for Dade, Broward, Palm Beach from the date such new location(s) is first purchased, rented or occupied whichever is earlier. Monroe County on prior submit basis only
	O	Personal property of Employees	\$500,000 in any one occurrence
	P	Pollution Cleanup Expense	\$50,000 in any one occurrence
	Q	Professional Fees	\$50,000 in any one occurrence
	R	Recertification of Equipment	Included
	S	Service Interruption Coverage	\$500,000 in any one occurrence
	T	Transit	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence
	U	Vehicles as Scheduled Property	Included
	V	Preservation of Property	\$250,000 in any one occurrence
	W	Property at Miscellaneous Unnamed Locations	\$250,000 in any one occurrence
	X	Piers, docks and wharves as Scheduled Property	Included on a prior submit basis only

	Y	Glass and Sanitary Fittings Extension	\$25,000 any one occurrence
	Z	Ingress / Egress	45 Consecutive Days
	AA	Lock and Key Replacement	\$2,500 any one occurrence
	BB	Awnings, Gutters and Downspouts	Included
	CC	Civil or Military Authority	45 Consecutive days and one mile
	Section II B1	Business Income	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence
	Section II B2	Additional Expenses	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence
	FIA 120	Active Assailant(s)	\$1,000,000 in any one occurrence

CRIME COVERAGE

Description	Limit	Deductible
Forgery and Alteration	Not Included	Not Included
Theft, Disappearance or Destruction	Not Included	Not Included
Computer Fraud including Funds Transfer Fraud	Not Included	Not Included
Employee Dishonesty, including faithful performance, per loss	Not Included	Not Included

AUTOMOBILE COVERAGE

COVERAGES	SYMBOL	LIMIT	DEDUCTIBLE
LIABILITY	N/A	Not Included	Not Included
HIRED NON OWNED LIABILITY	8,9	\$1,000,000	\$0
PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION	5	STATUTORY	\$0
AUTO MEDICAL PAYMENTS	N/A	Not Included	Not Included
UNINSURED MOTORISTS/ UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS	N/A	Not Included	Not Included
AUTO PHYSICAL DAMAGE	N/A	Not Included	Not Included

Symbol 8, 9 Hired Non-Owned Autos only

GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE (Occurrence Basis)

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Limit	\$1,000,000
Personal Injury and Advertising Injury	Included
Products & Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	Included
Employee Benefits Liability Limit, per person	\$1,000,000
Herbicide & Pesticide Aggregate Limit	\$1,000,000
Medical Payments Limit	\$5,000
Fire Damage Limit	Included
No fault Sewer Backup Limit	\$25,000/\$250,000
General Liability Deductible	\$0

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY (Claims Made)

Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability Limit	Per Claim	\$1,000,000
	Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability Deductible		\$0

Supplemental Payments: Pre-termination \$2,500 per employee - \$5,000 annual aggregate.
Non-Monetary \$100,000 aggregate.

Cyber Liability sublimit included under POL/EPLI

Media Content Services Liability
Network Security Liability
Privacy Liability
First Party Extortion Threat First
Party Crisis Management First
Party Business Interruption

Limit: \$100,000 each claim/annual aggregate



PREMIUM SUMMARY

**Cypress Bluff Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services,
475 West Town Place, Ste 114
St. Augustine, FL 32092**

Term: June 29, 2018 to October 1, 2018

Quote Number: 100117334

PREMIUM BREAKDOWN

Property (Including Scheduled Inland Marine)	Not Included
Crime	Not Included
Automobile Liability	Not Included
Hired Non-Owned Auto	Included
Auto Physical Damage	Not Included
General Liability	\$708
Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability	\$579
TOTAL PREMIUM DUE	\$1,287

IMPORTANT NOTE

Defense Cost - Outside of Limit, Does Not Erode the Limit for General Liability, Public Officials Liability, and Employment related Practices Liability.

Deductible does not apply to defense cost. Self-Insured Retention does apply to defense cost.

Additional Notes:

Annual Premium:

GL: \$2,750

POL/EPLI: \$2,250

Total: \$5,000

This Quote is Subject to the Receipt of the Districts FEIN Number

D.

RESOLUTION 2018-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
RATIFYING, CONFIRMING AND APPROVING THE
RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT,
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Cypress Bluff 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 Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District was established by an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida, which became effective on June 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Section 190.0485, *Florida Statutes* requires a “Notice of Establishment” to be filed within 30 days after the effective date of the rule.

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION. Hopping Green & Sams, P.A. is hereby authorized to file the Notice of Establishment of the Cypress Bluff Community Development District.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary

Chairperson

This instrument was prepared by
and upon recording should be returned to:

HOPPING GREEN & SAMS, P.A.
Katie S. Buchanan
119 South Monroe Street, Suite 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

**NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 26, 2018, and pursuant to a petition filed by E-Town Development, Inc., the City Council of the City Jacksonville, Florida adopted Ordinance No. 2018-335-E, which became effective on June 29, 2018, establishing the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (“**District**”). The legal description of the lands encompassed within the District is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The District is a special-purpose form of local government established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. More information on the powers, responsibilities, and duties of the District may be obtained by examining Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, or by contacting the District’s registered agent as designated to the Department of Economic Opportunity under Section 189.014, *Florida Statutes*.

THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE AND LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS, OR BOTH TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, ON THIS PROPERTY. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PAY THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT AND ARE SET ANNUALLY BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. THESE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE IN ADDITION TO COUNTY AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND ALL OTHER TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Notice has been executed on this ____ day of _____, 2018, and recorded in the Official Records of Duval County, Florida.

Katie S. Buchanan
Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.

Witness

Witness

Print Name

Print Name

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2018, by Katie S. Buchanan, who is personally known to me.

Print Name: _____
Notary Public, State of Florida

Commission No.: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Exhibit A

Property Description

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A portion of Sections 32 and 33, Township 3 South, Range 28 East, together with a portion of Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, Township 4 South, Range 28 East, Duval County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 33; thence North 88°37'28" East, along the Northerly line of said Section 33, a distance of 1343.30 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence continue North 88°37'28" East, along said Northerly line of said Section 33, a distance of 289.49 feet; thence South 07°44'34" East, departing said Northerly line, 1305.77 feet; thence South 13°31'53" East, 2389.14 feet; thence South 04°33'08" West, 1865.63 feet; thence South 18°03'25" West, 1232.39 feet; thence South 05°12'52" East, 2061.31 feet; thence South 19°40'49" West, 3784.88 feet; thence South 04°56'56" West, 366.20 feet; thence South 89°37'47" West, 1624.99 feet; thence South 00°22'13" East, 418.10 feet; thence South 88°55'30" West, 1799.90 feet to a point lying on the Easterly limited access right of way line of State Road No. 9B, a 400 foot limited access right of way per Florida Department of Transportation right of way map Section 72002-2513, Financial Project No. 209294-1; thence Northerly along said Easterly limited access right of way line the following 3 courses: Course 1, thence North 14°27'30" West, 403.98 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Easterly having a radius of 5529.58 feet; Course 2, thence Northerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 14°09'36", an arc length of 1366.57 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 07°22'42" West, 1363.10 feet; Course 3, thence North 00°17'54" West, 1535.00 feet to a point of intersection with the Easterly limited access right of way line of State Road No. 9A, a variable width limited access right of way per Florida Department of Transportation right of way map Section 72002-2511, Work Program Identification No. 2114883, said point also being on a non-tangent curve concave Westerly having a radius of 3000.00 feet; thence Northerly along said Easterly limited access right of way line the following 4 courses: Course 1, thence Northerly, departing said Easterly limited access right of way line of State Road No. 9B and along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 29°31'23", an arc length of 1545.82 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 07°27'47" East, 1528.78 feet; Course 2, thence North 07°17'54" West, 984.62 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Easterly having a

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radius of 11600.00 feet; Course 3, thence Northerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of $07^{\circ}00'00''$, an arc length of 1417.21 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North $03^{\circ}47'54''$ West, 1416.33 feet; Course 4, thence North $00^{\circ}17'54''$ West, 5839.87 feet to its intersection with the Southwesterly right of way line of R.G. Skinner Parkway, a 110 foot right of way as presently established; thence Southeasterly along said Southwesterly right of way line the following 3 courses: Course 1, thence Southerly departing said Easterly limited access right of way line and along the arc of a curve concave Easterly having a radius of 300.00 feet, through a central angle of $43^{\circ}17'06''$, an arc length of 226.64 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South $21^{\circ}56'27''$ East, 221.29 feet; Course 2, thence South $43^{\circ}35'00''$ East, 446.83 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Northeasterly having a radius of 600.00 feet; Course 3, thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of $25^{\circ}15'01''$, an arc length of 264.42 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South $56^{\circ}12'31''$ East, 262.29 feet; thence South $68^{\circ}50'01''$ East, continuing along said Southwesterly right of way line, 263.07 feet to a point lying on the boundary line of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 14340, page 1809, of the current Public Records of said county; thence Southerly along said boundary line the following 62 courses: Course 1, thence South $56^{\circ}47'19''$ West, departing said Southwesterly right of way line, 34.93 feet; Course 2, thence South $59^{\circ}53'26''$ West, 60.77 feet; Course 3, thence South $28^{\circ}07'37''$ West, 63.38 feet; Course 4, thence South $36^{\circ}12'31''$ West, 52.77 feet; Course 5, thence South $44^{\circ}25'16''$ West, 53.99 feet; Course 6, thence South $60^{\circ}24'13''$ West, 59.40 feet; Course 7, thence South $37^{\circ}46'20''$ West, 47.85 feet; Course 8, thence South $12^{\circ}02'36''$ East, 52.58 feet; Course 9, thence South $13^{\circ}05'33''$ East, 42.42 feet; Course 10, thence South $16^{\circ}44'01''$ West, 33.11 feet; Course 11, thence South $18^{\circ}07'14''$ West, 49.93 feet; Course 12, thence South $23^{\circ}19'42''$ West, 58.13 feet; Course 13, thence North $84^{\circ}25'00''$ West, 84.95 feet; Course 14, thence South $00^{\circ}24'25''$ East, 68.26 feet; Course 15, thence South $81^{\circ}52'44''$ East, 73.42 feet; Course 16, thence South $35^{\circ}00'24''$ East, 50.94 feet; Course 17, thence South $42^{\circ}29'27''$ East, 63.28 feet; Course 18, thence South $72^{\circ}15'25''$ East, 65.91 feet; Course 19, thence North $73^{\circ}27'14''$ East, 68.75 feet; Course 20, thence North $51^{\circ}47'07''$ East, 59.88 feet; Course 21, thence North $65^{\circ}14'07''$ East, 63.44 feet; Course 22, thence South $44^{\circ}57'44''$ East, 51.37 feet; Course 23, thence South $41^{\circ}27'00''$ East, 50.99 feet; Course 24, thence North $68^{\circ}09'16''$ East, 90.76 feet; Course 25, thence North $00^{\circ}26'34''$ West, 52.95 feet; Course 26, thence North $39^{\circ}25'04''$ West, 59.68 feet; Course 27, thence North $46^{\circ}31'57''$ East, 62.01 feet; Course 28, thence North $50^{\circ}00'38''$ East, 57.16 feet; Course 29, thence North $88^{\circ}38'44''$ East, 49.62 feet; Course 30, thence South $67^{\circ}21'23''$ East, 54.16 feet; Course 31, thence South $14^{\circ}50'50''$ East, 56.43 feet; Course 32, thence South $48^{\circ}06'29''$ East, 55.42 feet; Course 33, thence South $04^{\circ}06'11''$ East, 57.55 feet; Course 34, thence South $38^{\circ}52'42''$ West, 48.46 feet; Course 35, thence South $08^{\circ}09'16''$ West, 60.88 feet; Course 36, thence South $29^{\circ}03'41''$ East, 51.97 feet; Course 37, thence South $07^{\circ}41'54''$ East, 90.90 feet; Course 38, thence South $75^{\circ}57'31''$ East, 33.30 feet; Course 39, thence South $80^{\circ}17'39''$ East,

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50.60 feet; Course 40, thence North 57°17'36" East, 58.75 feet; Course 41, thence North 17°44'41" East, 38.19 feet; Course 42, thence North 41°44'07" East, 55.91 feet; Course 43, thence South 78°01'28" East, 36.71 feet; Course 44, thence North 76°54'19" East, 50.12 feet; Course 45, thence South 78°17'09" East, 69.51 feet; Course 46, thence North 85°04'13" East, 33.16 feet; Course 47, thence North 35°50'17" East, 30.71 feet; Course 48, thence North 05°06'56" East, 69.39 feet; Course 49, thence North 25°14'24" East, 59.38 feet; Course 50, thence North 36°08'27" East, 68.81 feet; Course 51, thence North 42°18'11" West, 56.04 feet; Course 52, thence North 01°48'23" East, 43.34 feet; Course 53, thence South 71°57'16" East, 51.30 feet; Course 54, thence South 45°25'16" East, 54.76 feet; Course 55, thence South 19°52'56" West, 39.91 feet; Course 56, thence South 14°36'39" East, 42.26 feet; Course 57, thence South 40°20'23" East, 57.10 feet; Course 58, thence South 59°04'18" East, 52.23 feet; Course 59, thence South 13°07'44" East, 44.38 feet; Course 60, thence South 24°46'40" East, 56.39 feet; Course 61, thence South 26°06'15" East, 32.51 feet; Course 62, thence South 02°12'11" West, 41.80 feet; thence South 45°09'13" East, departing said boundary line, 35.48 feet to the Northeast corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 14863, page 469, of said current Public Records; thence North 89°59'26" West, along the Northerly line of said Official Records Book 14863, page 469, a distance of 70.00 feet to the Northwest corner thereof; thence South 00°00'34" West, along the Westerly line of last said lands, 65.00 feet to the Southwest corner thereof; thence South 89°59'26" East, along the Southerly line of said lands, 70.00 feet to the Southeast corner thereof, said corner lying on said Southwesterly right of way line of R.G. Skinner Parkway; thence South 00°00'34" West, along said Southwesterly right of way line, 107.34 feet to a point lying on the Southerly terminus of said R.G. Skinner Parkway; thence South 89°59'26" East, departing said Southwesterly right of way line and along said Southerly terminus, 110.00 feet to a point lying on the Southerly line of said Official Records Book 14340, page 1809; thence Easterly and Northerly along the Southerly and Easterly lines of last said lands the following 62 courses: Course 1, thence South 00°00'34" West, departing said Southerly terminus, 145.55 feet; Course 2, thence South 89°59'26" East, 2280.15 feet; Course 3, thence North 07°41'27" West, 12.17 feet; Course 4, thence North 20°26'25" West, 28.98 feet; Course 5, thence North 06°37'03" East, 35.94 feet; Course 6, thence North 26°09'20" East, 47.24 feet; Course 7, thence North 10°50'26" East, 18.12 feet; Course 8, thence North 19°27'45" East, 19.37 feet; Course 9, thence North 10°56'37" East, 57.23 feet; Course 10, thence North 31°50'19" West, 53.99 feet; Course 11, thence North 25°51'04" West, 36.99 feet; Course 12, thence North 29°13'43" West, 21.65 feet; Course 13, thence North 71°51'12" West, 34.33 feet; Course 14, thence North 04°17'54" East, 38.72 feet; Course 15, thence North 00°16'03" East, 31.09 feet; Course 16, thence North 16°06'04" East, 32.18 feet; Course 17, thence North 20°33'04" West, 21.97 feet; Course 18, thence North 56°02'19" West, 40.42 feet; Course 19, thence North 02°24'10" West, 36.61 feet; Course 20, thence North 02°52'24" East, 35.41 feet; Course 21, thence North 00°06'57" East, 45.28 feet; Course 22, thence North 08°57'28" East, 54.79 feet; Course 23, thence North 06°50'55" West, 38.58 feet; Course 24, thence North 14°46'17" East, 32.02 feet; Course 25,

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thence North 24°38'30" East, 38.36 feet; Course 26, thence North 21°16'45" East, 42.29 feet; Course 27, thence North 46°41'48" East, 24.93 feet; Course 28, thence North 09°37'57" East, 38.41 feet; Course 29, thence North 40°13'50" East, 35.75 feet; Course 30, thence North 25°36'12" East, 31.37 feet; Course 31, thence North 21°18'20" East, 52.69 feet; Course 32, thence North 30°51'04" West, 51.14 feet; Course 33, thence North 62°04'55" West, 46.62 feet; Course 34, thence North 18°00'39" West, 57.14 feet; Course 35, thence North 25°51'03" West, 51.16 feet; Course 36, thence North 64°02'20" West, 56.18 feet; Course 37, thence North 64°31'59" West, 44.40 feet; Course 38, thence North 45°11'49" West, 58.29 feet; Course 39, thence North 37°43'23" West, 68.80 feet; Course 40, thence North 02°41'36" West, 88.50 feet; Course 41, thence North 02°06'49" West, 73.09 feet; Course 42, thence North 04°53'38" East, 86.05 feet; Course 43, thence North 05°05'30" East, 95.10 feet; Course 44, thence North 28°50'30" West, 58.14 feet; Course 45, thence North 48°55'53" West, 68.30 feet; Course 46, thence North 45°34'57" West, 74.88 feet; Course 47, thence North 29°56'25" West, 51.40 feet; Course 48, thence North 12°05'37" West, 72.07 feet; Course 49, thence North 31°46'26" East, 28.73 feet; Course 50, thence North 62°21'20" East, 59.52 feet; Course 51, thence North 89°26'28" East, 25.20 feet; Course 52, thence North 82°18'54" East, 55.94 feet; Course 53, thence South 65°50'59" East, 41.72 feet; Course 54, thence South 66°19'42" East, 49.58 feet; Course 55, thence North 47°17'56" East, 30.64 feet; Course 56, thence North 84°19'39" East, 48.59 feet; Course 57, thence South 67°19'52" East, 48.05 feet; Course 58, thence North 57°16'24" East, 26.00 feet; Course 59, thence North 89°32'02" East, 47.84 feet; Course 60, thence South 87°36'33" East, 51.75 feet; Course 61, thence North 85°07'24" East, 50.38 feet; Course 62, thence North 01°03'43" West, 115.11 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 1249.73 acres, more or less.

E.

RESOLUTION 2018-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF 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 Cypress Bluff 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 Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to adopt rules to govern the administration of the District and to adopt resolutions as may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, requires the District to establish and maintain an active and continuing program for the economical and efficient management of records and to provide for the appointment of a records management liaison officer (“Records Management Liaison Officer”); and

WHEREAS, the District desires for the Records Management Liaison Officer to be an employee of the District or an employee of the District Manager; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to authorize the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer, which may or may not be the District’s records custodian; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to prescribe duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer and provide for the assignment of additional duties; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“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 CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District hereby authorizes the District’s records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and report such appointment to the appropriate State of Florida agencies. A Records Management Liaison Officer shall be an employee of the District or the District Manager. The Board, and the District’s records custodian, shall each have the

individual power to remove the Records Management Liaison Officer at any time for any reason. Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District's records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Serve as the District's contact with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida;
- B. Coordinate the District's records inventory;
- C. Maintain records retention and disposition forms;
- D. Coordinate District records management training;
- E. Develop records management procedures consistent with the attached Records Retention Policy, as amended;
- F. Participate in the District's development of electronic record keeping systems.
- G. Submit annual compliance statements;
- H. Work with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida to establish individual retention schedules for the District, from time to time and as may be necessary; and
- I. Such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the District's records custodian in the future.

SECTION 3. The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), *Florida Statutes*, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("Division") pursuant to Section 257.36, *Florida Statutes*, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District hereby extends the minimum retention guidelines contained in the General Records Schedules so that the District will retain all public records relating to the 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.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

F.

INTERIM ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 27th day of June, 2018, by and between:

Cypress Bluff Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in the City of Jacksonville, Florida (hereinafter "District"), whose mailing address is c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, and

England, Thims & Miller, Inc., a Florida corporation, providing professional engineering services with a mailing address of 14775 St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32258 (the “Engineer” and, together with the District, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by City Ordinance No. 2018-335-E, adopted by the City Council of City of Jacksonville, Florida, effective June 29, 2018, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain public infrastructure; and

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, finance, constructing acquiring, and/or maintaining certain infrastructure improvements and services within the District; and

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

WHEREAS, the Engineer shall serve as 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 his 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 the Engineer of the sums of money herein specified, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows:

Article 1. Scope of Services

- A. The Engineer will provide general engineering services, including:
1. Preparation of any necessary reports and attendance at meetings of the District's Board of Supervisors.
 2. Assistance in meeting with necessary parties involving bond issues, special reports, feasibility studies, or other tasks.
 3. Any other items requested by the Board of Supervisors.

Article 2. Method of Authorization. Each service or project shall be authorized in writing by the District. The written authorization shall be incorporated in a Work Authorization, which 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 option of the District. Work Authorizations # 1 and Work Authorizations # 2 provided in the **Composite Exhibit A** are incorporated herein by this reference as a material part of this Agreement and are hereby **APPROVED**.

Article 3. Compensation. It is understood and agreed that the payment of compensation for services under this Agreement shall be stipulated in each Work Authorization. One of the following methods will be utilized:

- A. Lump Sum Amount - The Parties 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 outlined in **Composite Exhibit A**.

Article 4. Reimbursable Expenses. Reimbursable expenses consist of actual expenditures made by the 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 with the District's travel reimbursement policy.
- B. Expense of reproduction, postage, and handling of drawings and specifications.

Article 5. 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 the Engineer that it has entered into a subsequent agreement for engineering services.

Article 6. Special Consultants. When authorized in writing by the District, additional special consulting services may be utilized by the Engineer and paid for on a cost basis.

Article 7. Books and Records. The Engineer shall maintain comprehensive books and records relating to any services performed under this Agreement, which shall be retained by the 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 the Engineer.

Article 8. 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 the 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. The Engineer shall deliver all Work Product to the District upon completion thereof unless it is necessary for the Engineer in the District’s sole discretion, to retain possession for a longer period of time. Upon early termination of the Engineer’s services hereunder, the Engineer shall deliver all such Work Product whether complete or not. The District shall have all rights to use any and all Work Product. The 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. The 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. The Engineer hereby assigns to the District any and all rights the Engineer may have including, without limitation, the copyright, with respect to such work. The 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.

Article 9. Accounting Records. Records of the 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.

Article 10. Reuse of Documents. All documents including drawings and specifications furnished by the 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 the Engineer will be at the District's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to the Engineer.

Article 11. Estimate of Cost. Since the 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, his opinions of probable cost provided as a service hereunder are to be made on the basis of his experience and qualifications and represent his best judgment as a design professional familiar with the construction industry, but the Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or the construction costs will not vary from opinions of probable cost prepared by him. 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.

Article 12. Insurance. Subject to the provisions of this Article, the 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, the Engineer shall, without interruption, and at the District's option, maintain the insurance for at least three (3) 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. The 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 the 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, the 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.

Article 13. Contingent Fee. The Engineer warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the 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 the Engineer, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

Article 14. Compliance with Governmental Regulations. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, the Engineer and each of its agents, servants, employees or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Engineer, shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of any public or governmental authority having appropriate jurisdiction. If the 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 the 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.

Article 15. Compliance with Professional Standards. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, the Engineer and each of its agents, servants, employees or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Engineer, shall maintain the degree of care, skill, diligence and professional competency for such work and/or services of a reasonably careful engineer under like circumstances. Any designs, drawings, reports or specifications prepared or furnished by the Engineer that contain errors, conflicts or omissions will be promptly corrected by Engineer at no cost to the District.

Article 16. Audit. The 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 the Engineer involving transactions related to this Agreement. The 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.

Article 17. Indemnification. Engineer shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, and its officers, employees and staff, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, with the exception of consequential damages, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, which may come against the District and the District's officers and staff to the extent caused by negligent, reckless, or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions by the Engineer or persons employed or utilized by Engineer in the course of any work done in connection with any of the matters set out in this Agreement. Engineer agrees and covenants that nothing herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity pursuant to section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law.

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

Article 18. Public Records. The 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, the 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, the Engineer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term if the 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 the 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 the Engineer, the 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. The Engineer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is James Perry.

IF THE ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO THE ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 940-5850, JPERRY@GMSNF.COM, 475 WEST TOWN PLACE, SUITE 114, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA 32092.

Article 19. 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: Cypress Bluff Community Development District
c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Hopping, Green & Sams, P.A.
119 S. Monroe Street, Suite 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to the Engineer: England, Thims & Miller, Inc.
14775 St. Augustine Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32258
Attn: Doug Miller

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.

Article 20. Employment Verification. The 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.

Article 21. Controlling Law. The Parties agree that this Agreement shall be controlled and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Duval County, Florida.

Article 22. Assignment. Neither the District nor the 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 the Engineer from employing such independent professional associates and consultants as the Engineer deems appropriate, pursuant to Article 6 herein.

Article 23. Termination. The District and the Engineer may terminate this Agreement without cause upon notice. At such time as the Engineer receives notification by the District to terminate this Agreement, the Engineer shall not perform any further services unless directed to do so by the Board of Supervisors. In the event of any termination or breach of any kind, the Engineer shall not be entitled to consequential or other damages of any kind (including, but not limited to, lost profits), but instead the Engineer's sole remedy will be to recover payment for services rendered to the date of the notice of termination, subject to any offsets.

Article 24. 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.

Article 25. Acceptance. Acceptance of this Agreement is indicated by the signature of the authorized representative of the District and the Engineer in the spaces provided below.

[Signatures on next page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused these present to be executed the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ENGLAND, THIMS & MILLER, INC.

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

Composite Exhibit A
RATE SCHEDULE

ENGLAND-THIMS & MILLER, INC.

HOURLY FEE SCHEDULE – 2018

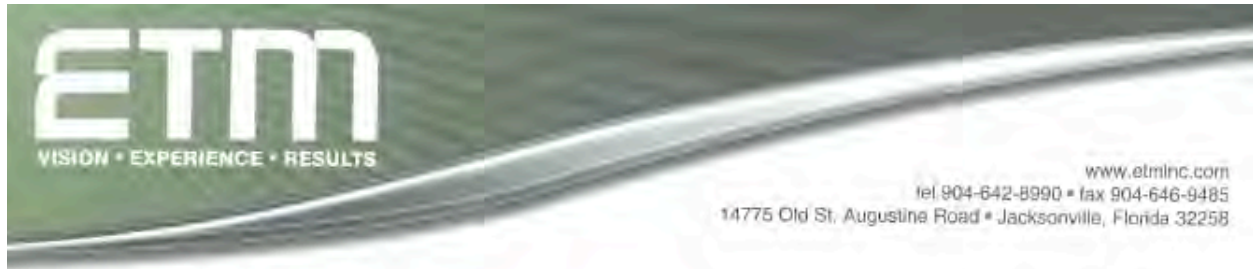
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July 1, 2018

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Reference: Cypress Bluff CDD – Work Authorization #1: Interim District Engineer
ETM No. 13-102-25

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FEEHOURLY
(Budget Estimate - \$15,000.00)

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Reference: Work Authorization #3; Interim District Engineer
ETM No.: 13-102-25

Expenses:

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Cypress Bluff Community Development District

*July 1, 2018
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*Reference: Work Authorization #1: Interim District Engineer
ETM No.: 13-202-25*

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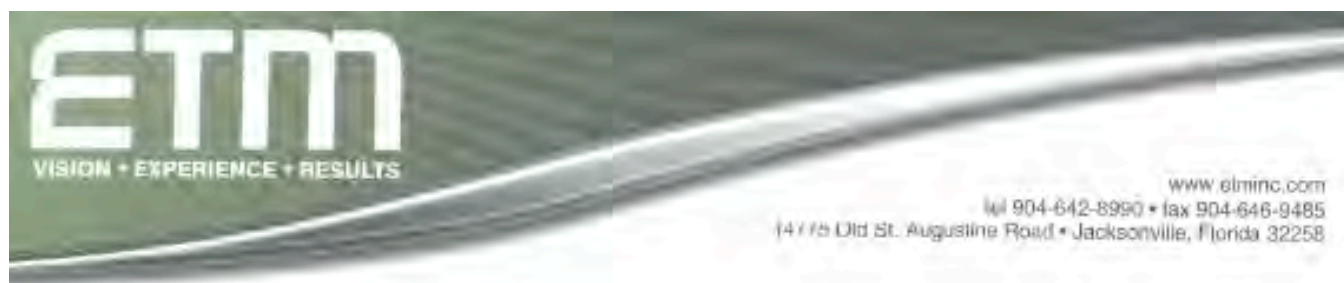
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ETM No. 13-102-25-01

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FEE **HOURLY**
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ETW No.: 18-102255

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FEE HOURLY
(Budget Estimate - \$25,000.00)

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ETW No.: 153-102235-01

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Principal Surveyor	\$210.00/Hr.
Senior Surveyor - Vice President	\$189.00/Hr.
Senior Project Surveyor	\$168.00/Hr.
Senior SUE Coordinator	\$152.00/Hr.
Project Surveyor	\$147.00/Hr.
Project Manager - Survey	\$115.00/Hr.
CADD Survey Technician	\$105.00/Hr.
Field Supervisor	\$126.00/Hr.
Survey Field Crew	\$157.00/Hr.
Survey Field Crew - HD Scanning	\$410.00/Hr.
GIS Field Crew	\$125.00/Hr.
GIS Technician	\$105.00/Hr.
Administrative Support	\$81.00/Hr.

Reference: WA #2: Updating Master Improvement Plan and Preparation of the Supplemental Engineer's Report
ETW No.: 13310228501

Work and general conditions shall be in accordance with the Cypress Bluff Engineering Services Agreement.

Please indicate your agreement with this proposal by signing in the space provided and return one copy to our office.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please call. Thank you for this opportunity to be of professional service.

Yours sincerely,

ENGLAND, THIMS & MILLER, INC.



Bradley L. Weeber, P.E.
Vice President / Shareholder

Accepted this _____ day

of _____, 2018

By: _____

For: _____

G.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (“RFQ”) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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

Any firm or individual (“**Applicant**”) desiring to provide professional services to the District must: 1) hold applicable federal, state and local licenses; 2) be authorized to do business in Florida in accordance with Florida law; and 3) furnish a statement (“**Qualification Statement**”) of its qualifications and past experience on U.S. General Service Administration’s “Architect-Engineer Qualifications, Standard Form No. 330,” with pertinent supporting data. Among other things, Applicants must submit information relating to: a) the ability and adequacy of the Applicant’s professional personnel; b) whether the Applicant is a certified minority business enterprise; c) the Applicant’s willingness to meet time and budget requirements; d) the Applicant’s past experience and performance, including but not limited to past experience as a District Engineer for any community development districts and past experience with the City of Jacksonville and Duval 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 must submit eight (8) copies of Standard Form No. 330 and Qualification Statement by 12:00 p.m. on [REDACTED] and to the attention of Governmental Management Services, LLC, c/o James Perry, located at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (“**District Manager’s Office**”).

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

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

notice of protest shall provide to the District, simultaneous with the filing of the notice, a protest bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the District and in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Additional information and requirements regarding protests are set forth in the District's Rules of Procedure, which are available from the District Manager's Office.

Any and all questions relative to this RFQ shall be directed in writing by e-mail only to James Perry at jperry@gmsnf.com with e-mail copy to Katie S. Buchanan at katieb@hgslaw.com.

District Manager

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

**CYPRESS BLUFF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

DISTRICT ENGINEER REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

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

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

3) Geographic Location (Weight: 20 Points)

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

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

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

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

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

6) Recent, Current and Projected Workloads (Weight: 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.

H.

RESOLUTION 2018-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRANTING THE CHAIRMAN THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCE AND DEDICATION DOCUMENTS, PLATS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVING THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated within the City of Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure, including but not limited to, earthwork, water, sewer, reuse and drainage system, roadway improvements, recreation improvements, wetland mitigation, and landscape and hardscape improvements; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to adopt an Improvement Plan ("Improvement Plan"), dated May 30, 2018, which sets forth the scope of the District's capital improvement plan and the improvements that are to be constructed thereto (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the development of the Improvements in accordance with the Improvement Plan, which includes, but is not limited to, obtaining all necessary permits and approvals from local governments and agencies for the construction and/or operation of infrastructure improvements, the District is required, from time to time, to accept, convey and dedicate certain interests in real and personal property, including, but not limited to easements, plat dedications, deeds and bills of sale for infrastructure improvements (the "Permits and Conveyances"); and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the efficient development of the Improvements, the District desires to authorize the Chairman to approve and execute the Permits and Conveyances necessary to finalize the development of the District's capital improvement plan (the "Conveyance Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Conveyance Authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel agreeing that each such proposed Permit or Conveyance is legal, consistent with the District's improvement plan and necessary for the development of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that granting to the Chairman the Conveyance Authority is in the best interests of the District so that the development of the Improvements may proceed expeditiously, subject to the terms and limitations imposed by this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. The Chairman of the District's Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign, accept, or execute Permits and Conveyances as defined above. The Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary of the District's Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to countersign any such Permits and Conveyances signed by the Chairman. Such authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel's review and approval.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

I.

RESOLUTION 2018-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRANTING THE CHAIRMAN AND/OR VICE CHAIRMAN THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CERTAIN CHANGE ORDERS IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and situated entirely within the City of Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain basic infrastructure, including stormwater pond excavation and grading, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, domestic water, reclaimed water, street improvements, street lighting/electrical underground, landscaping/fencing/signage and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the District adopted an **Improvement Plan** dated **May 30, 2018**, which sets forth the scope of the District's capital improvement plan and the improvements which are to be constructed thereto (the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the above referenced authority, the District intends to enter into agreements for the construction of a various infrastructure and will enter into additional agreements in the future (the "Contracts"); and

WHEREAS, in order for the construction to progress according to schedule, the District desires to designate individuals to approve construction change orders pursuant to the Contracts on behalf of the District, when the District Engineer and the majority landowner agree that such change orders should be considered prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the District's Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the District to authorize the Chair and/or Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors to approve any and all such change orders which result in either a decrease in the contract price or an increase in the contract price of no more than five percent (5 %);

WHEREAS, the authority contemplated by this Resolution shall be subject to the District Engineer agreeing that such proposed change order is consistent with the District's capital improvement plan and necessary for the development of the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that granting to the Chair and or/Vice Chair this authority is in the best interests of the District so that the development of the Improvements may proceed expeditiously, subject to the terms and limitations imposed by this Resolution.

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

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. The recitals so stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Chair and/or Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to approve any change orders that the District Engineer and the majority landowner have together designated as needing to be considered before the next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting, provided such change result in either a decrease in the contract price or an increase in the contract price of no more than five percent (5%; calculated from the initial contract price without regard to any interim change orders). Such authority shall be subject to the District Engineer's review and approval.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

B.

RESOLUTION 2018-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") is statutorily authorized to exercise the powers granted to the District; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and governed by provisions of Chapter 286, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of the Ordinance creating the District (the "Ordinance") was June 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the District is statutorily required to hold a meeting of the landowners of the District for the purpose of electing five (5) supervisors for the District within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. In accordance with section 190.006(2), *Florida Statutes*, the initial meeting of the landowners to elect five (5) supervisors of the District, shall be held on the [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], 2018 at [REDACTED].m. at [REDACTED].

SECTION 2. The District's Secretary is hereby directed to publish notice of this landowners meeting in accordance with the requirements of Section 190.006(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*, the landowners' meeting and election is hereby announced at the Board's organizational meeting held the 11th day of July, 2018. A sample notice of landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions were presented at such meeting and are attached hereto as **Composite Exhibit A**. Such documents are available for review and copying during normal business hours at the Office of the District Manager, Governmental Management Services, LLC, located at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Composite Exhibit A: Sample Notice of Landowners' Meeting and Election, Proxy, Ballot Form and Instructions

Composite Exhibit A

Sample Notice of Landowners' Meeting and Election, Proxy, Ballot Form and Instructions

**INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO LANDOWNERS' MEETING OF
CYPESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FOR THE ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: _____

TIME: _____ .M.

LOCATION: _____

Pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and after a Community Development District (the "District") has been established and the landowners have held their initial election, there shall be a subsequent landowners' meeting for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Supervisors ("Board") every two years until the District qualifies to have its board members elected by the qualified electors of the District. The following instructions on how all landowners may participate in the election are intended to comply with Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes*.

A landowner may vote in person at the landowners' meeting, or the landowner may nominate a proxy holder to vote at the meeting in place of the landowner. Whether in person or by proxy, 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 position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one (1) acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Please note that a particular parcel of real property is entitled to only one vote for each eligible acre of land or fraction thereof; therefore, two or more people who own real property in common, that is one acre or less, are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

At the landowners' meeting, the first step is to elect a chair for the meeting, who may be any person present at the meeting. The landowners shall also elect a secretary for the meeting who may be any person present at the meeting. The secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the meeting. The chair shall conduct the nominations and the voting. If the chair is a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may nominate candidates and make and second motions. Candidates must be nominated and then shall be elected by a vote of the landowners. Nominees may be elected only to a position on the Board that is open for election for the upcoming term.

Five (5) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

A proxy is available upon request. To be valid, 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 does not need to be notarized.

LANDOWNER PROXY
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____, 2018

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints _____ (**"Proxy Holder"**) for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of the Cypress Bluff Community Development District to be held at _____, on _____, 2018, at _____m. and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

Any proxy heretofore given by the undersigned for said meeting is hereby revoked. This proxy is to continue in full force and effect from the date hereof until the conclusion of the landowners' meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof, but may be revoked at any time by written notice of such revocation presented at the landowners' meeting prior to the Proxy Holder's exercising the voting rights conferred herein.

Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Date

Parcel Description

Acreage

Authorized Votes

[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tax identification number of each parcel. If more space is needed, identification of parcels owned may be incorporated by reference to an attachment hereto.]

Total Number of Authorized Votes:

NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes* (2018), a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

If the fee simple landowner is not an individual, and is instead a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or other entity, evidence that the individual signing on behalf of the entity has the authority to do so should be attached hereto (e.g., bylaws, corporate resolution, etc.).

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____, 2018

For Election (5 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4) year term, and the three (3) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes will each receive a two (2) year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

The undersigned certifies that he/she/it is the fee simple owner of land, or the proxy holder for the fee simple owner of land, located within the Cypress Bluff Community Development District and described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[Insert above the street address of each parcel, the legal description of each parcel, or the tax identification number of each parcel.] [If more space is needed, identification of parcels owned may be incorporated by reference to an attachment hereto.]

or

Attach Proxy.

I, _____, as Landowner, or as the proxy holder of _____
(Landowner) pursuant to the Landowner's Proxy attached hereto, do cast my votes as follows:

NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

C.

RESOLUTION 2018-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Cypress Bluff 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 Duval County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (hereinafter the “Board”), is statutorily authorized to exercise the powers granted to the District, but has not heretofore met; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and governed by the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the District is required by Florida law to prepare an annual schedule of its regular public meetings which designates the date, time, and location of the District’s meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The annual public meeting schedule of the Board of Supervisors of the Cypress Bluff Community Development District for the Fiscal Year 2018 attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit A is hereby approved and will be published and filed in accordance with the requirements of Florida law.

Section 2. The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Fiscal Year 2018 annual public meeting schedule to Duval County and the Department of Economic Opportunity.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

DISTRICT

**CYPRESS BLUFF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

EXHIBIT A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DATES
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2018**

All meetings will convene at _____.m., at

_____ on the _____

of each month with exceptions noted below:

D.

RESOLUTION 2018-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (the “District”) was established by Ordinance No. 2018-335-E, adopted by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida, effective as of June 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (the “Board”) the proposed budget for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017/2018, which commenced on October 1, 2017 and concludes September 30, 2018; 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 CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED.** The proposed budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said proposed budget.

2. **SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved proposed budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: , 2018

HOUR:

LOCATION:

3. **TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENTS.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to the City of Jacksonville and Duval County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

4. **POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET.** In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District’s Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed

Budget on the District's website at least two (2) days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: FY 2017/2018 proposed budget

Exhibit A
FY 2017/2018 proposed budget

[See attached]

Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget
Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget

Cypress Bluff Community Development District

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Cypress Bluff

Community Development District

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Cypress Bluff

Community Development District

	Proposed FY 2018 Budget	Proposed FY 2019 Budget
<u>Revenues</u>		
Developer Contributions	\$48,150	\$116,675
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>\$48,150</u>	<u>\$116,675</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
<i>Administrative</i>		
Engineering	\$3,750	\$15,000
Arbitrage	\$0	\$600
Dissemination Agent	\$0	\$3,500
Attorney	\$5,000	\$20,000
Annual Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000
Trustee Fees	\$0	\$4,000
Management Fees	\$11,250	\$45,000
Construction Accounting	\$0	\$3,500
Information Technology	\$300	\$1,200
Telephone	\$100	\$300
Postage	\$375	\$1,500
Printing & Binding	\$250	\$1,000
Insurance	\$3,000	\$5,800
Legal Advertising	\$3,500	\$4,000
Other Current Charges	\$200	\$600
Office Supplies	\$250	\$1,000
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$175	\$175
Website design/compliance	\$15,000	\$4,500
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>\$48,150</u>	<u>\$116,675</u>
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

⁽¹⁾ Expenditures related to the issuance of Bonds.

Cypress Bluff
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUES:

Developer Contributions

It is presently anticipated that the District will enter into a Funding Agreement with the Developer to fund all General Fund Expenditures for the Fiscal Year.

EXPENDITURES:

Administrative:

Engineering Fees

The District's engineer will be providing general engineering services to the District, i.e. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices, etc.

Arbitrage

The District is required to have an annual arbitrage rebate calculation on the District's Bonds. The District will contract with an independent auditing firm to perform the calculations.

Dissemination

The District is required by the Security and Exchange Commission to comply with Rule 15(c)(2)-12(b)(5), which relates to additional reporting requirements for un-rated bond issues.

Attorney

The District's legal counsel will be providing general legal services to the District, i.e. attendance and preparation for monthly meetings, review operating & maintenance contracts, etc.

Annual Audit

The District is required to annually conduct an audit of its financial records by an Independent Certified Public Accounting Firm. The fee is based on similar Community Development Districts and includes the GASB 34 pronouncement.

Trustee Fees

The District will issue bonds to be held with a Trustee at a qualified Bank. The amount of the trustee fees is based on the agreement between the Bank and the District.

Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services, LLC. These services are further outlined in Exhibit "A" of the Management Agreement.

Postage

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

Printing & Binding

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

Cypress Bluff
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Insurance

The District will obtain a General Liability & Public Officials Liability Insurance policy with a firm that specializes in providing insurance coverage to governmental agencies. The amount is based upon similar Community Development Districts.

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 that incurred during the year.

Office Supplies

Miscellaneous office supplies.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

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

1.

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this 11th day of July, 2018, by and between:

Cypress Bluff Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, with a mailing address of 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (the "District"), and

[REDACTED], a Florida [REDACTED], with an address of [REDACTED] ("Developer").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance No. 2018-335-E of the City of Jacksonville City Council, effective June 29, 2018, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

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

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] presently owns and/or is developing the majority of all real property described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Property") within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for the remainder of fiscal year 2017-2018, which fiscal year 2017-2018 commenced on October 1, 2017, and concludes on September 30, 2018 ("Budget"); and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Developer has agreed to enter into this Agreement in lieu of having the District levy and collect any non-ad valorem assessments as authorized by law against the Property located within the District for the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, Developer and the District desire to secure such budget funding through the imposition of a continuing lien against the Property described in **Exhibit A** and otherwise as provided herein.

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

1. The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference is incorporated herein as a material part of this Agreement.

2. Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, as may be amended from time to time in the District's sole discretion, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the District's Budget as shown on **Exhibit B** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. Funds provided hereunder shall be placed in the District's general checking account. In no way shall the foregoing in any way affect the District's ability to levy special assessments upon the property within the District, including any property owned by Developer, in accordance with Florida law, to provide funds for any unfunded expenditures whether such expenditures are the result of an amendment to the District's Budget or otherwise. These payments are made by Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

3. District shall have the right to file a continuing lien upon the Property described in **Exhibit A** for all payments due and owing under the terms of this Agreement and for interest thereon, and for reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegals' fees, expenses and court costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of funds under this Agreement or for enforcement of this lien, and all sums advanced and paid by the District for taxes and payment on account of superior interests, liens and encumbrances in order to preserve and protect the District's lien. The lien shall be effective as of the execution of this Agreement. If Developer fails to pay sums due according to the terms of this Agreement, at the District Manager's direction, the District may bring an action at law against the record title holder to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement, or may foreclose the lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may partially release any filed lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when Developer has demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, that such release will not materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder.

4. This Section provides for alternative methods of collection. In the event Developer fails to make payments due to the District pursuant to this Agreement, and the District first provides Developer with written notice of the delinquency to the address identified in this Agreement and such delinquency is not cured within five (5) business days of the notice, then the District shall have the following remedies:

a. In the alternative or in addition to the collection method set forth in Paragraph 2 above, the District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for Duval County, Florida. The enforcement of the collection of funds in this manner shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

b. The District hereby finds that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, which benefit is initially allocated on an equal developable acreage basis. Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set forth in **Exhibit B**, on an equal developable acreage basis. Therefore, in the alternative, or in addition to the other methods of collection set forth in this Agreement, the District, in its sole discretion, may choose to certify amounts due hereunder as a non ad valorem assessment on all or any part of the Property for collection, either through the Uniform Method of Collection set forth in Chapter 197 or under any method of direct bill and collection authorized by Florida law. Such assessment, if imposed, may be certified on the next available tax roll of the Duval County property appraiser. Developer hereby waives and/or relinquishes any rights it may have to challenge, object to or otherwise fail to pay such assessments if imposed, as well as the means of collection thereof.

5. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

6. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

7. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and specific performance and specifically including the ability of the District to enforce any and all payment obligations under this Agreement in the manner described herein in Paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

9. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third-party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns. In the event Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to improvements, work product, or lands within the District, Developer shall continue to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and additionally shall expressly require that the purchaser agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. In the event of such sale or disposition, Developer may place into escrow an amount equal to the then unfunded portion of the applicable adopted Budget to fund any budgeted expenses that may arise during the remainder of the applicable fiscal year. Upon confirmation of the deposit of said funds into escrow, and evidence of an assignment to, and assumption by the purchaser, of this Agreement, Developer's obligation under this Agreement shall be deemed fulfilled and this Agreement terminated. Developer shall give 90 days prior written notice to the District under this Agreement of any such sale or disposition.

10. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. The parties agree and consent to, for the purposes of venue, the jurisdiction of the courts of Duval County, Florida.

11. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

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

[Remainder of page left intentionally blank]

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

Attest:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: _____
Its: _____



Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Property Description

Exhibit B: Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Budget

Exhibit A

Property Description

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A portion of Sections 32 and 33, Township 3 South, Range 28 East, together with a portion of Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, Township 4 South, Range 28 East, Duval County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 33; thence North 88°37'28" East, along the Northerly line of said Section 33, a distance of 1343.30 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence continue North 88°37'28" East, along said Northerly line of said Section 33, a distance of 289.49 feet; thence South 07°44'34" East, departing said Northerly line, 1305.77 feet; thence South 13°31'53" East, 2389.14 feet; thence South 04°33'08" West, 1865.63 feet; thence South 18°03'25" West, 1232.39 feet; thence South 05°12'52" East, 2061.31 feet; thence South 19°40'49" West, 3784.88 feet; thence South 04°56'56" West, 366.20 feet; thence South 89°37'47" West, 1624.99 feet; thence South 00°22'13" East, 418.10 feet; thence South 88°55'30" West, 1799.90 feet to a point lying on the Easterly limited access right of way line of State Road No. 9B, a 400 foot limited access right of way per Florida Department of Transportation right of way map Section 72002-2513, Financial Project No. 209294-1; thence Northerly along said Easterly limited access right of way line the following 3 courses: Course 1, thence North 14°27'30" West, 403.98 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Easterly having a radius of 5529.58 feet; Course 2, thence Northerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 14°09'36", an arc length of 1366.57 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 07°22'42" West, 1363.10 feet; Course 3, thence North 00°17'54" West, 1535.00 feet to a point of intersection with the Easterly limited access right of way line of State Road No. 9A, a variable width limited access right of way per Florida Department of Transportation right of way map Section 72002-2511, Work Program Identification No. 2114883, said point also being on a non-tangent curve concave Westerly having a radius of 3000.00 feet; thence Northerly along said Easterly limited access right of way line the following 4 courses: Course 1, thence Northerly, departing said Easterly limited access right of way line of State Road No. 9B and along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 29°31'23", an arc length of 1545.82 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 07°27'47" East, 1528.78 feet; Course 2, thence North 07°17'54" West, 984.62 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Easterly having a

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radius of 11600.00 feet; Course 3, thence Northerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 07°00'00", an arc length of 1417.21 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 03°47'54" West, 1416.33 feet; Course 4, thence North 00°17'54" West, 5839.87 feet to its intersection with the Southwesterly right of way line of R.G. Skinner Parkway, a 110 foot right of way as presently established; thence Southeasterly along said Southwesterly right of way line the following 3 courses: Course 1, thence Southerly departing said Easterly limited access right of way line and along the arc of a curve concave Easterly having a radius of 300.00 feet, through a central angle of 43°17'06", an arc length of 226.64 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 21°56'27" East, 221.29 feet; Course 2, thence South 43°35'00" East, 446.83 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Northeasterly having a radius of 600.00 feet; Course 3, thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 25°15'01", an arc length of 264.42 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 56°12'31" East, 262.29 feet; thence South 68°50'01" East, continuing along said Southwesterly right of way line, 263.07 feet to a point lying on the boundary line of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 14340, page 1809, of the current Public Records of said county; thence Southerly along said boundary line the following 62 courses: Course 1, thence South 56°47'19" West, departing said Southwesterly right of way line, 34.93 feet; Course 2, thence South 59°53'26" West, 60.77 feet; Course 3, thence South 28°07'37" West, 63.38 feet; Course 4, thence South 36°12'31" West, 52.77 feet; Course 5, thence South 44°25'16" West, 53.99 feet; Course 6, thence South 60°24'13" West, 59.40 feet; Course 7, thence South 37°46'20" West, 47.85 feet; Course 8, thence South 12°02'36" East, 52.58 feet; Course 9, thence South 13°05'33" East, 42.42 feet; Course 10, thence South 16°44'01" West, 33.11 feet; Course 11, thence South 18°07'14" West, 49.93 feet; Course 12, thence South 23°19'42" West, 58.13 feet; Course 13, thence North 84°25'00" West, 84.95 feet; Course 14, thence South 00°24'25" East, 68.26 feet; Course 15, thence South 81°52'44" East, 73.42 feet; Course 16, thence South 35°00'24" East, 50.94 feet; Course 17, thence South 42°29'27" East, 63.28 feet; Course 18, thence South 72°15'25" East, 65.91 feet; Course 19, thence North 73°27'14" East, 68.75 feet; Course 20, thence North 51°47'07" East, 59.88 feet; Course 21, thence North 65°14'07" East, 63.44 feet; Course 22, thence South 44°57'44" East, 51.37 feet; Course 23, thence South 41°27'00" East, 50.99 feet; Course 24, thence North 68°09'16" East, 90.76 feet; Course 25, thence North 00°26'34" West, 52.95 feet; Course 26, thence North 39°25'04" West, 59.68 feet; Course 27, thence North 46°31'57" East, 62.01 feet; Course 28, thence North 50°00'38" East, 57.16 feet; Course 29, thence North 88°38'44" East, 49.62 feet; Course 30, thence South 67°21'23" East, 54.16 feet; Course 31, thence South 14°50'50" East, 56.43 feet; Course 32, thence South 48°06'29" East, 55.42 feet; Course 33, thence South 04°06'11" East, 57.55 feet; Course 34, thence South 38°52'42" West, 48.46 feet; Course 35, thence South 08°09'16" West, 60.88 feet; Course 36, thence South 29°03'41" East, 51.97 feet; Course 37, thence South 07°41'54" East, 90.90 feet; Course 38, thence South 75°57'31" East, 33.30 feet; Course 39, thence South 80°17'39" East,

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50.60 feet; Course 40, thence North 57°17'36" East, 58.75 feet; Course 41, thence North 17°44'41" East, 38.19 feet; Course 42, thence North 41°44'07" East, 55.91 feet; Course 43, thence South 78°01'28" East, 36.71 feet; Course 44, thence North 76°54'19" East, 50.12 feet; Course 45, thence South 78°17'09" East, 69.51 feet; Course 46, thence North 85°04'13" East, 33.16 feet; Course 47, thence North 35°50'17" East, 30.71 feet; Course 48, thence North 05°06'56" East, 69.39 feet; Course 49, thence North 25°14'24" East, 59.38 feet; Course 50, thence North 36°08'27" East, 68.81 feet; Course 51, thence North 42°18'11" West, 56.04 feet; Course 52, thence North 01°48'23" East, 43.34 feet; Course 53, thence South 71°57'16" East, 51.30 feet; Course 54, thence South 45°25'16" East, 54.76 feet; Course 55, thence South 19°52'56" West, 39.91 feet; Course 56, thence South 14°36'39" East, 42.26 feet; Course 57, thence South 40°20'23" East, 57.10 feet; Course 58, thence South 59°04'18" East, 52.23 feet; Course 59, thence South 13°07'44" East, 44.38 feet; Course 60, thence South 24°46'40" East, 56.39 feet; Course 61, thence South 26°06'15" East, 32.51 feet; Course 62, thence South 02°12'11" West, 41.80 feet; thence South 45°09'13" East, departing said boundary line, 35.48 feet to the Northeast corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 14863, page 469, of said current Public Records; thence North 89°59'26" West, along the Northerly line of said Official Records Book 14863, page 469, a distance of 70.00 feet to the Northwest corner thereof; thence South 00°00'34" West, along the Westerly line of last said lands, 65.00 feet to the Southwest corner thereof; thence South 89°59'26" East, along the Southerly line of said lands, 70.00 feet to the Southeast corner thereof, said corner lying on said Southwesterly right of way line of R.G. Skinner Parkway; thence South 00°00'34" West, along said Southwesterly right of way line, 107.34 feet to a point lying on the Southerly terminus of said R.G. Skinner Parkway; thence South 89°59'26" East, departing said Southwesterly right of way line and along said Southerly terminus, 110.00 feet to a point lying on the Southerly line of said Official Records Book 14340, page 1809; thence Easterly and Northerly along the Southerly and Easterly lines of last said lands the following 62 courses: Course 1, thence South 00°00'34" West, departing said Southerly terminus, 145.55 feet; Course 2, thence South 89°59'26" East, 2280.15 feet; Course 3, thence North 07°41'27" West, 12.17 feet; Course 4, thence North 20°26'25" West, 28.98 feet; Course 5, thence North 06°37'03" East, 35.94 feet; Course 6, thence North 26°09'20" East, 47.24 feet; Course 7, thence North 10°50'26" East, 18.12 feet; Course 8, thence North 19°27'45" East, 19.37 feet; Course 9, thence North 10°56'37" East, 57.23 feet; Course 10, thence North 31°50'19" West, 53.99 feet; Course 11, thence North 25°51'04" West, 36.99 feet; Course 12, thence North 29°13'43" West, 21.65 feet; Course 13, thence North 71°51'12" West, 34.33 feet; Course 14, thence North 04°17'54" East, 38.72 feet; Course 15, thence North 00°16'03" East, 31.09 feet; Course 16, thence North 16°06'04" East, 32.18 feet; Course 17, thence North 20°33'04" West, 21.97 feet; Course 18, thence North 56°02'19" West, 40.42 feet; Course 19, thence North 02°24'10" West, 36.61 feet; Course 20, thence North 02°52'24" East, 35.41 feet; Course 21, thence North 00°06'57" East, 45.28 feet; Course 22, thence North 08°57'28" East, 54.79 feet; Course 23, thence North 06°50'55" West, 38.58 feet; Course 24, thence North 14°46'17" East, 32.02 feet; Course 25,

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Containing 1249.73 acres, more or less.

Exhibit B
FY2017-2018 General Fund Budget

[See attached]

E.

RESOLUTION 2018-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (the “District”) was established by Ordinance No. 2018-335-E, adopted by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida, effective as of June 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (the “Board”) the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019, which commences on October 1, 2018 and concludes September 30, 2019; 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 CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. **PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED.** The proposed budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said proposed budget.

2. **SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved proposed budget is hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

DATE: _____, 2018

HOUR: _____

LOCATION: _____

3. **TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENTS.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to the City of Jacksonville and Duval County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: FY 2018/2019 proposed budget

Exhibit A
FY 2018/2019 proposed budget

[See attached]

Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget
Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget

Cypress Bluff Community Development District

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	Proposed FY 2018 Budget	Proposed FY 2019 Budget
<u>Revenues</u>		
Developer Contributions	\$48,150	\$116,675
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>\$48,150</u>	<u>\$116,675</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
<i>Administrative</i>		
Engineering	\$3,750	\$15,000
Arbitrage	\$0	\$600
Dissemination Agent	\$0	\$3,500
Attorney	\$5,000	\$20,000
Annual Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000
Trustee Fees	\$0	\$4,000
Management Fees	\$11,250	\$45,000
Construction Accounting	\$0	\$3,500
Information Technology	\$300	\$1,200
Telephone	\$100	\$300
Postage	\$375	\$1,500
Printing & Binding	\$250	\$1,000
Insurance	\$3,000	\$5,800
Legal Advertising	\$3,500	\$4,000
Other Current Charges	\$200	\$600
Office Supplies	\$250	\$1,000
Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions	\$175	\$175
Website design/compliance	\$15,000	\$4,500
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>\$48,150</u>	<u>\$116,675</u>
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

⁽¹⁾ Expenditures related to the issuance of Bonds.

Cypress Bluff
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUES:

Developer Contributions

It is presently anticipated that the District will enter into a Funding Agreement with the Developer to fund all General Fund Expenditures for the Fiscal Year.

EXPENDITURES:

Administrative:

Engineering Fees

The District's engineer will be providing general engineering services to the District, i.e. attendance and preparation for monthly board meetings, review invoices, etc.

Arbitrage

The District is required to have an annual arbitrage rebate calculation on the District's Bonds. The District will contract with an independent auditing firm to perform the calculations.

Dissemination

The District is required by the Security and Exchange Commission to comply with Rule 15(c)(2)-12(b)(5), which relates to additional reporting requirements for un-rated bond issues.

Attorney

The District's legal counsel will be providing general legal services to the District, i.e. attendance and preparation for monthly meetings, review operating & maintenance contracts, etc.

Annual Audit

The District is required to annually conduct an audit of its financial records by an Independent Certified Public Accounting Firm. The fee is based on similar Community Development Districts and includes the GASB 34 pronouncement.

Trustee Fees

The District will issue bonds to be held with a Trustee at a qualified Bank. The amount of the trustee fees is based on the agreement between the Bank and the District.

Management Fees

The District receives Management, Accounting and Administrative services as part of a Management Agreement with Governmental Management Services, LLC. These services are further outlined in Exhibit "A" of the Management Agreement.

Postage

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

Printing & Binding

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

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Insurance

The District will obtain a General Liability & Public Officials Liability Insurance policy with a firm that specializes in providing insurance coverage to governmental agencies. The amount is based upon similar Community Development Districts.

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 that incurred during the year.

Office Supplies

Miscellaneous office supplies.

Dues, Licenses & Subscriptions

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

1.

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this 11th day of July, 2018, by and between:

Cypress Bluff Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, with a mailing address of 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (the "District"), and

[REDACTED], a Florida [REDACTED] with an address of [REDACTED] ("Developer").

Recitals

WHEREAS, the District was established by Ordinance No. 2018-335-E of the City of Jacksonville City Council, effective June 29, 2018, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

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

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] presently owns and/or is developing the majority of all real property described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Property") within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is adopting its general fund budget for the remainder of fiscal year 2018-2019, which fiscal year 2017-2018 commences on October 1, 2018, and concludes on September 30, 2019 ("Budget"); and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Developer has agreed to enter into this Agreement in lieu of having the District levy and collect any non ad valorem assessments as authorized by law against the Property located within the District for the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, Developer and the District desire to secure such budget funding through the imposition of a continuing lien against the Property described in **Exhibit A** and otherwise as provided herein.

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

1. The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference is incorporated herein as a material part of this Agreement.

2. Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District as called for in the Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, as may be amended from time to time in the District's sole discretion, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the District's Budget as shown on **Exhibit B** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. Funds provided hereunder shall be placed in the District's general checking account. In no way shall the foregoing in any way affect the District's ability to levy special assessments upon the property within the District, including any property owned by Developer, in accordance with Florida law, to provide funds for any unfunded expenditures whether such expenditures are the result of an amendment to the District's Budget or otherwise. These payments are made by Developer in lieu of taxes, fees, or assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

3. District shall have the right to file a continuing lien upon the Property described in **Exhibit A** for all payments due and owing under the terms of this Agreement and for interest thereon, and for reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegals' fees, expenses and court costs incurred by the District incident to the collection of funds under this Agreement or for enforcement of this lien, and all sums advanced and paid by the District for taxes and payment on account of superior interests, liens and encumbrances in order to preserve and protect the District's lien. The lien shall be effective as of the execution of this Agreement. If Developer fails to pay sums due according to the terms of this Agreement, at the District Manager's direction, the District may bring an action at law against the record title holder to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement, or may foreclose the lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may partially release any filed lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when Developer has demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, that such release will not materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder.

4. This Section provides for alternative methods of collection. In the event Developer fails to make payments due to the District pursuant to this Agreement, and the District first provides Developer with written notice of the delinquency to the address identified in this Agreement and such delinquency is not cured within five (5) business days of the notice, then the District shall have the following remedies:

a. In the alternative or in addition to the collection method set forth in Paragraph 2 above, the District may enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for Duval County, Florida. The enforcement of the collection of funds in this manner shall be in the sole discretion of the District Manager on behalf of the District. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

b. The District hereby finds that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property, which benefit is initially allocated on an equal developable acreage basis. Developer agrees that the activities, operations and services set forth in **Exhibit B** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set forth in **Exhibit B**, on an equal developable acreage basis. Therefore, in the alternative, or in addition to the other methods of collection set forth in this Agreement, the District, in its sole discretion, may choose to certify amounts due hereunder as a non ad valorem assessment on all or any part of the Property for collection, either through the Uniform Method of Collection set forth in Chapter 197 or under any method of direct bill and collection authorized by Florida law. Such assessment, if imposed, may be certified on the next available tax roll of the Duval County property appraiser. Developer hereby waives and/or relinquishes any rights it may have to challenge, object to or otherwise fail to pay such assessments if imposed, as well as the means of collection thereof.

5. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

6. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

7. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party only upon the written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which shall include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and specific performance and specifically including the ability of the District to enforce any and all payment obligations under this Agreement in the manner described herein in Paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

9. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the formal parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third-party not a formal party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns. In the event Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to improvements, work product, or lands within the District, Developer shall continue to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and additionally shall expressly require that the purchaser agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. In the event of such sale or disposition, Developer may place into escrow an amount equal to the then unfunded portion of the applicable adopted Budget to fund any budgeted expenses that may arise during the remainder of the applicable fiscal year. Upon confirmation of the deposit of said funds into escrow, and evidence of an assignment to, and assumption by the purchaser, of this Agreement, Developer's obligation under this Agreement shall be deemed fulfilled and this Agreement terminated. Developer shall give 90 days prior written notice to the District under this Agreement of any such sale or disposition.

10. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. The parties agree and consent to, for the purposes of venue, the jurisdiction of the courts of Duval County, Florida.

11. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

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

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

Attest:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: _____
Its: _____



Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Property Description

Exhibit B: Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General Fund Budget

Exhibit A

Property Description

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A portion of Sections 32 and 33, Township 3 South, Range 28 East, together with a portion of Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, Township 4 South, Range 28 East, Duval County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

For a Point of Reference, commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 33; thence North 88°37'28" East, along the Northerly line of said Section 33, a distance of 1343.30 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence continue North 88°37'28" East, along said Northerly line of said Section 33, a distance of 289.49 feet; thence South 07°44'34" East, departing said Northerly line, 1305.77 feet; thence South 13°31'53" East, 2389.14 feet; thence South 04°33'08" West, 1865.63 feet; thence South 18°03'25" West, 1232.39 feet; thence South 05°12'52" East, 2061.31 feet; thence South 19°40'49" West, 3784.88 feet; thence South 04°56'56" West, 366.20 feet; thence South 89°37'47" West, 1624.99 feet; thence South 00°22'13" East, 418.10 feet; thence South 88°55'30" West, 1799.90 feet to a point lying on the Easterly limited access right of way line of State Road No. 9B, a 400 foot limited access right of way per Florida Department of Transportation right of way map Section 72002-2513, Financial Project No. 209294-1; thence Northerly along said Easterly limited access right of way line the following 3 courses: Course 1, thence North 14°27'30" West, 403.98 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Easterly having a radius of 5529.58 feet; Course 2, thence Northerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 14°09'36", an arc length of 1366.57 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 07°22'42" West, 1363.10 feet; Course 3, thence North 00°17'54" West, 1535.00 feet to a point of intersection with the Easterly limited access right of way line of State Road No. 9A, a variable width limited access right of way per Florida Department of Transportation right of way map Section 72002-2511, Work Program Identification No. 2114883, said point also being on a non-tangent curve concave Westerly having a radius of 3000.00 feet; thence Northerly along said Easterly limited access right of way line the following 4 courses: Course 1, thence Northerly, departing said Easterly limited access right of way line of State Road No. 9B and along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 29°31'23", an arc length of 1545.82 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 07°27'47" East, 1528.78 feet; Course 2, thence North 07°17'54" West, 984.62 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Easterly having a

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radius of 11600.00 feet; Course 3, thence Northerly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 07°00'00", an arc length of 1417.21 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 03°47'54" West, 1416.33 feet; Course 4, thence North 00°17'54" West, 5839.87 feet to its intersection with the Southwesterly right of way line of R.G. Skinner Parkway, a 110 foot right of way as presently established; thence Southeasterly along said Southwesterly right of way line the following 3 courses: Course 1, thence Southerly departing said Easterly limited access right of way line and along the arc of a curve concave Easterly having a radius of 300.00 feet, through a central angle of 43°17'06", an arc length of 226.64 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 21°56'27" East, 221.29 feet; Course 2, thence South 43°35'00" East, 446.83 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Northeasterly having a radius of 600.00 feet; Course 3, thence Southeasterly along the arc of said curve, through a central angle of 25°15'01", an arc length of 264.42 feet to the point of tangency of said curve, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of South 56°12'31" East, 262.29 feet; thence South 68°50'01" East, continuing along said Southwesterly right of way line, 263.07 feet to a point lying on the boundary line of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 14340, page 1809, of the current Public Records of said county; thence Southerly along said boundary line the following 62 courses: Course 1, thence South 56°47'19" West, departing said Southwesterly right of way line, 34.93 feet; Course 2, thence South 59°53'26" West, 60.77 feet; Course 3, thence South 28°07'37" West, 63.38 feet; Course 4, thence South 36°12'31" West, 52.77 feet; Course 5, thence South 44°25'16" West, 53.99 feet; Course 6, thence South 60°24'13" West, 59.40 feet; Course 7, thence South 37°46'20" West, 47.85 feet; Course 8, thence South 12°02'36" East, 52.58 feet; Course 9, thence South 13°05'33" East, 42.42 feet; Course 10, thence South 16°44'01" West, 33.11 feet; Course 11, thence South 18°07'14" West, 49.93 feet; Course 12, thence South 23°19'42" West, 58.13 feet; Course 13, thence North 84°25'00" West, 84.95 feet; Course 14, thence South 00°24'25" East, 68.26 feet; Course 15, thence South 81°52'44" East, 73.42 feet; Course 16, thence South 35°00'24" East, 50.94 feet; Course 17, thence South 42°29'27" East, 63.28 feet; Course 18, thence South 72°15'25" East, 65.91 feet; Course 19, thence North 73°27'14" East, 68.75 feet; Course 20, thence North 51°47'07" East, 59.88 feet; Course 21, thence North 65°14'07" East, 63.44 feet; Course 22, thence South 44°57'44" East, 51.37 feet; Course 23, thence South 41°27'00" East, 50.99 feet; Course 24, thence North 68°09'16" East, 90.76 feet; Course 25, thence North 00°26'34" West, 52.95 feet; Course 26, thence North 39°25'04" West, 59.68 feet; Course 27, thence North 46°31'57" East, 62.01 feet; Course 28, thence North 50°00'38" East, 57.16 feet; Course 29, thence North 88°38'44" East, 49.62 feet; Course 30, thence South 67°21'23" East, 54.16 feet; Course 31, thence South 14°50'50" East, 56.43 feet; Course 32, thence South 48°06'29" East, 55.42 feet; Course 33, thence South 04°06'11" East, 57.55 feet; Course 34, thence South 38°52'42" West, 48.46 feet; Course 35, thence South 08°09'16" West, 60.88 feet; Course 36, thence South 29°03'41" East, 51.97 feet; Course 37, thence South 07°41'54" East, 90.90 feet; Course 38, thence South 75°57'31" East, 33.30 feet; Course 39, thence South 80°17'39" East,

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50.60 feet; Course 40, thence North 57°17'36" East, 58.75 feet; Course 41, thence North 17°44'41" East, 38.19 feet; Course 42, thence North 41°44'07" East, 55.91 feet; Course 43, thence South 78°01'28" East, 36.71 feet; Course 44, thence North 76°54'19" East, 50.12 feet; Course 45, thence South 78°17'09" East, 69.51 feet; Course 46, thence North 85°04'13" East, 33.16 feet; Course 47, thence North 35°50'17" East, 30.71 feet; Course 48, thence North 05°06'56" East, 69.39 feet; Course 49, thence North 25°14'24" East, 59.38 feet; Course 50, thence North 36°08'27" East, 68.81 feet; Course 51, thence North 42°18'11" West, 56.04 feet; Course 52, thence North 01°48'23" East, 43.34 feet; Course 53, thence South 71°57'16" East, 51.30 feet; Course 54, thence South 45°25'16" East, 54.76 feet; Course 55, thence South 19°52'56" West, 39.91 feet; Course 56, thence South 14°36'39" East, 42.26 feet; Course 57, thence South 40°20'23" East, 57.10 feet; Course 58, thence South 59°04'18" East, 52.23 feet; Course 59, thence South 13°07'44" East, 44.38 feet; Course 60, thence South 24°46'40" East, 56.39 feet; Course 61, thence South 26°06'15" East, 32.51 feet; Course 62, thence South 02°12'11" West, 41.80 feet; thence South 45°09'13" East, departing said boundary line, 35.48 feet to the Northeast corner of those lands described and recorded in Official Records Book 14863, page 469, of said current Public Records; thence North 89°59'26" West, along the Northerly line of said Official Records Book 14863, page 469, a distance of 70.00 feet to the Northwest corner thereof; thence South 00°00'34" West, along the Westerly line of last said lands, 65.00 feet to the Southwest corner thereof; thence South 89°59'26" East, along the Southerly line of said lands, 70.00 feet to the Southeast corner thereof, said corner lying on said Southwesterly right of way line of R.G. Skinner Parkway; thence South 00°00'34" West, along said Southwesterly right of way line, 107.34 feet to a point lying on the Southerly terminus of said R.G. Skinner Parkway; thence South 89°59'26" East, departing said Southwesterly right of way line and along said Southerly terminus, 110.00 feet to a point lying on the Southerly line of said Official Records Book 14340, page 1809; thence Easterly and Northerly along the Southerly and Easterly lines of last said lands the following 62 courses: Course 1, thence South 00°00'34" West, departing said Southerly terminus, 145.55 feet; Course 2, thence South 89°59'26" East, 2280.15 feet; Course 3, thence North 07°41'27" West, 12.17 feet; Course 4, thence North 20°26'25" West, 28.98 feet; Course 5, thence North 06°37'03" East, 35.94 feet; Course 6, thence North 26°09'20" East, 47.24 feet; Course 7, thence North 10°50'26" East, 18.12 feet; Course 8, thence North 19°27'45" East, 19.37 feet; Course 9, thence North 10°56'37" East, 57.23 feet; Course 10, thence North 31°50'19" West, 53.99 feet; Course 11, thence North 25°51'04" West, 36.99 feet; Course 12, thence North 29°13'43" West, 21.65 feet; Course 13, thence North 71°51'12" West, 34.33 feet; Course 14, thence North 04°17'54" East, 38.72 feet; Course 15, thence North 00°16'03" East, 31.09 feet; Course 16, thence North 16°06'04" East, 32.18 feet; Course 17, thence North 20°33'04" West, 21.97 feet; Course 18, thence North 56°02'19" West, 40.42 feet; Course 19, thence North 02°24'10" West, 36.61 feet; Course 20, thence North 02°52'24" East, 35.41 feet; Course 21, thence North 00°06'57" East, 45.28 feet; Course 22, thence North 08°57'28" East, 54.79 feet; Course 23, thence North 06°50'55" West, 38.58 feet; Course 24, thence North 14°46'17" East, 32.02 feet; Course 25,

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Containing 1249.73 acres, more or less.

Exhibit B
FY2018-2019 General Fund Budget

[see attached]

F.

RESOLUTION 2018-18

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure and rates, fees and charges of the District on _____, at _____m., at _____.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Vice/Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The Cypress Bluff 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 by resident electors must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District, registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located, and qualified. 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 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 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 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.

- (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 an individual who is qualified to perform the labor. 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 the 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. After the request has been fulfilled, additional payments or credits may be due.
- (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.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.006, 119.07, Fla. Stat.

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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 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 Governmental Management Services-Central Florida, LLC, 135 W. Central Boulevard, Suite 320, Orlando, Florida 32801 or (407) 841-5524. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following 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 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 a notice and an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The notice and agenda shall be available to the public at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop except in an emergency. For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution. 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, 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. 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 attorneys 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.

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

Law Implemented: §§ 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.

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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. Notice will then be mailed to all persons whom, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its proceedings.
- (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 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 sixty (60) 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 one million dollars (\$1,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), 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.

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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 federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (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. Consultants who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list shall receive notices by mail. 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) 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.

(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 audit selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.

(2) Establishment of Audit Committee. Prior to a public announcement under section (4) of this Rule that Auditing Services are required, the Board shall establish an audit 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 should include at least three individuals, some or all of whom may also serve as members of the Board. The establishment and selection of the Committee must be conducted at a publicly noticed and held meeting of the Board.

(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 federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (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) Understanding of scope of work;
 - (iv) Ability to furnish the required services; and
 - (v) 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.
- (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 July 1 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. No contract shall continue, or allow the contract to be renewed, for a period of more than three years from the date of its execution. 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, 218.391, 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. Persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list shall receive notices by mail.
 - (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 the 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, 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.

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 the 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 such as 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 take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the procurement of construction services, which steps may include 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 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 3.6 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 such as 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 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) proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no proposals are received, the District may take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the procurement of design-build services, which steps may include 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. Failing accord with the second most qualified firm, the Board must terminate negotiations. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. 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.

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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 the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (ii) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) 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 take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, which steps may include 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 period that may not exceed three (3) years or the term of the original contract, whichever period is longer.
- (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 the 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 take whatever steps reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, which steps may include 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 period that may not exceed three (3) years or the term of the original contract, whichever period is longer.
 - (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 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, the Board may require any person who files a notice of protest to post a protest bond in the amount equal to 1% of the anticipated contract amount

that is the subject of the protest. 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, 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 , 2018, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board.

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

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

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G.

RESOLUTION 2018-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 197.3632, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, is authorized to levy, collect, and enforce certain special assessments, which include benefit and maintenance assessments and further authorizes the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") to levy, collect, and enforce special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*.

WHEREAS, the District desires to use the Uniform Method for the levy, collection and enforcement of non-ad valorem special assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, (the "Uniform Method").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the Uniform Method on _____, 2018, at _____ .m., at _____.

SECTION 2. The District Secretary is directed to publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

RESOLUTION 2018-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Cypress Bluff 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 Duval County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (hereinafter the “Board”), is statutorily authorized to select a depository as defined in Section 280.02, Florida Statutes, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280 and has been designated by the State Chief Financial Officer as a qualified public depository; and

WHEREAS, the District has had no District revenues and has therefore made no public deposits nor has the District heretofore delegated to a Treasurer, or to any other person, responsibility for handling public deposits; and

WHEREAS, the District, prior to making any public deposit, is required to furnish to the State Chief Financial Officer its official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having organized by electing a Treasurer and other officers, is now in a position to select a public depository and to comply with the requirements for public depositories; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to designate a public depository for the funds of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. _____ is hereby designated as the public depository for funds of Cypress Bluff Community Development District.

Section 2. In accordance with Section 280.17(2), Florida Statutes, the District’s Secretary is directed to take the following steps:

- (a) Ensure that the name of the District is on the account or certificate or other form provided to the District by the qualified public depository in a manner sufficient to identify that the account is a Florida public deposit.
- (b) Execute the form prescribed by the Chief Financial Officer for identification of each public deposit account and obtain acknowledgment of receipt on the form from the qualified public

depository at the time of opening the account.

- (c) Maintain the current public deposit identification and acknowledgment form as a valuable record.

Section 3. The District's Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the funds of the District, is directed to furnish to the State Chief Financial Officer annually, not later than November 30 of each year, the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(6), Florida Statutes, and otherwise take the necessary steps to ensure that all other requirements of Section 280.17, Florida Statutes, have been met.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

B.

RESOLUTION 2018-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE DISTRICT'S OPERATING BANK ACCOUNT(S), AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Cypress Bluff 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 Duval County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (hereinafter the "Board") has selected a depository as defined in Section 280.02, Florida Statutes, which meets all the requirements of Chapter 280 and has been designated by the State Chief Financial Officer as a qualified public depository; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires now to authorize signatories for the operating bank account(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretaries and Treasurer are hereby designated as authorized signatories for the operating bank account(s) of Cypress Bluff Community Development District.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

C.

RESOLUTION 2018-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CONTINUING EXPENSES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN NON-CONTINUING EXPENSES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING FOR A MONETARY THRESHOLD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

WHEREAS, Section 190.011(5), Florida Statutes, authorizes the District to adopt resolutions which may be necessary for the conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (hereinafter the "Board") typically meets monthly to conduct the business of the District, including authorizing the payment of District operating and maintenance expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board may establish bi-monthly, quarterly or other meeting dates not on a monthly basis, or may cancel regularly scheduled monthly meetings from time to time; and

WHEREAS, to conduct the business of the District in an efficient manner, recurring, non-recurring and other disbursements for goods and services must be processed and paid in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, establishing meeting schedules outside of monthly meetings may interfere with the timely approval of disbursements and payment of expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines this Resolution is in the best interest of the District and is necessary for the efficient conduct of District business; the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; and the preservation of District assets or facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. Continuing Expenses: The Board hereby authorizes the payment of invoices of continuing expenses, which meet the following requirements:

1. The invoices must be due on or before the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

2. The invoice must be pursuant to a contract or agreement authorized by the Board of Supervisors.
3. The total amount paid under such contract or agreement, including the current invoice, must be equal to or less than the amount specified in the contract or agreement.
4. The invoice amount will not cause payments to exceed the adopted budget of the District.

Section 2. Non-Continuing Expenses: The Board hereby authorizes the disbursement of funds for payment of invoices of non-continuing expenses which are 1) required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; or 2) required to repair, control, or maintain a District facility or asset beyond the normal, usual, or customary maintenance required for such facility or assets, pursuant to the following schedule:

1. Non-Continuing Expenses Not Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager;
2. Non-Continuing Expenses Exceeding \$5,000 - with approval of the District Manager and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Section 3. Any payment made pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors at the next scheduled meeting for approval and ratification..

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

Cypress Bluff Community Development District

FY2018 Funding Request #1
29-Jun-18

Vendor	Amount
1 Funds to Open Operating Account	\$ 5,000.00
2 Insurance	\$ 5,000.00
3 Legal Advertising	\$ 5,000.00
Total Amount Due	\$ 15,000.00

Please make check payable to:

Cypress Bluff CDD
1001 Bradford Way
Kingston, TN 37763

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

A.

1.

**BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND**

THIS BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this 11th day of July, 2018, by and between:

CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located entirely within City of Jacksonville, Florida (the "District"), and

[REDACTED], a Florida **[REDACTED]** with a mailing address of **[REDACTED]** ("Developer").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and being situated entirely within City of Jacksonville, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District presently expects to access the public bond market to provide for the financing of certain capital improvements, facilities, and services to benefit the lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

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

1. RECITALS. Above stated recitals are true and correct and by this reference incorporated herein and form a material part of this Agreement.

2. 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 funds within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written notification from the District Manager of the need for such funds.

E. In the event that 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.

3. TERMINATION. Developer and the District agree that Developer may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing thirty (30) 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.

4. CAPITALIZATION. The parties agree that all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement may be reimbursable from proceeds of the District financing for capital improvements, and that within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the proceeds by the District of bonds or notes for the District's capital projects, the District shall reimburse 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 the District bonds are not issued within six (6) 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.

5. DEFAULT. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the non-defaulting party 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.

6. 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, paralegals' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

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

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

9. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

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

A. If to District: Cypress Bluff Community Development District
475 West Town Place, Suite 114
St. Augustine, Florida 32092
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to: Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.
119 S. Monroe Street, Suite 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to Developer: _____

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.

11. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

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

13. CONTROLLING LAW. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Each party consents to, for the purposes of venue, the jurisdiction of the courts of Duval County, Florida.

14. 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement to be effective the day and year first written above.

Attest:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Witness

By: _____
Its: _____

2.

RESOLUTION 2018-23

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL IN
CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF CYPRESS
BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Cypress Bluff 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 Duval County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (hereinafter the "Board") desires to appoint Bond Counsel to advise it regarding the proposed validation and issuance of special assessment bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that the employment of Bond Counsel is necessary and is in the District's best interests;

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

Section 1. All of the above representations, findings and determinations contained above are recognized as true and accurate, and are expressly incorporated into this resolution.

Section 2. The Board hereby appoints _____ as Bond Counsel for the District and agrees to provide compensation for same in the amount and manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

Section 3. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

3.

RESOLUTION 2018-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AN INVESTMENT BANKER IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS

WHEREAS, Cypress Bluff 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 Duval County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District (hereinafter the “Board”) desires to appoint an Investment Banker to advise it regarding the proposed issuance of special assessment bonds and other financing methods for District improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. All of the above representations, findings and determinations contained above are recognized as true and accurate, and are expressly incorporated into this resolution.

Section 2. The Board hereby appoints _____ as Investment Banker of the District, and shall be compensated for their services in such capacity in the manner prescribed in the agreement incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”.

Section 3. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

**CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2018-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING THE CHAIRMAN AND DISTRICT STAFF TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, FOR CONSENT TO EXERCISE SPECIAL POWERS; MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Cypress Bluff Community Development District (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* (“Uniform Act”), by Ordinance No. 2018-335-E, adopted by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, effective June 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the District is located within the jurisdiction of the City of Jacksonville, Florida (“City”); and

WHEREAS, the District and all land uses and services planned within the District are not inconsistent with applicable elements or portions of the effective City of Jacksonville Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, all of the City’s applicable land use, zoning and permitting requirements govern the development of land within the District, including all activities of the District in the provision of its services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to exercise general powers pursuant to section 190.011, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District has identified the need for certain improvements within the boundaries of the District that it wishes to provide; and

WHEREAS, the District is required to obtain the consent of the local general-purpose government prior to the exercise of powers related to Section 190.012(2), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to submit a request to the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida, for consent to 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 recreation, cultural, and educational uses, and security, including, but not limited to, guardhouses, fences and gates, electronic intrusion-detection systems, and patrol cars, when authorized by proper governmental agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The representations, findings and determinations contained in above Recitals are recognized as true and accurate, and are expressly incorporated herein as a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The District respectfully requests that the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida, grant the District the consent required to exercise the authority provided in sections 190.012(2)(a) and (d), *Florida Statutes*, as amended, which presently states, in relevant part, “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... and (d) security, including, but not limited to, guardhouses, fences and gates, electronic intrusion-detection systems, and patrol cars, when authorized by proper governmental agencies,” all of which shall be owned, operated and maintained by the District as contemplated in the District’s Improvement Plan, dated May 30, 2018, and attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 3. The Board hereby directs the Chairman and District staff to proceed in an expeditious manner to transmit this Resolution requesting consent to exercise the special powers authorized in sections 190.012(2)(a) and (d), *Florida Statutes*, as amended, to the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida. The Board further authorizes the Chairman and District staff to take all actions necessary to obtain the authority requested.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Cypress Bluff Community Development District on this 11th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

CYPRESS BLUFF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A Improvement Plan

Exhibit A
Improvement Plan

[See attached]