# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

## May 1, 2024

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

# ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# AGENDA LETTER

# Starling Community Development District

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER**
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**ATTENDEES:**
**Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.**

April 24, 2024

Board of Supervisors
Starling Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

An Organizational Meeting of the Starling Community Development District will be held on May 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., at the Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, 24244 Corporate Court, Port Charlotte, Florida 33954. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Public Comments

GENERAL DISTRICT ITEMS

3. Administration of Oath of Office to Initial Board of Supervisors *(the following will be provided in a separate package)*
   - A. Updates and Reminders: Ethics Training for Special District Supervisors and Form 1
   - B. Membership, Obligation and Responsibilities
   - C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
   - D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers

4. Consideration of Resolution 2024-01, Electing Certain Officers of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date

5. Consideration of Resolution 2024-02, Designating a Date, Time, and Location for Landowners' Meeting of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

6. Consideration of the Following Organizational Items:

A. Resolution 2024-03, Appointing and Fixing the Compensation of the District Manager and Methodology Consultant; Providing an Effective Date

- Agreement for District Management Services: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

B. Resolution 2024-04, Appointing District Counsel for the District, and Authorizing Compensation; and Providing for an Effective Date

- Fee Agreement: *Kutak Rock LLP*

C. Resolution 2024-05, Designating a Registered Agent and Registered Office of the District, and Providing for an Effective Date

D. Resolution 2024-06, Appointing an Interim District Engineer for the Starling Community Development District, Authorizing Its Compensation and Providing for an Effective Date

- Interim Engineering Services Agreement: *Atwell, LLC*

E. Authorization of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services

F. Board Member Compensation: 190.006 (8), F.S.

G. Resolution 2024-07, Designating the Primary Administrative Office and Principal Headquarters of the District and Providing an Effective Date

H. Resolution 2024-08, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date

I. Resolution 2024-09, Setting Forth the Policy of the District Board of Supervisors with Regard to the Support and Legal Defense of the Board of Supervisors and District Officers, and Providing for an Effective Date

- Authorization to Obtain General Liability and Public Officers' Insurance

J. Resolution 2024-10, 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

K. Resolution 2024-11, 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

L. Resolution 2024-12, Granting the Chair and Vice Chair 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

M. Resolution 2024-13, Ratifying, Confirming and Approving the Recording of the Notice of Establishment for the District; and Providing for an Effective Date

N. Authorization of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Audit Services

- Designation of Board of Supervisors as Audit Committee

O. Strange Zone, Inc., Quotation #M24-10117 for District Website Design, Maintenance and Domain Web-Site Design Agreement

P. ADA Site Compliance Proposal for Website Compliance Shield, Accessibility Policy and One (1) Annual Technological Audit

Q. Resolution 2024-14, 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 Providing an Effective Date

I. Rules of Procedure

II. Notices of Rule Development and Rulemaking

R. Resolution 2024-15, Designating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Providing for an Effective Date

S. Resolution 2024-16, Approving the Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date

BANKING ITEMS

7. Consideration of the Following Banking Items:

A. Resolution 2024-17, Designating a Public Depository for Funds of the District and Providing an Effective Date

B. Resolution 2024-18, Directing the District Manager to Establish a Local Bank Account and Appoint Signors on the Account; and Providing an Effective Date

C. Resolution 2024-19, Authorizing the District Manager or Treasurer to Execute the Public Depositor Report; Authorizing the Execution of Any Other Financial Reports as Required by Law; Providing for an Effective Date

BUDGETARY ITEMS

8. Consideration of the Following Budgetary Items:
    A. Resolution 2024-20, Approving the Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Setting Public Hearings Thereon Pursuant to Florida Law; Addressing Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date
    B. Budget Funding Agreements
        I. Fiscal Year 2023/2024
        II. Fiscal Year 2024/2025
    C. Resolution 2024-21, Adopting the Alternative Investment Guidelines for Investing Public Funds in Excess of Amounts Needed to Meet Current Operating Expenses, in Accordance with Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes; Providing for an Effective Date
    D. Resolution 2024-22, 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
    E. Resolution 2024-23, Adopting a Policy for Reimbursement of District Travel Expenses; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date
    F. Resolution 2024-24, Adopting Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
    G. Resolution 2024-25, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy Consistent with Section 218.33, Florida Statutes; Providing an Effective Date
    H. E-Verify Memorandum with MOU

BOND FINANCING ITEMS

9. Consideration of the Following Bond Financing Related Items:
    A. Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement
    B. Engagement of Bond Financing Professionals
        I. Underwriter/Investment Banker: *MBS Capital Markets*
        II. Bond Counsel: *Bryant Miller Olive PA*
        III. Trustee, Paying Agent and Registrar: *US Bank Trust Company, N.A*.

C. Resolution 2024-26, 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

D. Presentation of Master Engineer's Report

E. Presentation of Master Special Assessment Methodology Report

F. Resolution 2024-27, Declaring Special Assessments; Indicating the Location, Nature and Cost of those Improvements Which Cost is Being Financed and Such Financing is to be Defrayed by the Special Assessments; Providing the Portion of the Cost of the Improvements to be Defrayed by the Special Assessments; Providing the Manner in Which Such Special Assessments Shall be Made; Providing When Such Special Assessments Shall be Paid; Designating Lands Upon Which the Special Assessments Shall be Levied; Providing for an Assessment Plat; Adopting a Preliminary Assessment Roll; Providing for Publication of this Resolution

G. Resolution 2024-28, Setting a Public Hearing for the Purpose of Hearing Public Comment on Imposing Special Assessments on Certain Property Within the District Generally Described as the Starling Community Development District in Accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes

H. Resolution 2024-29, Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding $46,900,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Starling Community Development District Bonds, in One or More Series, for the Purpose of Financing the Design, Acquisition, Construction and/or Reconstruction by the District of the Public Improvements And Community Facilities Permitted By the Provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as Amended, and The Ordinance Creating the District; Approving a Form of a Master Trust Indenture; Approving and Appointing a Trustee; Authorizing the Commencement of Validation Proceedings Relating to the Foregoing Bonds; Authorizing and Approving Other Matters Relating to the Foregoing Bonds; and Providing an Effective Date

10. Consideration of Acquisition Agreement

11. Staff Reports

A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*

B. District Engineer (Interim): *Atwell, LLC*

C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

12. Board Members' Comments/Requests

13. Public Comments

14. Adjournment

The third order of business is general in nature; you will subscribe to an Oath of Office. As a Supervisor, you are a local public official and, as such, subject to financial disclosure requirements, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the Sunshine Law. The enclosed, Form 1 – Statement of Financial Interests, must be completed and mailed to the Supervisor of Elections, in the county in which you permanently reside, within 30 days of appointment to office.

The fourth order of business deals with the election and designation of officers, which will be evidenced by the adoption of Resolution 2024-01. The following guidelines are recommended for consideration by the Board:

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| Chair | Elected by the Board members and must be a member of the Board. He/She is responsible for conducting the meetings of the Board and for signing required documents of the District. |
| Vice Chair | Elected by the Board members and must be a member of the Board. He/She acts in the position of Chair in the absence of the Chair. |
| Secretary | Elected by the Board members and can be either a member of the Board or a member of the District's Staff. The Secretary of the Board is responsible for keeping all of the District's public records, including minutes, agendas, etc., along with attesting to the Chair's signature on documents. Generally, the District Manager serves as the Secretary. |
| Treasurer | Elected by the Board members and either a member of the Board or a member of the District's Staff. The Treasurer of the Board is responsible for maintaining the District's accounting records, including coordination with the Trustee, the Auditor, Accounts Payable, and Payroll Staff, etc. Generally, the District Manager serves as the Treasurer. |
| Assistant Treasurer | Elected by the Board members and either a member of the Board or a member of the District's Staff. The Assistant Treasurer of the Board is responsible for supporting the Treasurer in maintaining the District's accounting records, including coordination with the Trustee, the Auditor, Accounts Payable, and Payroll Staff, etc. |

Assistant Secretary — Elected by the Board members and recommended to be all other members of the Board who do not hold either the Chair's or the Vice Chair's position.

The fifth order of business designates a date, time and location for the initial meeting of the landowners, evidenced by the adoption of resolution 2024-02.

The sixth order of business relates to organizational matters, including the appointment of the District Manager, General Counsel, Interim Engineer, designation of Registered Agent, Primary Administrative Office, as well as website related items. In addition, the Board will address the selection of dates and a location for the District's regular meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2024. Generally, the Board meets on a monthly basis throughout the year, and the establishment of a regular meeting date, time and location is recommended.

The seventh order of business deals with banking matters including designation of a Qualified Public Depository, establishment of a District checking account and designation of signatories.

The eighth order of business deals with budgetary matters, including consideration of the proposed budgets for Fiscal Years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 and adoption of the resolution approving the proposed budgets for the purpose of setting public hearings to adopt the final budgets. The Board will also be considering the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 Funding Agreement, Alternative Investment Guidelines for the District, as well as Prompt Payment Policies.

The ninth order of business deals with bond financing matters.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (239) 464-7114.

Sincerely,

Chesley (Chuck) E Adams, Jr.
District Manager

**FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE**
**CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094**
**PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 229 774 8903**

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
**OATH OF OFFICE**

I,_____, A CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND BEING EMPLOYED BY OR AN OFFICER OF STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND A RECIPIENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS AS SUCH EMPLOYEE OR OFFICER, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

_____
Board Supervisor

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OATH BEING TAKEN

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing oath was administered before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization on this ___ day of _____, 20__, by _____, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification, and is the person described in and who took the aforementioned oath as a Member of the Board of Supervisors of Starling Community Development District and acknowledged to and before me that he/she took said oath for the purposes therein expressed.

(NOTARY SEAL)

_____
Notary Public, State of Florida

Print Name: _____

Commission No.: _____ Expires: _____

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MAILING ADDRESS: ☐ Home ☐ Office County of Residence _____

_____ _____ _____
Street Phone Fax

_____ _____
City, State, Zip Email Address

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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KUTAKROCK

**Kutak Rock LLP**
107 West College Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301
850.692.7300

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** District Counsel

**Date:** January 1, 2024

**Subject:** Ethics Training Requirements

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Beginning January 1, 2024, all Board Supervisors of Florida Community Development Districts will be required to complete four (4) hours of Ethics training each year. The four (4) hours must be allocated to the following categories: two (2) hours of Ethics Law, one (1) hour of Sunshine Law, and one (1) hour of Public Records law.

This training may be completed online, and the four (4) hours do not have to be completed all at once. The Florida Commission on Ethics ("COE") has compiled a list of resources for this training. An overview of the resources are described below, and links to the resources are included in this memo.

Each year when Supervisors complete the required financial disclosure form (Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests), Supervisors must mark a box confirming that he or she has completed the Ethics training requirements. At this time, there is no requirement to submit a certificate; however, the COE advises that Supervisors keep a record of all trainings completed (including date and time of completion), in the event Supervisors are ever asked to provide proof of completion. The training is a calendar year requirement and corresponds to the form year. So, Supervisors will not report their 2024 training until they fill out their Form 1 for the 2025 year.

## Free Training Options

The Florida Commission on Ethics' ("COE") website has several free online resources and links to resources that Supervisors can access to complete the training requirements. Navigate to that page here: Florida Commission on Ethics Training.[1] Please note that the COE only provides free training for the two (2) hour Ethics portion of the annual training. However, the COE does provide links to free outside resources to complete the Sunshine and Public Records portion of the training. These links are included in this memorandum below for your ease of reference.

[1] https://ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx

**Free Ethics Law Training**

The COE provides several videos for Ethics training, none of which are exactly two (2) hours in length. Please ensure you complete 120 minutes of Ethics training when choosing a combination of the below.

**State Ethics Laws for Constitutional Officers & Elected Municipal Officers (100 minutes)**
Click here: Kinetic Ethics

**Business and Employment Conflicts and Post-Public-Service (56 minutes) Restriction**
Click here: Business and Employment Conflicts

**Gifts (50 minutes)**
Click here: Ethics Laws Governing Acceptance of Gifts

**Voting Conflicts - Local Officers (58 minutes)**[1]
Click here: Voting Vertigo

**Free Sunshine/Public Records Law Training**

The Office of the Attorney General provides a two (2) hour online training course (audio only) that meets the requirements of the Sunshine Law and Public Records Law portion of Supervisors' annual training.
Click here to access: Public Meeting and Public Records Law

**Other Training Options**

**4- Hour Course**

Some courses will provide a certificate upon completion (not required), like the one found from the Florida State University, Florida Institute of Government, linked here: 4-Hour Ethics Course. This course meets all the ethics training requirements for the year, including Sunshine Law and Public Records training. This course is currently $79.00

**CLE Course**

The COE's website includes a link to the Florida Bar's Continuing Legal Education online tutorial which also meets all the Ethics training requirements. However, this is a CLE course designed more specifically for attorneys. The 5 hours 18 minutes' long course exceeds the 4-hour requirement and its cost is significantly higher than the 4-Hour Ethics course provided by the Florida State University. The course is currently $325.00. To access this course, click here: Sunshine Law, Public Records and Ethics for Public Officers and Public Employees.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## General Information

Name: DISCLOSURE FILER

Address: SAMPLE ADDRESS

County: SAMPLE COUNTY

**PID SAMPLE**

**AGENCY INFORMATION**

| Organization | Suborganization | Title |
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| SAMPLE | SAMPLE | SAMPLE |

## Disclosure Period

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 .

## Primary Sources of Income

PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME (Over $2,500) (Major sources of income to the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

| Name of Source of Income | Source's Address | Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity |
|---|---|---|
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## Secondary Sources of Income

SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME (Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person) (If you have nothing to report, write “none” or “n/a”)

| Name of Business Entity | Name of Major Sources of Business' Income | Address of Source | Principal Business Activity of Source |
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## Real Property

REAL PROPERTY (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person)
(If you have nothing to report, write “none” or “n/a”)

| Location/Description |
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## Intangible Personal Property

INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. over $10,000)
(If you have nothing to report, write “none” or “n/a”)

| Type of Intangible | Business Entity to Which the Property Relates |
|---|---|
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## Liabilities

LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over $10,000):
(If you have nothing to report, write “none” or “n/a”)

| Name of Creditor | Address of Creditor |
|---|---|
| | |

## Interests in Specified Businesses

INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses)
(If you have nothing to report, write “none” or “n/a”)

| Business Entity # 1 |
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## Training

Based on the office or position you hold, the certification of training required under Section 112.3142, F.S., is not applicable to you for this form year.

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## Signature of Filer

Digitally signed:

**Filed with COE:**

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# 2023 Form 1 Instructions Statement of Financial Interests

## Notice

The annual Statement of Financial Interest is due July 1, 2024. If the annual form is not submitted via the electronic filing system created and maintained by the Commission September 3, 2024, an automatic fine of $25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of $1,500. Failure to file also can result in removal from public office or employment. [s. 112.3145, F.S.]
In addition, failure to make any required disclosure constitutes grounds for and may be punished by one or more of the following: disqualification from being on the ballot, impeachment, removal or suspension from office or employment, demotion, reduction in salary, reprimand, or a civil penalty not exceeding $10,000. [s. 112.317, F.S.]

## When To File:

***Initially***, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file **within 30 days** of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

**Candidates** must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

**Thereafter**, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

**Finally**, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2023.

## Who Must File Form 1

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 those required to file full disclosure on Form 6 as well as members of solely advisory bodies, but including judicial nominating commission members; Directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and Career Source 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 Fla. Regional Transportation Commission; board members of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc; board members 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, the local Boards of Trustees and Presidents of state universities, and the Florida Prepaid College Board.
4. 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 Form 6.
5. Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; community college or junior college district boards of trustees; boards having the power to enforce local code provisions; boards of adjustment; community redevelopment agencies; planning or zoning boards having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within a 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, and except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; pension or retirement boards empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or determine entitlement to or amount of pensions or other retirement benefits, and the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.
6. Any 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.
7. Persons holding any of these positions in local government: 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 $35,000 for the local governmental unit.

8. Officers and employees of entities serving as chief administrative officer of a political subdivision.
9. Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
10. 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.
11. The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: Secretary, Assistant or Deputy Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant or Deputy Executive Director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
12. The following positions in each state department or division: Director, Assistant or Deputy Director, Bureau Chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
13. Assistant State Attorneys, Assistant Public Defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, Public Counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
14. 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.
15. 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 $35,000.
16. 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.
17. Each member of the governing body of a "large-hub commercial service airport," as defined in Section 112.3144(1)(c), Florida Statutes, except for members required to comply with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Article II of the State Constitution.

**ATTACHMENTS:** A filer may include and submit attachments or other supporting documentation when filing disclosure.

**PUBLIC RECORD:** The disclosure form is a public record and is required by law to be posted to the Commission's website. Your Social Security number, bank account, debit, charge, and credit card numbers, mortgage or brokerage account numbers, personal identification numbers, or taxpayer identification numbers are not required and should not be included. If such information is included in the filing, it may be made available for public inspection and copying unless redaction is required by the filer, without any liability to the Commission. If you are an active or former officer or employee listed in Section 119.071, F.S., whose home address or other information is exempt from disclosure, the Commission will maintain that confidentiality *if you submit a written and notarized request.*

**QUESTIONS** about this form or the ethics laws may be addressed to the Commission on Ethics, Post Office Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303; telephone (850) 488-7864.

# Instructions for Completing Form 1

## Primary Sources of Income

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)1, F.S.]

This section is intended to require the disclosure of your principal sources of income during the disclosure period. You do not have to disclose any public salary or public position(s). The income of your spouse need not be disclosed; however, if there is joint income to you and your spouse from property you own jointly (such as interest or dividends from a bank account or stocks), you should disclose the source of that income if it exceeded the threshold.

Please list in this part of the form the name, address, and principal business activity of each source of your income which exceeded $2,500 of gross income received by you in your own name or by any other person for your use or benefit.

"Gross income" means the same as it does for income tax purposes, even if the income is not actually taxable, such as interest on tax-free bonds. Examples include: compensation for services, income from business, gains from property dealings, interest, rents, dividends, pensions, IRA distributions, social security, distributive share of partnership gross income, and alimony if considered gross income under federal law, but not child support.

Examples:

- If you were employed by a company that manufactures computers and received more than $2,500, list the name of the company, its address, and its principal business activity (computer manufacturing).
- If you were a partner in a law firm and your distributive share of partnership gross income exceeded $2,500, list the name of the firm, its address, and its principal business activity (practice of law).
- If you were the sole proprietor of a retail gift business and your gross income from the business exceeded $2,500, list the name of the business, its address, and its principal business activity (retail gift sales).
- If you received income from investments in stocks and bonds, list each individual company from which you derived more than $2,500. Do not aggregate all of your investment income.

- If more than $2,500 of your gross income was gain from the sale of property (not just the selling price), list as a source of income the purchaser's name, address and principal business activity. If the purchaser's identity is unknown, such as where securities listed on an exchange are sold through a brokerage firm, the source of income should be listed as "sale of (name of company) stock," for example.
- If more than $2,500 of your gross income was in the form of interest from one particular financial institution (aggregating interest from all CD's, accounts, etc., at that institution), list the name of the institution, its address, and its principal business activity.

## Secondary Sources of Income

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)2, F.S.]

This part is intended to require the disclosure of major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses in which you own an interest. It is not for reporting income from second jobs. That kind of income should be reported in "Primary Sources of Income," if it meets the reporting threshold. You will not have anything to report unless, during the disclosure period:

1. You owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of a business entity (a corporation, partnership, LLC, limited partnership, proprietorship, joint venture, trust, firm, etc., doing business in Florida); ***and,***
2. You received more than $5,000 of your gross income during the disclosure period from that business entity.

If your interests and gross income exceeded these thresholds, then for that business entity you must list every source of income to the business entity which exceeded 10% of the business entity's gross income (computed on the basis of the business entity's most recently completed fiscal year), the source's address, and the source's principal business activity.

Examples:

- You are the sole proprietor of a dry cleaning business, from which you received more than $5,000. If only one customer, a uniform rental company, provided more than 10% of your dry cleaning business, you must list the name of the uniform rental company, its address, and its principal business activity (uniform rentals).
- You are a 20% partner in a partnership that owns a shopping mall and your partnership income exceeded the above thresholds. List each tenant of the mall that provided more than 10% of the partnership's gross income and the tenant's address and principal business activity.

## Real Property

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)3, F.S.]

In this part, list the location or description of all real property in Florida in which you owned directly or indirectly at any time during the disclosure period in excess of 5% of the property's value. You are not required to list your residences. You should list any vacation homes if you derive income from them.

Indirect ownership includes situations where you are a beneficiary of a trust that owns the property, as well as situations where you own more than 5% of a partnership or corporation that owns the property. The value of the property may be determined by the most recently assessed value for tax purposes, in the absence of a more accurate fair market value.

The location or description of the property should be sufficient to enable anyone who looks at the form to identify the property. A street address should be used, if one exists.

## Intangible Personal Property

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)3, F.S.]

Describe any intangible personal property that, at any time during the disclosure period, was worth more than $10,000 and state the business entity to which the property related. Intangible personal property includes things such as cash on hand, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, vehicle leases, interests in businesses, beneficial interests in trusts, money owed you (including, but not limited to, loans made as a candidate to your own campaign), Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) accounts, the Florida Prepaid College Plan, and bank accounts in which you have an ownership interest. Intangible personal property also includes investment products held in IRAs, brokerage accounts, and the Florida College Investment Plan. Note that the product contained in a brokerage account, IRA, or the Florida College Investment Plan is your asset—not the account or plan itself. Things like automobiles and houses you own, jewelry, and paintings are not intangible property. Intangibles relating to the same business entity may be aggregated; for example, CDs and savings accounts with the same bank. Property owned as tenants by the entirety or as joint tenants with right of survivorship, including bank accounts owned in such a manner, should be valued at 100%. The value of a leased vehicle is the vehicle's present value minus the lease residual (a number found on the lease document).

## Liabilities

[Required by s. 112.3145(3)(b)4, F.S.]

List the name and address of each creditor to whom you owed more than $10,000 at any time during the disclosure period. The amount of the liability of a vehicle lease is the sum of any past-due payments and all unpaid prospective lease payments. You are not required to list the amount of any debt. You do not have to disclose credit card and retail installment accounts, taxes owed (unless reduced to a judgment), indebtedness on a life insurance policy owed to the company of issuance, or contingent liabilities. A “contingent liability” is one that will become an actual liability only when one or more future events occur or fail to occur, such as where you are liable only as a guarantor, surety, or endorser on a promissory note. If you are a “co-maker” and are jointly liable or jointly and severally liable, then it is not a contingent liability.

## Interests in Specified Businesses

[Required by s. 112.3145(7), F.S.]

The types of businesses covered in this disclosure include: state and federally chartered banks; state and federal savings and loan associations; cemetery companies; insurance companies; mortgage companies; credit unions; small loan companies; alcoholic beverage licensees; pari-mutuel wagering companies, utility companies, entities controlled by the Public Service Commission; and entities granted a franchise to operate by either a city or a county government.

Disclose in this part the fact that you owned during the disclosure period an interest in, or held any of certain positions with the types of businesses listed above. You must make this disclosure if you own or owned (either directly or indirectly in the form of an equitable or beneficial interest) at any time during the disclosure period more than 5% of the total assets or capital stock of one of the types of business entities listed above. You also must complete this part of the form for each of these types of businesses for which you are, or were at any time during the disclosure period, an officer, director, partner, proprietor, or agent (other than a resident agent solely for service of process).

If you have or held such a position or ownership interest in one of these types of businesses, list the name of the business, its address and principal business activity, and the position held with the business (if any). If you own(ed) more than a 5% interest in the business, indicate that fact and describe the nature of your interest.

## Training Certification

[Required by s. 112.3142, F.S.]

If you are a Constitutional or elected municipal officer appointed school superintendent, a commissioner of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163, or an elected local officers of independent special districts, including any person appointed to fill a vacancy on an elected special district board, whose service began on or before March 31 of the year for which you are filing, you are required to complete four hours of ethics training which addresses Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and open meetings laws of the state. You are required to certify on this form that you have taken such training.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 3B

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## MEMBERSHIP, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A Community Development District ("District") is a special-purpose unit of local government which is established pursuant to and governed by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.

**The Board**

The Community Development District ("District") is governed by a five (5)-member Board of Supervisors ("Board"). Member of the Board "Supervisor(s)") are elected in accordance with Section 190.006, F.S., either upon a one (1)-vote per one (1)-acre basis ("landowner voting") or through traditional elections ("resident voting"), depending upon the number of registered voters in the District and the length of time which has passed since the establishment of the District.

A CDD Board typically meets once per month, but may meet more often if necessary. Board meetings typically last from one (1) to three (3) hours, depending upon the business to be conducted by the Board. Prior to the meeting, each Supervisor is supplied with an agenda package which will contain the documents pertaining to the business to be considered by the Board at a particular meeting. A Supervisor should be willing to spend time reviewing these packages prior to each meeting, and may consult with District Staff (General Counsel, Management, Engineering, etc.) concerning the business to be addressed.

**Qualifications of Supervisors**

Each Supervisor must be a resident of the state of Florida and a citizen of the United States. Once a District has transitioned to resident voting, Supervisors must also be residents of the District.

**Compensation**

By statute, Board Members are entitled to be paid $200 per meeting for their service, up to an annual cap of $4,800 per year. To achieve the statutory cap, the District would have to meet twice each month, which is rare.

Sometimes Supervisors who are employees of the primary landowner waive their right to compensation, although this is not always the case.

**Responsibilities of Supervisors**

The position of Supervisor is that of an elected local public official. It is important to always remember that serving as an elected public official of a District carries with it certain restrictions and obligations. Each Supervisor, upon taking office, must subscribe to an oath of office acknowledging that he/she is a public officer, and as a recipient of public funds, a supporter of the constitutions of the State of Florida and of the United States of America.

Each Supervisor is subject to the same financial disclosure requirements as any other local elected official and must file a Statement of Financial Interests disclosing

sources of income, assets, debts, and other financial data, with the Supervisor of Elections in the County where he/she resides.
A Supervisor must act in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, codified at Part III, Chapter 112, F.S., which addresses acceptance of gifts, conflicts of interest, etc. By law, it is not a conflict of interest for an employee of the developer to serve on a CDD Board of Supervisors.

Since a District is a unit of local government, the Sunshine Law (Chapter 286, F.S.) applies to Districts and to the Supervisors who govern them. In brief, the Sunshine Law states that two(2) or more Supervisors may never meet outside of a publicly noticed meeting of the Board and/to discuss District business.

Florida's Public Records Law (Chapter 119, F.S.) also applies to Districts and Supervisors. All records of the District, and the records of each individual Supervisor relating to the District, are public records. As such, any member of the public may inspect them upon request. Supervisors are therefore urged to keep any District records or documents in a separate file to allow ease of access by the public or press.

**Conclusion**

The position of Supervisor of a Community Development District is an important one, requiring both the time and the dedication to fulfill the responsibilities of a position of public trust. It should not be undertaken lightly. Each new Supervisor should enter office fully cognizant of the ethical, legal, and time requirements which are incumbent upon those who serve as Supervisors.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 3C

# FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS



## GUIDE
## to the
## SUNSHINE AMENDMENT
## and
## CODE of ETHICS
## for Public Officers and Employees

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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**, 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, 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. Abuse of Public Position*

Public officers and employees are prohibited from abusing their public positions in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for themselves or certain others. [Article II, Section 8(h), Florida Constitution.]

*5. 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.]

*6. 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.]

*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. Additional Lobbying Restrictions for Certain Public Officers and Employees*

A statewide elected officer; a member of the legislature; a county commissioner; a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter; a school board member; a superintendent of schools; an elected municipal officer; an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority; or a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the federal government, the legislature, any state government body or agency, or any political subdivision of this state, during his or her term of office. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(2), Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

*7. 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.]

*8. 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.]

*9. 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.]

*10. 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.]

*11. 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) 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. 6-Year Lobbying Ban*

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a statewide elected officer or member of the legislature shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature or any state government body or agency. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)a., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislature, the governor, the executive office of the governor, members of the cabinet, a department that is headed by a member of the cabinet, or his or her former department. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)b., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

For a period of six years after vacation of public position occurring on or after December 31, 2022, a county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, or an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before his or her former agency or governing body. [Art. II Sec 8(f)(3)c., Fla. Const. and Sec. 112.3121, Fla. Stat.]

*4. 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.

*5. 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.]

## 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: 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 $35,000 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 $35,000.

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 who do not currently hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 or Form 6 must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then print and file the disclosure 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.]

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:

File with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145, Fla. Stat.]

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Form 1 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable by name or organization on the Commission's website.

*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:

File with the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 112.3145(4), Fla. Stat.]

Beginning January 1, 2024, all Form 2 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable on the Commission's website.

*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 a city council and candidates for these offices; 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:

Officials must file FORM 6 annually by July 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

Beginning January 1, 2023, all Form 6 disclosures must be filed electronically through the Commission's electronic filing system. These disclosures will be published and searchable by name and organization on the Commission's website.

CANDIDATES who do not currently hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 or Form 6 must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then print and file the disclosure 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

Beginning January 1, 2024, LOCAL OFFICERS and EMPLOYEES, and OTHER STATE OFFICERS, and SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES who must file FORM 1 annually must file electronically via the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). Paper forms will not be promulgated. Communications regarding the annual filing requirement will be sent via email to filers no later than June 1. Filers must maintain an updated email address in their User Profile in EFDMS.

ELECTED CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS and other officials who must file Form 6 annually, including City Commissioners and Mayors, must file electronically via the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS). Paper forms will not be promulgated. Communications regarding the annual filing requirement will be sent via email to filers no later than June 1. Filers must maintain an updated email address in their User Profile in EFDMS.

# 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.

*Conduct occurring after May 11, 2023, will be subject to a recommended civil penalty of up to $20,000. [Ch. 2023-49, Laws of Florida.]

*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 report 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 download a complaint form (FORM 50) from the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us, or contact the Commission office at the address or phone number shown on the inside front cover of this booklet.

*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: 850/922-4990

## 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, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs), and commissioners of community development districts 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. Officials indicate their compliance with the training requirement when they file their annual Form 1 or Form 6.

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.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 3D

# FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

| LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME | NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE<br>Board of Supervisors |
|---|---|
| MAILING ADDRESS | THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:<br>❑ CITY ❑ COUNTY ☑ OTHER LOCAL AGENCY |
| CITY COUNTY | NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:<br>Starling Community Development District |
| DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED<br>ongoing basis and from May 1, 2024 | MY POSITION IS:<br>☑ ELECTIVE ❑ APPOINTIVE |

## WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office MUST ABSTAIN from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also MUST ABSTAIN from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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## ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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## APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

## APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

## DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I,_____, hereby disclose that on an ongoing basis and from May 1, 20 24 :

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

___ inured to my special private gain or loss;

___ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____ ;

___ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative,_____ ;

___ inured to the special gain or loss of _____ , by whom I am retained; or

___ inured to the special gain or loss of _____ , which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

I am a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Starling Community Development District created under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and I am a principal, employee and/or business associate, or relative, of a landowner in the District. Decisions potentially affecting the landowner may come before the Board from time to time. Pursuant to Sections 112.3143(3)(b) and 190.007(1), Florida Statutes, I understand that I do not have a conflict of interest when voting on such matters, and that I am not prohibited from voting on such matters. That said, I am filing this disclosure of voting conflict in an abundance of caution, and to follow the procedures required by s. 112.3143, Florida Statutes, and for the duration of my term and any subsequent terms.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

_____ Date Filed

_____ Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED $10,000.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 4

**RESOLUTION 2024-01**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the District desires to elect certain Officers of the District.

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

**SECTION 1**. _____ is elected Chair.

**SECTION 2**. _____ is elected Vice Chair.

**SECTION 3.** **Chesley E Adams, Jr.** is elected Secretary.

_____ is elected Assistant Secretary.

_____ is elected Assistant Secretary.

_____ is elected Assistant Secretary.

**Craig Wrathell** is elected Assistant Secretary.

**SECTION 4**. **Craig Wrathell** is elected Treasurer.

**Jeffrey Pinder** is elected Assistant Treasurer.

**SECTION 5**. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 5

**RESOLUTION 2024-02**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Starling 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 Charlotte County, 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 Ordinance 2024-007 creating the District (the "Ordinance") was March 26, 2024; 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 STARLING 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 ___ day of _____, 2024 at _____ a/p.m., at the Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, 24244 Corporate Court, Port Charlotte, Florida 33954. Information about the meeting may be obtained by contacting the Office of the District Manager, Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431; (Ph): 561-571-0010 ("Office of the District Manager").

**SECTION 2**. The District's Secretary is hereby directed to publish notice of this landowners' meeting and election 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 on May 1, 2024. 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.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____

Chair/Vice Chair, 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

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within the Starling Community Development District (the "District"), the location of which is generally described as comprising a parcel or parcels of land containing approximately 297.16 acres, generally located east of Burnt Store Road, west of Green Gulf Boulevard and at the southeastern corner of Township 42, Range 23, Section 09, in Charlotte County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing five (5) persons to the District Board of Supervisors.

DATE: _____, 2024
TIME: __:__ A/PM
PLACE: Country Inn and Suites by Radisson
24244 Corporate Court
Port Charlotte, Florida 33954

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request by contacting the office of the District Manager, Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431; (Ph): 561-571-0010 ("District Office"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

The landowners' meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Office.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (Ph): 561-571-0010, at least forty-eight (48) hours before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

District Manager
Run Date(s): _____ & _____

PUBLISH: ONCE A WEEK FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, THE LAST DAY OF PUBLICATION TO BE NOT FEWER THAN 14 DAYS OR MORE THAN 28 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF ELECTION, IN A NEWSPAPER WHICH IS IN GENERAL CIRCULATION IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY

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

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **_____, 2024**
TIME: **__:__ A/PM**
LOCATION: **Country Inn and Suites by Radisson**
**24244 Corporate Court**
**Port Charlotte, Florida 33954**

Pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and after a Community Development District **("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, <u>are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.</u>

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 <u>one</u> 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**
**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA**
**LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____., 2024**

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 Starling Community Development District to be held at Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, 24244 Corporate Court, Port Charlotte, Florida 33954, on _____, 2024, at __:__ A/PM 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** |
|---|---|---|
| **See Attachment A** | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| **Total Number of Authorized Votes:** | | _____ |

NOTES: Pursuant to Section 190.006(2)(b), *Florida Statutes* (2023), a fraction of an acre is treated as one (1) acre entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Moreover, two (2) or more persons who own real property in common that is one acre or less are together entitled to only one vote for that real property.

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

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**
**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA**
**LANDOWNERS' MEETING – _____, 2024**

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**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 Starling Community Development District and described as follows:

| **Description** | **Acreage** |
|---|---|
| **See Attachment A** | 297.16 |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

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:

| SEAT | NAME OF CANDIDATE | NUMBEROF VOTES |
|---|---|---|
| **1** | | |
| **2** | | |
| **3** | | |
| **4** | | |
| **5** | | |

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

**Attachment A**
**Legal Description**

Description:

A tract or parcel of land lying in Sections 9 and 16, Township 42 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County, Florida, said tract or parcel of land being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the Northeast corner of said Section 16 run S02°03'29"W along the East line of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 16 for 1,319.96 feet to the Southeast corner of the North Half (N 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of said Section 16; thence run S89°11'55"W along the South line of said Fraction for 5,217.65 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve and an intersection with the Easterly right of way line of Burnt Store Road, as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 4261, at Page 1524, Charlotte County Records; thence run along said Easterly line the following three (3) courses: Northerly along an arc of a curve to the right of radius 11,910.00 feet (delta 00°48'06") (chord bearing N03°59'05"E) (chord 166.65 feet) for 166.65 feet to a point of tangency; N04°23'08"E for 200.00 feet to a point of curvature and Northerly along an arc of a curve to the left of radius 12,090.00 feet (delta 03°43'09") (chord bearing N02°31'34"E) (chord 784.67 feet) for 784.81 feet an intersection with the Southerly line of Parcel Exception "B", as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 2004, at Pages 1371 through 1372, Charlotte County Records; thence run S87°51'56"E along said Southerly line for 1,276.90 feet to the Southeast corner of said Parcel Exception "B"; thence run N00°20'16"W along the Easterly line of said Parcel Exception "B" and continuing along the Easterly line of Parcels Exception (A) and Exception (B), as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 1979, at Pages 291 through 293, Charlotte County Records, for 1,619.84 feet; thence run N00°19'55"W for 228.70 feet; thence run N89°02'28"E for 3,911.72 feet to an intersection with the East line of the of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 9; thence run S00°56'41"E along said East line for 1,624.11 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.
Containing 297.16 acres, more or less.

Bearings hereinabove mentioned are State Plane for the Florida West Zone (1983/NSRS 2011) and are based on East line of the of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 9 to bear S00°56'41"E.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6A

**RESOLUTION 2024-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPOINTING AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER AND METHODOLOGY CONSULTANT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors of the District ("**Board**") must employ and fix compensation of a District Manager; and

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

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

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

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

**1. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT MANAGER.** The District Manager and Methodology Consultant is hereby appointed, and shall be compensated for their services, pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A,** which is hereby approved. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| ATTEST**:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
| _____ | _____ |
| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

**Exhibit A**

District Manager Fee Agreement

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC

**AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES**
**between**
**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**and**
**WRATHELL, HUNT & ASSOCIATES, LLC**

THIS AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES (this "Agreement"), is made and entered into on this 1st day of May, 2024, by and between the **Starling Community Development District**, hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT", and the firm of ***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***, a Florida limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as "MANAGER".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT desires to retain the MANAGER to provide non-exclusive management, recording, assessment methodology and accounting advisory services for the DISTRICT, as required to meet the needs of the DISTRICT during the contract period; and

WHEREAS, the MANAGER desires to provide such services to the DISTRICT as more particularly described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements expressed herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby conclusively acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. The DISTRICT hereby engages the MANAGER to provide the services more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (collectively, the "Services").

2. The DISTRICT agrees to compensate the MANAGER by payment of the fees (collectively, the "Fees") set forth in the fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Fee Schedule"). The Fees, except as otherwise provided on the Fee Schedule, shall be payable in equal monthly installments on the first day of each month. The DISTRICT will consider price adjustments at the end of the fiscal year of the DISTRICT in effect upon the commencement of this Agreement and each succeeding twelve (12)-month period thereafter to compensate for market conditions and the anticipated type and scope of the Services to be performed during the next twelve (12)-month period. Accordingly, the Fees and the Fee Schedule shall be deemed increased at the end of the fiscal year of the DISTRICT in effect upon the commencement of this Agreement and thereafter annually at the end of each succeeding fiscal year to the extent approved in the annual budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the DISTRICT (the "Board"). In no event shall the Fees be increased

to an amount which exceeds the amount of funds approved for the Services in the applicable budget adopted by the Board.

3. This Agreement shall become effective on the date set forth above and the term of this Agreement shall commence on such date and continue until this Agreement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Section 3. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:

   a) by the DISTRICT for "good cause", which shall include misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance by the MANAGER, or failure of the MANAGER to perform the Services as required under this Agreement, if such misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance or failure to perform the Services as required under this Agreement has not been cured within ten (10) business days after the DISTRICT has provided notice of same to the MANAGER (the "Cure Period"), upon providing ten (10) business days prior written notice to the MANAGER (which period shall not begin to run until the expiration of the Cure Period);

   b) upon the dissolution or court-declared invalidity of the DISTRICT; or

   c) by either party, for any reason, by providing sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other party.

   Upon the termination of this Agreement, the MANAGER agrees to take all reasonable and necessary actions to transfer to the DISTRICT, or to such other party as directed by the DISTRICT, all the books and records of the DISTRICT in the MANAGER'S possession in an orderly fashion. The portion of the Fees and any other amounts due and owing to the MANAGER under this Agreement up to the effective date of the termination of this Agreement shall be due and payable immediately upon the termination of this Agreement. The DISTRICT'S obligation to make payment to the MANAGER of the portion of the Fees and any other amounts due and owing to MANAGER under this Agreement up to the effective date of the termination shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

4. The MANAGER shall devote such time as is reasonably necessary to perform the Services.

5. The MANAGER represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of the Services, as provided for in the standard set forth in Section 112.311, Florida Statutes. The MANAGER further represents that no person having any such interest shall be employed by the MANAGER to perform the Services or any portion thereof.

6. The MANAGER shall promptly notify the DISTRICT in writing of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the MANAGER'S judgment or quality of the Services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, identify the nature of work that the MANAGER may undertake, if applicable, and request an opinion of the DISTRICT as to whether the

association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the DISTRICT, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the MANAGER. The DISTRICT agrees to notify the MANAGER of its opinion within thirty (30) days of receipt of any notification by the MANAGER pursuant to this Section 6. If, in the opinion of the DISTRICT, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the MANAGER, the DISTRICT shall so state in its opinion, and in such event (i) the association, interest, or circumstance shall not be deemed to be a conflict of interest with respect to the Services provided to the DISTRICT by the MANAGER under the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) the Manager shall be free to pursue such prospective business association, interest or circumstance. The MANAGER shall be free to perform services similar to the type of services offered to the DISTRICT as part of the Services hereunder, and any other services, for any other special purpose taxing district, developer, landowner or otherwise. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the MANAGER from performing such services, or any other services, for any other special taxing district, developer, landowner or otherwise and the providing of such services shall not constitute a conflict of interest under this Agreement.

7. The MANAGER agrees that all Services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel.

8. The DISTRICT acknowledges that the MANAGER is not an attorney and may not render legal advice or opinions. Although the MANAGER may participate in the accumulation of information necessary for use in documents required by the DISTRICT in order to finalize any particular matters, such information shall be verified by the DISTRICT as to its correctness; provided, however, that the DISTRICT shall not be required to verify the correctness of any information originated by the MANAGER in connection with the Services.

9. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce this Agreement will be held in the county where the DISTRICT is located. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof. The failure of either party to insist at any time upon the strict observance or performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of the right to insist on the strict observance or performance of any or all of the other provisions of this Agreement. The failure of either party to exercise any right of remedy as provided in this Agreement, shall not impair any such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of such right of remedy with respect to subsequent defaults. The provisions of this Section 9 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

10. In any action brought by either party for the enforcement of the obligations of the other party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party

reasonable attorney's fees and all costs and expenses expended or incurred by the prevailing party in connection therewith, including without limitation at all trial levels and appellate levels and in post-judgment proceedings. The provisions of this Section 10 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

11. All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by either certified mail, return receipt requested with postage prepaid, hand-delivered, or sent by overnight express carrier with next business day delivery guaranteed, addressed to the following addresses, or such other address as either party shall specify hereinafter in written notice to the other party:

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| If to the Manager: | Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC<br>2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W<br>Boca Raton, Florida 33431 |
| If to the DISTRICT: | Starling Community Development District<br>2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W<br>Boca Raton, Florida 33431 |
| with a copy to: | Counsel to the DISTRICT:<br>Kutak Rock LLP<br>107 W. College Avenue<br>Tallahassee, Florida 32301 |

Any such notice sent as referenced above shall be deemed received on the third (3rd) business day following the day sent, if sent by certified mail with postage prepaid, when delivered if hand-delivered, or on the next business day following the day sent, if sent by overnight express courier with next business day delivery guaranteed.

12. This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations and undertakings, whether written or oral, between the parties, with respect thereto. This Agreement, or any provision contained herein, may not be amended unless such amendment is set forth in a writing signed by the parties hereto.

13. Neither party to this Agreement will be liable to the other for any failure or delay in performing any of its obligations under or pursuant to this Agreement, other than the payment of money, if such failure or delay is due to any (i) strike(s), lockout(s), or labor dispute(s), (ii) inability to obtain labor or materials, or reasonable substitutes therefor, or (iii) acts of God, governmental restrictions, regulations or controls, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, wars, national emergencies, natural disasters, fire, or other casualty, utility failures or other cause (including, with respect to the MANAGER, the failure of the DISTRICT to have adequate funds required for performance of the Services) beyond the reasonable control of such applicable party, and such applicable party will be entitled to a reasonable extension of the time for performing such obligations as a result of such cause. The terms of this Section 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. The MANAGER shall not be liable for any acts or omissions of any previous manager(s) of the DISTRICT. Additionally, neither the MANAGER nor any its members, managers, managing members, officers, employees, agents or representatives (collectively, the "Manager Affiliates") shall be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the DISTRICT for any acts performed by the MANAGER or the Manager Affiliates in good faith and within the scope of this Agreement. The MANAGER or any of the Manager Affiliates cannot provide financial or real estate feasibility forecasting related to the DISTRICT'S ability to repay its indebtedness such as bonds, bond anticipation notes, notes or any other forms of indebtedness. The success of the real estate venture(s) located within the DISTRICT is in no way guaranteed by MANAGER nor any of the Manager Affiliates. Neither the MANAGER nor any of the Manager Affiliates shall be liable to the DISTRICT or otherwise for any loss or damage resulting from the loss or impairment of funds that have been deposited into a bank account owned by the DISTRICT or otherwise titled in the name of the DISTRICT (collectively, the "District Bank Accounts") due to the failure, insolvency or suspension of a financial institution, or any loss or impairment of funds due to the invalidity of any draft, check, document or other negotiable instrument payable to the DISTRICT which is delivered to the MANAGER and deposited into any of the District Bank Accounts. The terms of this Section 15 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

16. The District agrees to list the Manager as an additional insured party on its General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance policies to the extent the Consultant or its employees are serving as the District's employees, officers or agents pursuant to the terms, conditions and requirements of this Agreement, and to the extent the District's insurance provider will issue an endorsement. The limits of coverage for additional insured parties pursuant to such endorsement shall not exceed the monetary limitations of liability provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

17. Nothing contained in this Agreement, nor any acts of the parties, shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture between the MANAGER and the DISTRICT or to cause the MANAGER to be responsible in any way for the debts or obligations of the DISTRICT. The terms of this Section 16 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

18. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, both of which, together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

19. **THE MANAGER AND THE DISTRICT EACH HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO DEMAND A JURY TRIAL IN ANY ACTION FOR THE INTERPRETATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT. THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION 18 SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

20. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker; nor is Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, does not provide the District with financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGES]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the **Starling Community Development District** has made and executed this Contract on behalf of the DISTRICT and the MANAGER have each, respectively, by an authorized person or agent, hereunder set their hands and seals effective as of the date and year first above written.

Signed in the presence of

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**
**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Witnesses:

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Print Name:_____

By: _____
Print Name _____
Chair/Vice Chair

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Print Name:_____

**MANAGER:**
**WRATHELL, HUNT & ASSOCIATES, LLC**

_____
Print Name:_____

By: _____
Craig A. Wrathell, Managing Member

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Print Name:_____

## EXHIBIT A - SERVICES

***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*** will perform all required Management functions of the **Starling Community Development District** (the "District"), which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Attend all meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") and provide the Board with meaningful dialogue of the issues before the Board for action
- Identify significant policies, including analysis of policy implementation with administrative and impact statement and effect on the District
- Develop and train members of the Board in the requirements of Florida Laws with including with respect to, but not limited to, public officers and employees, and the conduct of District business
- Prepare District's Budget as more fully outlined below
- Implement Budget directives
- Prepare specifications for and coordinate for the following services:
    - Insurance, including General Liability along with Directors and Officers Liability
    - Independent Auditor Services
    - Such other services as may be identified from time to time
- Provide all required annual disclosure information to the local government in the county in which the District is located:
    - Public Facilities Report
    - Designation of Registered Office and Registered Agent
    - Public Meeting Schedule
    - Audited Financial Statements (assist with the preparation of same)
- Ensure compliance with the following Florida Statutes:
    - Annual Financial Audit

- Annual Financial Report
- Public Depositor Report
- Proposed Budget
- District Map and Amendments
- Public Facilities Report
- Registered Agent and Registered Office
- Public Meeting Schedule Notice Requirements

(The reporting requirements of Community Development Districts periodically change and ***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*** will ensure that we update reporting requirements of the District as the legislature updates the reporting requirements.)

- Record all meetings of the District
- Provide Oath of Office and notary public for all newly elected members of the Board
- Coordinate and provide contract administration for any services provided to the District by outside vendors:
  - Develop service contracts for the delivery of services to the District, with the assistance of the District's Attorney
  - Ensure that contract specifications are met
  - Interface with residents and contractors to ensure that anticipated service levels are being provided
  - Prepare contract amendments and change orders as necessary
  - Ensure proper contractor billing is received
- If required, provide day-to-day management of in-house operations by performing the following:
  - Hire and train a highly qualified staff
  - Coordinate all personnel applications, benefits, and payroll and submit in an accurate and timely manner
  - Prepare and implement operating schedules
  - Prepare and implement operating policies

- Interface with residents to ensure anticipated levels of service are being met
- Implement internal purchasing policies
- Prepare and bid services and commodities as necessary

- Coordinate with the residents to determine the services and levels of service to be provided as part of the District's budget preparations:
  - Identify new services
  - Identify expanded areas of existing services
  - Identify new levels of service
  - Provide budget recommendations based on findings
- Establish Budget Public Hearing(s) and dates
- Establish Board workshop dates (if required)
- Preparation of Estoppel Letters for Property Transfers and Monitoring Development of the District and Performance of Assessment True Up Analysis

### *Recording Services*

***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*** will perform all required Recording Secretary functions of the District, which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Prepare all Board Agendas and coordinate receipt of sufficient material for Board to make informed policy decisions
- Prepare and advertise all notices of meetings in an authorized newspaper of circulation in the county in which the District is located
- Record and transcribe all meetings of the Board including regular meetings, special meetings, workshops and public hearing(s). The recording and transcription (edited for grammar) of meetings of the Board provide an essential link to maintaining a highly accurate public record. These minutes are maintained by ***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*** in perpetuity for the District and sent to the appropriate governmental agencies in accordance with Florida law.

- Maintain all other District public records, including Agreements, Contracts and Resolutions in perpetuity for the District
- Maintain District Seal
- Satisfy public records requests in a timely, professional and efficient manner
- Prepare and coordinate applications for:
    - Federal I.D. Number
    - Tax Exemption Certificate
- Prepare Budget and Assessment Resolutions as required by Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
- Prepare Budget Resolution approving the District Manager's Budget and authorization to set public hearing
- Prepare Budget Resolution adopting the District Manager's Budget, as modified by the Board
- Prepare Agendas for Budget Hearings and attend all Board of Supervisor meetings
- Prepare bid specifications for the purchase of services and commodities pursuant to Florida Statutes

### *Accounting Services*

***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*** will perform all required accounting functions of the District, which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Prepare a Budget that achieves maximum cost-to-benefit equity for approval
- Submit a Preliminary Budget to Board in accordance with Chapter 190, Florida Statutes
- Modify Preliminary Budget for consideration by the Board at the District's advertised public hearing
- Coordinate Budget preparation with District Board, Engineer, Attorney and Collection Agent

- Attend workshop(s) and public hearing(s) and be available to answer questions by the Board and the Public
- Establish Government Fund Accounting System in accordance with the Uniform Accounting System prescribed by Department of Banking and Finance for Government Accounting, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB)
- Adhere to investment policies and procedures pursuant to Chapter 218, Florida Statutes
- Prepare Annual Financial Report for units of local government and distribute to the State Comptroller
- Prepare Public Depositor's Report and distribute to the State Treasurer
- Coordinate and distribute Annual Public Facilities Report and distribute to appropriate agencies
- Administer purchase order system, periodic payment of invoices
- Coordination of tax collection and miscellaneous receivables
- Prepare all required schedules for year-end audit:
    - Prepare schedule of bank reconciliations
    - Prepare cash and Investment confirmations for distribution to authorized Public Depositories and Trustee of District bond issues
    - Prepare analysis of accounts receivable
    - Prepare schedule of interfund accounts
    - Prepare schedule of payables from the governments
    - Prepare schedule of all prepaid expenses
    - Prepare debt confirmation schedules
    - Prepare schedule of accounts payable
    - Prepare schedule of changes in fund balances
    - Prepare schedule of assessment revenue compared to budget
    - Prepare schedule of interest income and provide reasonableness test

- Prepare schedule of investments and accrued interest
- Prepare analysis of all other revenue
- Prepare analysis of interest expenses and calculate accrued interest expense at year end
- Prepare schedule of operating transfers
- Prepare schedule of cash receipts and cash disbursements
- Prepare analysis of cost of development and construction in progress
- Prepare analysis of reserves for encumbrances
- Prepare analysis of retainages payable
- Prepare amortization and depreciation schedules
- Prepare general fixed asset and general long-term debt account groups
- Perform general fixed asset accounting
- Account for assets constructed by or donated to the District for maintenance
- Prepare inventories of District property in accordance with the rules of the Auditor General

- Comply with District adopted Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures Pursuant to Chapter 218, *Florida Statutes*

### *Special Assessment Methodology Preparation Services*

***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC*** will perform all required special assessment methodology functions of the District, which will include but not be limited to the following:

- Review the District's capital improvement program
- Determine the types of special and general benefits of proposed investments
- Determine which properties within the boundaries of the Districts receive special benefits and which properties receive general benefits
- Determine a fair and reasonable apportionment of the special and peculiar benefits of the District-financed improvements among the properties deriving such benefits

- Based on the determination and apportionment of special and peculiar benefit, calculate a fair and reasonable apportionment of the responsibility to pay the non-ad valorem special assessments resulting from funding of the District's capital improvement plan
- Prepare a Special Assessment Methodology Report for consideration by the Board of the District
- Prepare an assessment roll of all assessable properties within the District
- Present the Special Assessment Methodology Report to the Board at a public meeting and answer any questions pertaining to the Report
- Prepare the Preliminary and Final Assessment Rolls
- Prepare notices advising the property owners of the completion of construction and the amount of the final assessment
- Act as primary contact to answer property owners' questions regarding the capital assessment

***Dissemination Agent Services***

***Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC***, will provide Dissemination Agent Services as specified in the District's Continuing Disclosure Agreement for bonds issued. Such services shall include but are not limited to:

- Determine each year prior to the Annual Filing Date the name, address and filing requirements of the Repository; and
- File a notice with the Issuer stating that the Annual Report or Audited Financial Statement has been provided pursuant to Disclosure Agreement(s), stating the date(s) it was provided, and listing all Repositories with which it was filed.
- All documents, reports, notices, statements, information and other materials provided to the MSRB under the District's Disclosure Agreement(s) shall be provided in an EMMA Compliant Format.

## Exhibit B - Fee Schedule

1. District Management, Recording, Financial Accounting and Assessment Roll Services

   **FEE PROPOSED** **$48,000 annually***

   ***[$2,000 per month prior to issuance of first series of bonds]**

2. Assessment Methodology Consultant Services [Assessment Methodology Report]

   **FEE PROPOSED** **$25,000 per bond issue**

3. Issuance of Bonds, and Placement of Loans and Other District Indebtedness

   **FEE PROPOSED** **Not to exceed $35,000 per issue**

   The following formula shall explain this fee. The fee for the first $5,000,000 bond issue(s) SHALL BE $3.00/$1,000 with a minimum fee of $10,000. The additional fee for bond issues between $5,000,000 and $10,000,000 shall be $1.00/$1,000. The fee for bond issues over $10,000,000 shall be $.50/$1,000 of the additional amount. These fees are payable at closing of the bond issue. It is expressly understood that compensation shall be contingent upon completion of financing and if for any reason a financing is not completed, there shall be no compensation owed to ***Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC***. For the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes, the fee is $10,000 per issuance.

4. Dissemination Agent Services

   **FEE PROPOSED** **$2,000 annually per bond issue**

5. Out of Pocket Expenses: ***Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC,*** shall be reimbursed for **out-of-pocket expenses** incurred in the performance of the services defined herein (i.e. photocopies, postage, mailings, long distance telephone calls, and printing and binding, etc.). ***Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC,*** will submit monthly invoices to District for work performed and payment shall become due and payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6B

**RESOLUTION 2024-04**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Starling Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; 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 District Counsel and to provide compensation for such services.

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

**1. APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL.** District Counsel is hereby appointed, and shall be compensated for their services, pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A,** which is hereby approved. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| ATTEST**:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
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| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

**Exhibit A**

Retention and Fee Agreement

# RETENTION AND FEE AGREEMENT

## I. PARTIES

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

A. Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc. ("**Client**")
c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

and

B. Kutak Rock LLP ("**Kutak Rock**")
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301

## 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 Kutak Rock as its attorney and legal representative for general advice, counseling and representation of Client and its Board of Supervisors.

B. Kutak Rock accepts such employment and agrees to serve as attorney for and provide legal representation to the Client in connection with those matters referenced above. No other legal representation is contemplated by this Agreement. Any additional legal services to be provided under the terms of this Agreement shall be agreed to by Client and Kutak Rock in writing. Unless set forth in a separate agreement to which Client consents in writing, Kutak Rock does not represent individual members of the Client's Board of Supervisors.

## III. CLIENT FILES

The files and work product materials ("**Client File**") of the Client generated or received by Kutak Rock 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 Kutak Rock for a minimum of five (5) years. After the five (5) year storage period, the Client hereby acknowledges and consents that Kutak Rock may confidentially destroy or shred the Client File. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, if the Client provides Kutak Rock with a written request for the return of the Client File before the end of the five (5) year storage period, then Kutak Rock will return the Client File to Client at Client's expense.

## IV. FEES

A. The Client agrees to compensate Kutak Rock for services rendered in connection with any matters covered by this Agreement on an hourly rate basis plus actual expenses incurred by Kutak Rock in accordance with the attached Expense Reimbursement Policy (Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference). Time will be billed in increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour. Certain work related to issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes may be performed under a flat fee to be separately established prior to or at the time of bond or note issuance.

B. Attorneys and staff, if applicable, who perform work for Client will be billed at their regular hourly rates, as may be adjusted from time to time. The regular hourly rates of those initially expected to handle the bulk of Client's work are as follows:

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| Wesley S. Haber | $320 |
| Associates | $265 |
| Contract Attorney | $235 |
| Paralegals | $190 |

Kutak Rock's regular hourly billing rates are reevaluated annually and are subject to change not more than once in a calendar year. Client agrees to Kutak Rock's annual rate increases to the extent hourly rates are not increased beyond $15/hour per year.

C. To the extent practicable and consistent with the requirements of sound legal representation, Kutak Rock 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.

D. Upon consent of Client, Kutak Rock may subcontract for legal services in the event that Client requires legal services for which Kutak Rock does not have adequate capabilities.

E. Kutak Rock will include costs and expenses (including interest charges on past due statements) on its billing statements for Client reimbursement in accordance with the attached Expense Reimbursement Policy.

## V. BILLING AND PAYMENT

The Client agrees to pay Kutak Rock's monthly billings for fees and expenses incurred within thirty (30) days following receipt of an invoice, or the time permitted by Florida law, whichever is greater. Kutak Rock shall not be obligated to perform further legal services under

this 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 Kutak Rock to immediately withdraw from the representation without regard to remaining actions necessitating attention by Kutak Rock as part of the representation.

## VI. DEFAULT; VENUE

In any legal proceeding to collect outstanding balances due under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to costs and outstanding balances due under this Agreement. 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 Kutak Rock represents a number of special districts, trustees ("**Trustees**"), bondholders, developers, builders, and other entities throughout Florida and the United States of America relating to community development districts, special districts, local governments and land development. Kutak Rock or its attorneys may also have represented the entity which petitioned for the formation of the Client. Kutak Rock understands that Client may enter into an agreement with a Trustee in connection with the issuance of bonds, and that Client may request that Kutak Rock simultaneously represent Client in connection with the issuance of bonds, while Kutak Rock is also representing such 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) Kutak Rock will be able to provide competent and diligent representation of Client, regardless of Kutak Rock's other representations, and (3) there is not a substantial risk that Kutak Rock's representation of Client would be materially limited by Kutak Rock's responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest. Acceptance of this Agreement will constitute Client's waiver of any "conflict" with Kutak Rock's representation of various special districts, Trustees, bondholders, developers, builders, and other entities relating to community development districts, special districts, local governments and land development.

## VIII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Client acknowledges that the Kutak Rock cannot make any promises to Client as to the outcome of any legal dispute or guarantee that Client will prevail in any legal dispute.

## IX. TERMINATION

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

## X. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

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

## XI. ENTIRE CONTRACT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

Accepted and Agreed to:

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| **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** | **KUTAK ROCK LLP** |
| By:_____ | By: Wesley Hobbs |
| Its:_____ | Its: Partner |
| Date:_____ | Date:_____ |

**ATTACHMENT A**

KUTAK ROCK LLP
CDD EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The following is Kutak Rock's 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.

Photocopying and Printing. In-house photocopying and printing are 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.

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 65.5 cents per mile pursuant to the standard mileage rate for business travel established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, Kutak Rock 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 67 cents per mile pursuant to the standard mileage rate for business travel established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, Kutak Rock shall, without further action, be entitled to reimbursement at the increased rate. Reasonable travel-related expenses for meals, lodging, gratuities, taxi fares, tolls, and parking fees shall also be reimbursed.

Consultants. Unless prior arrangements are made, consultants are ordinarily employed directly by the client. Where consulting or testifying experts 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 consulting or testifying experts.

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

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6C

**RESOLUTION 2024-05**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the 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 STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

**SECTION 1.** Craig Wrathell is hereby designated as the Registered Agent for the Starling Community Development District.

**SECTION 2.** The District's Registered Office shall be located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

**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 Charlotte County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| **ATTEST:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
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| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**RESOLUTION 2024-06**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER FOR THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING ITS COMPENSATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**WHEREAS,** the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") may contract for the services of consultants to perform planning, engineering, architectural or other appropriate services of a professional nature; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board desires to appoint an "Interim District Engineer" and to provide compensation for their services, until a formal request for qualifications for engineering services can be conducted;

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

1. **APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DISTRICT ENGINEER; COMPENSATION.** The Interim District Engineer is hereby appointed, and shall be compensated for its services, pursuant to the agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A,** which is hereby approved. This authorization shall be continuing in nature until revoked by the District.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Interim Engineering Services Agreement

**Exhibit A**

Interim Engineering Services Agreement

**INTERIM ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between:

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in Charlotte County, Florida, with a mailing address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**District**"), and

**ATWELL, LLC,** a foreign limited liability corporation, with a mailing address of Two Towne Square, Suite 700, Southfield, Michigan 48076 ("Engineer").

**RECITALS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A.** Preparation of any necessary reports and attendance at meetings of the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board");

**B.** Assistance in meeting with necessary parties involving bond issues, special reports, feasibility studies, or other tasks;

**C.** Any other items requested by the Board.

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

**A.** It has the experience and skill to perform the services required to be performed by this Agreement;

**B.** It shall design to and comply with limitation, professional registration and licensing requirements (both corporate and individual for all required basic disciplines) in effect during the term of this Agreement, and shall, if requested by the District, provide certification of compliance with all registration and licensing requirements;

**C.** It shall perform said services in accordance with generally accepted professional standards in the most expeditious and economical manner, and to the extent consistent with the best interests of the District; and

**D.** It is adequately financed to meet any financial obligations it may be required to incur under this Agreement.

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

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

**A**. *Lump Sum Amount* - The District and Engineer shall mutually agree to a lump sum amount for the services to be rendered payable monthly in direct proportion to the work accomplished.

**B**. *Hourly Personnel Rates* - For services or projects where scope of services is not clearly defined, or recurring services or other projects where the District desires the use of the hourly compensation rates, the District and Engineer shall use the hourly compensation rates outlined in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. The District and Engineer may

agree to a "not to exceed" amount when utilizing hourly personnel rates for a specific Work Authorization.

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

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

**B.** Expense of reproduction, postage, and handling of drawings and specifications.

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

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

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

**SECTION 10. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS.**

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

**B.** Engineer shall deliver all Work Product to the District upon completion thereof unless it is necessary for Engineer in the District's sole discretion, to retain possession for a longer period of time. Upon early termination of Engineer's services hereunder, Engineer shall deliver all such Work Product whether complete or not. The District shall have all rights to use any and all Work Product. Engineer shall retain copies of the Work Product for its permanent records, provided the Work Product is not used without the District's prior express written consent. Engineer agrees not to recreate any Work

Product contemplated by this Agreement, or portions thereof, which if constructed or otherwise materialized, would be reasonably identifiable with the project.

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

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

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

**SECTION 13. ESTIMATE OF COST.** Since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment or over a contractor's(s') methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, its opinions of probable cost provided as a service hereunder are to be made on the basis of its experience and qualifications and represent its best judgment as a design professional familiar with the construction industry, but Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or the construction costs will not vary from opinions of probable cost prepared by it. If the District wishes greater assurance as to the construction costs, it shall employ an independent cost estimator at its own expense. Services to modify approved documents to bring the construction cost within any limitation established by the District will be considered additional services and justify additional fees.

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

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| Workers' Compensation | Statutory |

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| General Liability | |
| Bodily Injury (including Contractual) | $1,000,000/$2,000,000 |
| Property Damage (including Contractual) | $1,000,000/$2,000,000 |
| Automobile Liability<br>Bodily Injury / Property Damage | Combined Single Limit $1,000,000 |
| Professional Liability for Errors and Omissions | $1,000,000 |

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS.** In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Engineer and each of its agents, contractors, subcontractors, employees or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Engineer, shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of any public or governmental authority having appropriate jurisdiction. If Engineer fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the

receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation of an alleged violation, made by any local, State or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any action of Engineer or any of its agents, servants, or employees, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within five (5) days after receipt of any such notice, order request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

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

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

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

## PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 558.0035 (2022), AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE OR AGENT MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.

**SECTION 20. PUBLIC RECORDS.** Engineer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Engineer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling

such records, including, but not limited, to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, Engineer shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, hereinafter defined, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement term and following this Agreement term if Engineer does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of this Agreement, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Engineer's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by Engineer, Engineer shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Engineer acknowledges that the designated Public Records Custodian for the District is **Craig Wrathell**.

**IF THE ENGINEER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO ENGINEER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT WRATHELL, HUNT & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 2300 GLADES ROAD, SUITE 410W, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431, 561-571-0010, WRATHELLC@WHHASSOCIATES.COM.**

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

**A. If to the District:** Starling Community Development District
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: District Manager

**With a copy to:** Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

**B. If to Engineer:** Atwell, LLC
Two Towne Square, Suite 700
Southfield, Michigan 48076
Attn: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 30. COUNTERPARTS**. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

**SECTION 31. E-VERIFY.** The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

**SECTION 32. COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 20.055, *FLORIDA STATUTES*.** The Contractor agrees to comply with Section 20.055(5), *Florida Statutes*, to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant such section and to incorporate in all subcontracts the obligation to comply with Section 20.055(5), *Florida Statutes.*

**SECTION 33. SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES STATEMENT.** Contractor certifies it: (i) is not in violation of Section 287.135, *Florida Statutes;* (ii) is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List; (iii) is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List; (iv) does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria; (v) is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; and (vi) is not participating in a boycott of Israel. If the Contractor is found to have submitted a false statement with regards to the prior sentence, has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or the Scrutinized

Companies that Boycott Israel List, has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, and/or has engaged in a boycott of Israel, the District may immediately terminate the Contract.

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

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

WITNESS**:**

**ATWELL, LLC**

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Witness

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Print Name: _____
Title: _____

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

**Exhibit A**

**_____, 202__**

Starling Community Development District
Charlotte County, Florida

Subject: **Work Authorization Number 1**
**Starling Community Development District**

Dear Chairperson, Board of Supervisors:

Atwell, LLC (the "Engineer") is pleased to submit this work authorization to provide interim engineering services for Starling Community Development District (the "District"). We will provide these services pursuant to our current agreement dated _____ ("Interim Agreement") as follows:

**I. Scope of Work**

The District will engage the services of Engineer as the Interim Engineer to prepare an Engineer's Report to support the District's proposed bond issuances and to attend meetings and bond validation proceedings regarding the District's proposed issuance of bonds.

**II. Fees**

The District will compensate Engineer pursuant to the hourly rate schedule contained within the Interim Agreement. The District will reimburse all direct costs which include items such as printing, drawings, travel, deliveries, etc., pursuant to the Interim Agreement.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

By: _____
Authorized Representative of Starling
Community Development District

Sincerely,

_____
By: _____
Atwell, LLC

**Exhibit B**

Schedule of Rates

| 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE<br>REAL ESTATE & LAND DEVELOPMENT | |
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| **PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES** | |
| Senior Project Manager | $255/hour |
| Project Manager I-III | $212 to $240/hour |
| Associate Project Manager I-II | $178 to $195/hour |
| Project Coordinator I-III | $105 to $137/hour |
| **ENGINEERING & PLANNING SERVICES** | |
| Senior Technical Advisor | $325/hour |
| Senior Project Engineer | $223/hour |
| Engineer/Designer I-V | $141 to $212/hour |
| Planner/Designer I-V | $141 to $212/hour |
| Technician I-V | $65 to $126/hour |
| **SURVEYING & MAPPING SERVICES** | |
| Senior Project Surveyor | $223/hour |
| Project Surveyor I-V | $141 to $212/hour |
| Senior Crew Chief | $164/hour |
| Crew Chief I-III | $109 to $146/hour |
| Crew Member I-II | $80 to $95/hour |
| Certified sUAS Pilot | $190/hour |
| Technician I-V | $65 to $126/hour |
| GIS Services | $113 to $170/hour |
| **ENVIRONMENTAL & ECOLOGICAL SERVICES** | |
| Senior Environmental/Ecological Consultant | $223/hour |
| Environmental Consultant I-V | $141 to $212/hour |
| Technician I-V | $65 to $126/hour |
| **PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY SERVICES** | |
| Program Manager I-II | $270 to $282/hour |
| Senior Construction Manager | $225/hour |
| Construction Manager I-II | $195 to $212/hour |
| Construction Engineer I-II | $138 to $175/hour |
| Construction Coordinator | $128/hour |
| Estimating Services | $178 to $212/hour |
| Safety Coordinator | $142/hour |
| **MISCELLANEOUS** | |
| Project Controller Services | $102 to $124/hour |
| Project Executive | $325/hour |
| Expert Witness | $250/hour |
| Expert Testimony | $325/hour |

In addition to the labor rates shown above, reimbursable expenses shall be charged in accordance with the attached rate schedule.

| 2024 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NON-LABOR CHARGES<br>REAL ESTATE & LAND DEVELOPMENT | |
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| **OFFICE** | |
| 24” X 36” bond black and white plots/copies | $2.50/each |
| 24” X 36” bond black and white mylars | $15/each |
| 24” X 36” color imagery plots/copies | $26/each |
| 24” X 36” standard color plots/copies | $15/each |
| 8.5” X 11” black and white plots/copies | $0.25/each |
| 8.5” X 11” color plots/copies | $1.50/each |
| 11” X 17” black and white plots/copies | $0.75/each |
| 11” X 17” color plots/copies | $3.00/each |
| County GIS Data | cost + 10% |
| Postage & Shipping | cost + 10% |
| Recording Fees | cost + 10% |
| **FIELD EQUIPMENT** | |
| Laser Scanner | $650/day |
| Photoionization Detector (PID) | $115/day |
| 4-Gas Monitor w/ Remote Sensor | $85/day |
| UTV + Trailer | $100/day |
| Boat | $300 to $600/day |
| Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Drone (Camera) | $175/day |
| Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Drone (LIDAR) | $1,750/day |
| **FIELD MATERIALS** | |
| Wood Stakes | $1.25/stake |
| Iron Pipes | $3.50/pipe |
| Monuments | cost + 10% |
| **MISCELLANEOUS** | |
| Mileage | IRS Rate |
| Auto Rental | cost + 10% |
| Fuel | cost + 10% |
| Air Fare | cost + 10% |
| Lodging* | cost + 10% |
| Meals* | cost + 10% |
| Project Sub-consultants | cost + 15% |
| Misc./Out of Pocket Expenses** | cost + 10% |
| Rental Equipment | cost + 15% |
| Parcel Data | $0.75/parcel |
| Technology Fee/Specialized Software by Industry | $50 to $200/day |

*Travel costs as noted, unless otherwise agreed to as a per diem charge per contract.
**All permit, application, and submittal fees shall be paid directly by the client.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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

*RFQ for Engineering Services*

The Starling Community Development District ("**District**"), located in Charlotte County, Florida, announces that professional engineering services will be required on a continuing basis for the District's capital improvement plan, including stormwater management system, landscaping improvements, utilities, roadway improvements, and other public improvements authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. The engineering firm selected will act in the general capacity of District Engineer and will provide District engineering services, as required.

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

The District will review all Applicants and will comply with Florida law, including the Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act, Chapter 287, Florida Statutes ("CCNA"). All applicants interested must submit one (1) unbound and (1) electronic copy of Standard Form No. 330 and Qualification Statement by _____ a/p.m. on _____ to the attention of Chesley E Adams, Jr., Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("District Manager's Office").

The Board shall select and rank the Applicants using the requirements set forth in the CCNA and the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, and the highest ranked Applicant will be requested to enter into contract negotiations for a continuing contract. If an agreement cannot be reached between the District and the highest ranked Applicant, negotiations will cease and begin with the next highest ranked Applicant, and if these negotiations are unsuccessful, will continue to the third highest ranked Applicant.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all Qualification Statements. Additionally, there is no express or implied obligation for the District to reimburse Applicants for any expenses associated with the preparation and submittal of the Qualification Statements in response to this request.

Any protest regarding the terms of this Notice, or the evaluation criteria on file with the District Manager, must be filed in writing, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) 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 (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) 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 proposed Rules of Procedure, which are available from the District Manager.

**Publish on: _____ (must be published at least 14 days prior to submittal deadline in a newspaper of general circulation. Please set submittal deadline based on when able to publish notice.)**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT ENGINEER PROPOSALS**

**COMPETITIVE SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

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

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

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

3) **Geographic Location** (Weight: 20 Points)

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

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

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

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

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

6) **Recent, Current and Projected Workloads** (Weight: 5 Points)

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

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

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

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**190.006 Board of supervisors; members and meetings.**

(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.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6G

**RESOLUTION 2024-07**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING THE PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**WHEREAS,** the District desires to designate its primary administrative office as the location where the District's public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested, for the purposes of prominently posting the contact information of the District's Record's Custodian in order to provide citizens with the ability to access the District's records and ensure that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, the District additionally desires to specify the location of the District's principal headquarters for the purpose of establishing proper venue under the common law home venue privilege applicable to the District.

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

**1. PRIMARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.** The District's primary administrative office for purposes of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, shall be located at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431.

**2. PRINCIPAL HEADQUARTERS.** The District's principal headquarters for purposes of establishing proper venue shall be located within Charlotte County, Florida.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| ATTEST**:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
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| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6H

**RESOLUTION 2024-08**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the District is statutorily required to designate a local district records office location for the purposes of affording citizens the ability to access the District's records, promoting the disclosure of matters undertaken by the District, and ensuring that the public is informed of the activities of the District in accordance with Chapter 119 and Section 190.006(7), *Florida Statutes*.

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

**SECTION 1.** The District's local records office shall be located as follows:

**LOCATION:** _____

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**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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# 6I

**RESOLUTION 2024-09**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") and the officers and staff of the Starling Community Development District ("**District**") are constantly presented with the necessity for making decisions regarding various phases of District policy and management; and

**WHEREAS**, it is absolutely essential to the effective operation of the District that such decisions be made in an environment where the threat of personal liability for the Board and its officers 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 so as to reduce the threat of personal liability to such individuals and allow for an effective decision-making environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING 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 hereby 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 through its laws protect the Board and its officers from liability, the District is committed to doing so to the extent described in this Resolution and as permitted by law.

**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 Indemnitees who perform acts and render decisions in the good faith performance of their duties and functions. The District will neither support nor defend those actions or omissions committed by an individual outside the scope of his or her office or committed in bad faith or with malicious purpose or in a manner exhibiting wanton and willful disregard of human rights, safety, or property. By adoption of this Resolution, the 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 attorney's fees and costs, arising from any complaint for damages or injuries suffered as a result of any action or omission of action of any 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 Indemnitee 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 Indemnitee, 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 attorney's fees awarded to the Indemnitee.

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

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

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

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| **ATTEST:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
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| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6J

**RESOLUTION 2024-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING 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 Starling Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; 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 ("Public Comment Policy") for immediate use and application.

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

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

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

**B.** Speakers shall be permitted to address any agenda item during the initial Public Comment Period. Speakers shall be permitted to address any non-agenda matters of

personal or general concern during the Public Comment Period provided after the conclusion of the District's business items.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**C.** Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Presiding Officer from maintaining orderly conduct and proper decorum in a public meeting. Speakers shall refrain from disruptive behavior and from making vulgar or threatening remarks. Speakers shall refrain from launching personal attacks against any Board Supervisor, District staff member, or member of the public. The Presiding Officer shall have the discretion to remove any speaker who disregards these policies from the meeting.

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

i. The Presiding Officer may declare a recess;
ii. The Presiding Officer may contact the local law enforcement authority; or
iii. In case the person does not remove himself or herself from the meeting, the Presiding Officer may request that he or she be placed under arrest by local law enforcement authorities for violation of Section 871.01, *Florida Statutes*, or other applicable law.

**SECTION 4. EXCEPTIONS.** The Board recognizes and may apply all applicable exceptions to Section 286.0114, *Florida Statutes*, including those set forth in Section 286.0114(3), *Florida Statutes*, and other applicable law. Additionally, the Presiding Officer may alter the procedures set forth in this Public Comment Policy for public hearings and other special proceedings that may require a different procedure under Florida law.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6K

**RESOLUTION 2024-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING 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 Starling Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Section 1.2(2) of the District's Proposed Rules of Procedure appoints the Secretary of the District as the District's records custodian; and

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution a Records Retention Policy (the "**Policy**") for immediate use and application; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to provide for future amendment of the Records Retention Policy.

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

**SECTION 1.** The District hereby authorizes the District's records custodian to appoint a Records Management Liaison Officer and report such appointment to the appropriate State of Florida agencies. A Records Management Liaison Officer shall be an employee of the District or the District Manager. The Board, and the District's records custodian, shall each have the individual power to remove the Records Management Liaison Officer at any time for any reason. Immediately following the removal or resignation of a Records Management Liaison Officer, the District's records custodian shall appoint a replacement Records Management Liaison Officer.

**SECTION 2.** The duties of the Records Management Liaison Officer shall include the following:

A. serve as the District's contact with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida; and
B. coordinate the District's records inventory; and
C. maintain records retention and disposition forms; and
D. coordinate District records management training; and
E. develop records management procedures consistent with the below Records Retention Policy, as amended; and
F. participate in the development of the District's development of electronic record keeping systems; and
G. submit annual compliance statements; and
H. work with the Florida Department of State, State Library and Archives of Florida to establish individual retention schedules for the District, from time to time and as may be necessary; and
I. such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or the District's records custodian in the future.

**SECTION 3.** The District hereby adopts as its Records Retention Policy the applicable provisions of Section 257.36(5), Florida Statutes, the rules adopted by the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State ("Division") pursuant to Section 257.36, Florida Statutes, and the General Records Schedules established by the Division. However, the District hereby extends the minimum retention guidelines contained in the General Records Schedules so that the District will retain all public records relating to District business until the Board of Supervisors amends the Records Retention Policy to address the disposition of the same. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District shall retain Transitory Messages until the Transitory Message is obsolete, superseded or administrative value is lost in accordance with the General Records Schedule for State and Local Government Agencies, Item #146, as incorporated by reference in Rule 1B-24.003(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code. The District hereby determines the electronic record shall be considered the official record of all public records relating to District business and any paper originals are designated as duplicates which may be disposed of unless prohibited by any law, rule or ordinance. 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.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| **ATTEST:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
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| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6L

**RESOLUTION 2024-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT GRANTING THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE 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 Starling Community Development District (the "**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to construct, install, operate, and/or maintain systems and facilities for certain public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS,** the District intends to adopt a report of its District Engineer "**Engineer's Report**," which sets forth the scope of the District's capital improvement plan and the improvements which are to be constructed therewith (the "**Improvements**"); and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the development of the Improvements in accordance with the Engineer's Report, which includes, but is not limited to, obtaining all necessary permits and approvals from local governments and agencies for the construction and/or operation of infrastructure improvements, the District is required, from time to time, to accept, convey and dedicate certain interests in real and personal property, including, but not limited to easements, plat dedications, 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 and Vice 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 and Vice 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 STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

**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.

**2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.** The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the District's Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to sign, accept or execute Permits and Conveyances as defined above. The Chairman, 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 or Vice Chairman. Such authority shall be subject to the District Engineer and District Counsel's review and approval.

**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.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6M

**RESOLUTION 2024-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING, CONFIRMING, AND APPROVING THE RECORDING OF THE NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the District was established by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Ordinance No. 2024-007; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 190.0485, *Florida Statutes*, requires a "Notice of Establishment" to be filed within 30 days after the effective date of the ordinance; and

**WHEREAS,** the organizational meeting of the District's Board of Supervisors ("Board") was scheduled for May 1, 2024 (hereinafter, "**Organizational** Meeting"); and

**WHEREAS,** prior to the date of the Organizational Meeting, Kutak Rock LLP arranged for the recording of the "Notice of Establishment of the Starling Community Development District" in the Charlotte County Official Records to ensure compliance with Florida law.

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

**SECTION 1. RATIFICATION.** The actions of Kutak Rock LLP in recording the Notice of Establishment of the Starling Community Development District are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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This instrument was prepared by:

Wesley S. Haber, Esq.
Kutak Rock, LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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**NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 26, 2024, and pursuant to a petition filed by Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc., the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida, enacted Ordinance No. 2024-007, which became effective March 26, 2024, establishing the Starling 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 STARLING 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 3rd day of April, 2024, and recorded in the Official Records of Charlotte County, Florida.

Name: Adam Vansant
Address: 107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Wesley S. Haber, District Counsel
Kutak Rock, LLP

Name: Gabe McKee
Address: 107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

**STATE OF FLORIDA**
**COUNTY OF LEON**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☑ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 3rd day of April, 2024, by **Wesley S. Haber**, as **District Counsel** of **Starling Community Development District**, who appeared before me this day in person, and who is either ☑ personally known to me, or ☐ produced _____ as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

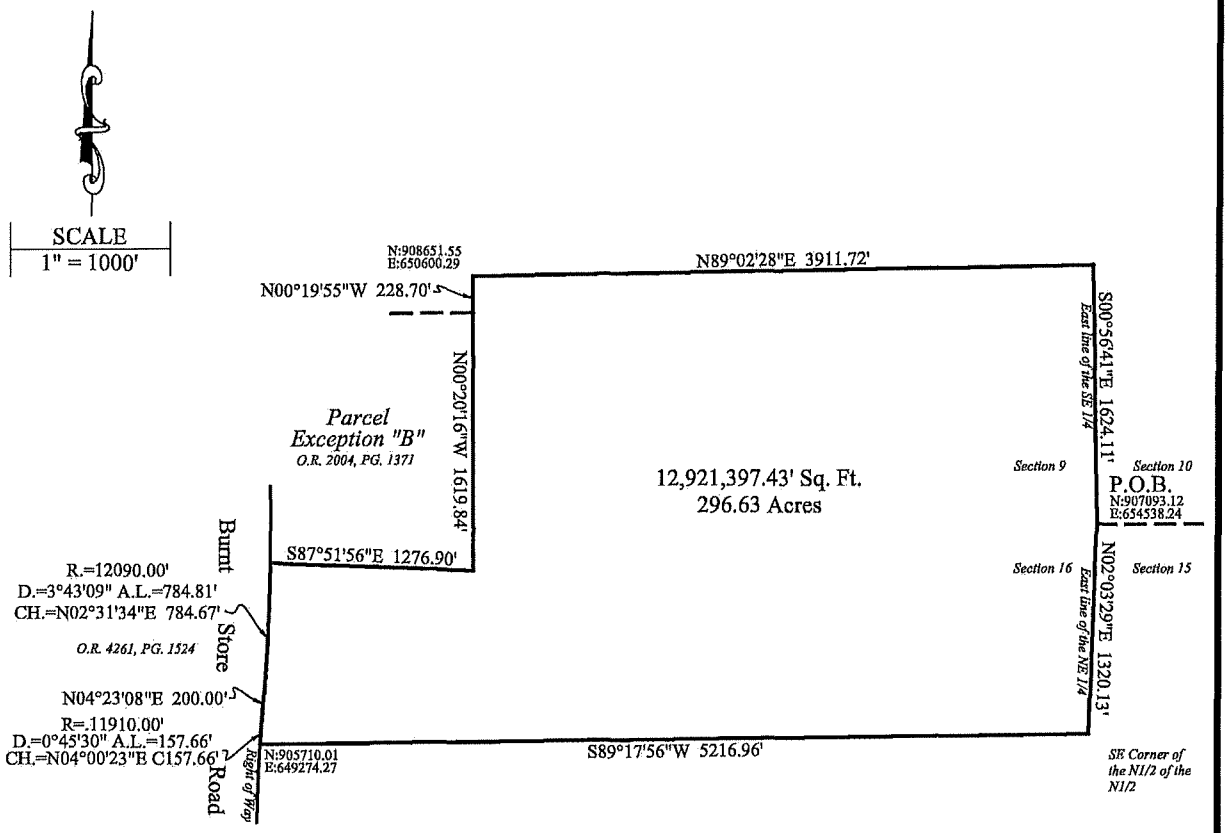
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Name:_____
(Name of Notary Public, Printed, Stamped or Typed as Commissioned)

PEYTON AVRETT
Notary Public - State of Florida
Commission # HH 503738
My Comm. Expires Mar 13, 2028

# Exhibit A
## Property Description

## Sketch




SURVEY NOTES:

1. BEARINGS ARE BASED ON EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST (SE 1/4) QUARTER OF SECTION 9 TO BEAR S00°56'41"E. .
2. MEASUREMENTS SHOWN ARE IN FEET AND DECIMALS THEREOF.
3. **THIS IS NOT A SURVEY**
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6. NOT VALID WITHOUT SHEET 2 OF 2.
7. COORDINATES SHOWN HEREON ARE IN REFERENCE TO THE FLORIDA WEST STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (ZONE 0902) (NAD 83/2011) AND DETERMINED USING THE FDOT PERMANENT REFERENCE STATION NETWORK (FPRN).

LEGEND:

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| P.O.C. | = POINT OF COMMENCEMENT |
| P.O.B. | = POINT OF BEGINNING |
| P.B. | = PLAT BOOK |
| O.R. | = OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK |
| PG. | = PAGE |
| INST. | = INSTRUMENT |
| R/W | = RIGHT-OF-WAY |

*Sheet 1 of 2*

Sketch to Accompany Description

**Subject Parcel**

*A tract of land lying in Section 9 and 16, Township 42 South, Range 23 East, Lee County, Florida*

SHEET 1 OF 2

JOB # 2023-0878 | PREPARED FOR: Taylor Morrison

SECTIONS 9 and 16, TOWNSHIP 42 S, RANGE 23 E

**THIS IS NOT A SURVEY**

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I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the sketch and description represented hereon, made under my direction on **February 19, 2024** is in accordance with Standards of Practice as set forth by the Florida Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers in Chapter 5J-17, Florida Administrative Code, pursuant to Section 472.027, Florida Statutes.

Donald D Stouten
Digitally signed by Donald D Stouten
Date: 2024.02.19 13:04:40 -05'00'

DONALD D. STOUTEN, JR. (PSM)
FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR & MAPPER NO. 6988
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# Description

**Subject Parcel Description:**

Description:

A tract or parcel of land lying in Sections 9 and 16, Township 42 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County, Florida, said tract or parcel of land being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of said Section 16 run S02°03'29"W along the East line of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 16 for 1,320.13 feet to the Southeast corner of the North Half (N 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of said Section 16; thence run S89°17'56"W for 5216.96 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve and an intersection with the Easterly right of way line of Burnt Store Road, as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 4261, at Page 1524, Charlotte County Records; thence run along said Easterly line the following three (3) courses: Northerly along an arc of a curve to the right of radius 11,910.00 feet (delta 00°45'30") (chord bearing N04°00'23"E) (chord 157.66 feet) for 157.66 feet to a point of tangency; N04°23'08"E for 200.00 feet to a point of curvature and Northerly along an arc of a curve to the left of radius 12,090.00 feet (delta 03°43'09") (chord bearing N02°31'34"E) (chord 784.67 feet) for 784.81 feet an intersection with the Southerly line of Parcel Exception "B", as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 2004, at Pages 1371 through 1372, Charlotte County Records; thence run S87°51'56"E along said Southerly line for 1,276.90 feet to the Southeast corner of said Parcel Exception "B"; thence run N00°20'16"W along the Easterly line of said Parcel Exception "B" and continuing along the Easterly line of Parcels Exception (A) and Exception (B), as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 1979, at Pages 291 through 293, Charlotte County Records, for 1,619.84 feet; thence run N00°19'55"W for 228.70 feet; thence run N89°02'28"E for 3,911.72 feet to an intersection with the East line of the of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 9; thence run S00°56'41"E along said East line for 1,624.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 296.63 acres, more or less.

Bearings hereinabove mentioned are State Plane for the Florida West Zone (1983/NSRS 2011) and are based on East line of the of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 9 to bear S00°56'41"E.

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| **THIS IS NOT A SURVEY** | Description to Accompany Sketch<br>**Subject Parcel**<br>*A tract of land lying in Section 9 and 16, Township 42 South, Range 23 East, Lee County, Florida* | *Not Valid without Sheet 1 of 2* |
| *Sheet 2 of 2* | ARDURRA<br>COLLABORATE. INNOVATE. CREATE.<br>324 Nicholas Parkway W, Unit A<br>Cape Coral, Florida 33991<br>Phone: (239) 673-9541<br>www.Ardurra.com<br>License #LB-2610 | I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the sketch and description represented hereon, made under my direction on **February 19, 2024** is in accordance with Standards of Practice as set forth by the Florida Board of Professional Surveyors & Mappers in Chapter 5J-17, Florida Administrative Code, pursuant to Section 472.027 Florida Statutes.<br>*See Sheet 1 of 2 for Signature and Seal* |
| JOB # 2023-0878 \| PREPARED FOR: Taylor Morrison<br>SECTION 9 and 16, TOWNSHIP 42 S, RANGE 23 E | | DONALD D. STOUTEN (FOR THE FIRM)<br>FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR & MAPPER NO.3839<br>NOT VALID WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE AND THE ORIGINAL RAISED SEAL OR DIGITAL SIGNATURE OF A FLORIDA LICENSED SURVEYOR AND MAPPER |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6N

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES**

The Starling Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, with an option for additional annual renewals, subject to mutual agreement by both parties. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in Charlotte County, Florida, and has an annual operating budget of approximately $56,182. The final contract will require that, among other things, the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, be completed no later than June 30, 2025.

The auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 473, *Florida Statutes*, and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, *Florida Statutes*, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below.

Proposers must provide one (1) electronic and one (1) unbound copy of their proposal to the District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010 in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services, Starling Community Development District." Proposals must be received by _____ a/p.m. on _____, _____, 2024, at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

_____
District Manager

Run date: *must be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement must allow for at least 7 days for the submission of proposals.*

**Starling Community Development District**

**Request for Proposals**

**District Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2024**
Charlotte County, Florida

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS**

**SECTION 1. DUE DATE.** Sealed proposals must be received no later than _____, _____, **2024**, at ___ a/p.m., at the offices of District Manager, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010. Proposals will be publicly opened at that time.

**SECTION 2. FAMILIARITY WITH THE LAW.** By submitting a proposal, the Proposer is assumed to be familiar with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve it from responsibility to perform the work covered by the proposal in compliance with all such laws, ordinances and regulations.

**SECTION 3. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSER.** The contract, if awarded, will only be awarded to a responsible Proposer who is qualified by experience and licensing to do the work specified herein. The Proposer shall submit with its proposal satisfactory evidence of experience in similar work and show that it is fully prepared to complete the work to the satisfaction of the District.

**SECTION 4. SUBMISSION OF ONLY ONE PROPOSAL.** Proposers shall be disqualified and their proposals rejected if the District has reason to believe that collusion may exist among the Proposers, the Proposer has defaulted on any previous contract or is in arrears on any previous or existing contract, or for failure to demonstrate proper licensure and business organization.

**SECTION 5. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL.** Submit one (1) electronic and one (1) unbound copy of the Proposal Documents, and other requested attachments at the time and place indicated herein, which shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, marked with the title "Auditing Services - Starling Community Development District" on the face of it. **Please include pricing for each additional bond issuance.**

**SECTION 6. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL.** Proposals may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed and delivered to the place where proposals are to be submitted at any time prior to the time and date the proposals are due. No proposal may be withdrawn after opening for a period of ninety (90) days.

**SECTION 7. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS.** The proposal documents shall consist of the notice announcing the request for proposals, these instructions, the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, and a proposal with all required documentation pursuant to Section 12 of these instructions (the "Proposal Documents").

**SECTION 8. PROPOSAL.** In making its proposal, each Proposer represents that it has read and understands the Proposal Documents and that the proposal is made in accordance therewith.

**SECTION 9. BASIS OF AWARD/RIGHT TO REJECT.** The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the work, and waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals as it is deemed in the best interests of the District.

**SECTION 10. CONTRACT AWARD.** Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Notice of Award from the District, the Proposer shall enter into and execute a Contract (engagement letter) with the District.

**SECTION 11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Nothing herein shall be construed as or constitute a waiver of the District's limited waiver of liability contained in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statute or law.

**SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS.** All proposals shall include the following information in addition to any other requirements of the proposal documents.

A. List the position or title of all personnel to perform work on the District audit. Include resumes for each person listed; list years of experience in present position for each party listed and years of related experience.

B. Describe proposed staffing levels, including resumes with applicable certifications.

C. Three references from projects of similar size and scope. The Proposer should include information relating to the work it conducted for each reference as well as a name, address and phone number of a contact person.

D. The lump sum cost of the provision of the services under the proposal for the District's first audit for which there are no special assessment bonds, plus the lump sum cost of two (2) annual renewals, which renewals shall include services related to the District's anticipated issuance of special assessment bonds.

**SECTION 13. PROTESTS.** In accordance with the District's Rules of Procedure, any protest regarding the Proposal Documents, must be filed in writing, at the offices of the

District Manager, within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) after the receipt of the Proposal Documents. 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 (including Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays) 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 the aforesaid Proposal Documents.

**SECTION 14. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS.** The criteria to be used in the evaluation of proposals are presented in the Evaluation Criteria Sheet, contained within the Proposal Documents.

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**AUDITOR SELECTION**
**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

***1. Ability of Personnel.*** **(20 Points)**

(E.g., geographic location of the firm's headquarters or permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing work load; proposed staffing levels, etc.)

***2. Proposer's Experience.*** **(20 Points)**

(E.g., past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other or current Community Development District(s) in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation of Proposer, etc.)

**3. *Understanding of Scope of Work.*** **(20 Points)**

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.

***4. Ability to Furnish the Required Services.*** **(20 Points)**

Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.

***5. Price.*** **(20 Points)*****

Points will be awarded based upon the lowest total proposal for rendering the services and the reasonableness of the proposal.

***Total*** **(100 Points)**

***Alternatively, the Board may choose to evaluate firms without considering price, in which case the remaining categories would be assigned 25 points each.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 60

# Strange Zone, Inc.

# Quotation

260 NW 67th Street #108
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Phone: (305) 607-2989

**DATE** April 24, 2024
**Quotation #** M24-1017
**Customer ID** SCDD

*Prepared by:* Stephan

**Prepared For:**
Starling CDD
C.O. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
PO Box 810036
Boca Raton, Florida 33481
Phone: (561) 571-0010

| Description | AMOUNT |
|---|---|
| **Website creation & development**<br>*Website will be created using company provided colors, images & logo if available. The website will include the following pages & content: Home page, About page, What is a CDD page, Required reporting information page, FAQs page, News section if desired, Contact page, and Meetings & documents page which include PDF documents of audits, budget, meeting agenda, meeting schedule & minutes from meetings.* Website HTML Code will be WCAG 2.2 AA Compliant. ***Client will be responsible for providing Remediated PDF.*** | $975.00 |
| **Website maintenance \| For 1 year**<br>Please allow up to 48 hours for updates to be posted.<br>*Maintenance includes posting of minutes, meeting agendas, audits, scheduled meetings, budgets, general documents, and any other content update needed. Creation of new pages will be a separate fee of $50/ Page.* | $600.00 |
| **Website hosting & Email \| For 1 year**<br>*Hosting service also includes 5 emails address accounts with 2GB of space for each account. Business Email with 50GB of Space $10/User/Month* | Included |
| **Domain Registration (starlingcdd.net)** | $35.00 |
| **SSL Certificates \| 1 year** | $69.99 |
| **TOTAL** | $ 1,679.99 |

If you have any questions concerning this quotation, Stephan, (305) 607-2989, strangezone@gmail.com

Payment must be received before the start of this agreement.

Date

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!**

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6P

Date: April 25, 2024
Re: Website Mitigation Items for Accessibility

This proposal is for the website, which our development and audit team will perform the scope of services outlined below. ADA Site Compliance is a consultancy which provides specific services for the client. Any services outside of the scope below, or separate sites or templates, will require additional evaluations and proposals.

**Technological Auditing**

WCAG Standards
Technological auditing of the agreed upon pages.
Detailed Reports

**Accessibility Policy and Compliance Shield**

Indication to all website visitors that compliance, accessibility, and usability are a priority.
Provides contact information (phone and/or email) for users who find inaccessible areas of the website.

**Scope of Services Performed by ADA Site Compliance:**

A. Technological Auditing and Reporting – WCAG Standards
B. Accessibility Policy and Compliance Shield
C. Technical Support – Email and Phone

***Compliance Shield, Accessibility Policy and 1 Annual Technological Audit***

$210 per website (normally $549) – Annual Pricing

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|---|---|
| **Starling CDD** | **ADA Site Compliance** |
| By: _____ | By: *Joshua LaBadie* |
| Name: _____ | Name: Joshua LaBadie |
| Its: _____ | Its: Senior Compliance Advisor |
| Date: _____ | |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6Q

**RESOLUTION 2024-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING 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 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

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

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

**SECTION 1.** A Public Hearing will be held to adopt Rules of Procedure as follows:

**DATE:** _____

**TIME:** _____

**LOCATION:** _____

_____

_____

**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 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6QI

**RULES OF PROCEDURE**
**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2024**

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**Rule 1.0 General.**

(1) The Starling Community Development District (the "District") was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, and was established to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (the "Rules") is to describe the general operations of the District.

(2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.

(3) Unless specifically permitted by a written agreement with the District, the District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.

(4) A Rule of the District shall be effective upon adoption by affirmative vote of the District Board. After a Rule becomes effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in these Rules. Notwithstanding, the District may immediately suspend the application of a Rule if the District determines that the Rule conflicts with Florida law. In the event that a Rule conflicts with Florida law and its application has not been suspended by the District, such Rule should be interpreted in the manner that best effectuates the intent of the Rule while also complying with Florida law. If the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

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

**Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.**

(1) Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Board ("Supervisors") appointed by ordinance or rule or elected by landowners must be citizens of the United States of America and residents of the State of Florida. Supervisors elected or appointed by the Board to elector seats must be citizens of the United States of America, residents of the State of Florida and of the District and registered to vote with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the District is located and for those elected, shall also be qualified to run by the Supervisor of Elections. The Board shall exercise the powers granted to the District under Florida law.

(a) Supervisors shall hold office for the term specified by Section 190.006 of the Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office, any Board member(s) vacates their office, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the term(s). If three or more vacancies exist at the same time, a quorum, as defined herein, shall not be required to appoint replacement Board members.

(b) Three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business, exercising powers and all other purposes. A Board member shall be counted toward the quorum if physically present at the meeting, regardless of whether such Board member is prohibited from, or abstains from, participating in discussion or voting on a particular item.

(c) Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in the Rules or required by law. Subject to Rule 1.3(10), a Board member participating in the Board meeting by teleconference or videoconference shall be entitled to vote and take all other action as though physically present.

(d) Unless otherwise provided for by an act of the Board, any one Board member may attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board. Any agreement resulting from such mediation session must be approved pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this Rule.

(2) Officers. At the first Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board shall select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer.

(a) The Chairperson must be a member of the Board. If the Chairperson resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Chairperson. The Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairperson shall be authorized to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf. The Chairperson shall convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend a

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

(b) The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. The Vice-Chairperson has the authority to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf in the absence of the Chairperson. If the Vice-Chairperson resigns from office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board.

(c) The Secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. An employee of the District Manager may serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.

(d) The Treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of the State of Florida. The Treasurer shall perform duties described in Section 190.007(2) and (3) of the Florida Statutes, as well as those assigned by the Board from time to time. The Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Treasurer shall either be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in at least the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000), or have in place a fidelity bond, employee theft insurance policy, or a comparable product in at least the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000) that names the District as an additional insured.

(e) In the event that both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent from a Board meeting and a quorum is present, the Board may designate one of its members or a member of District staff to convene and conduct the meeting. In such circumstances, any of the Board members present are authorized to execute agreements, resolutions, and other documents approved by the Board at such meeting. In the event that the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both unavailable to execute a document previously approved by the Board, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may execute such document.

(f) The Board may assign additional duties to District officers from time to time, which include, but are not limited to, executing documents on behalf of the District.

(g) The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and any other person authorized by District Resolution may sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.

(3) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such functions may include, but are not limited to, review of bids, proposals, and qualifications, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.

(4) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, and corporate acts. The Records of Proceedings shall be located at a District office and shall be available for inspection by the public.

(5) Meetings. For each fiscal year, the Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings, which shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located and filed with the local general-purpose governments within whose boundaries the District is located. All meetings of the Board and Committees serving an advisory function shall be open to the public in accord with the provisions of Chapter 286 of the Florida Statutes.

(6) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143 of the Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interest on matters coming before the Board for a vote. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by the Florida Constitution and Chapters 112 and 190 of the Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Generally, a voting conflict exists when a Board member is called upon to vote on an item which would inure to the Board member's special private gain or loss or the Board member knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a principal by whom the Board member is retained, the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal, a business associate, or a relative including only a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.

(a) When a Board member knows the member has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's Secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes.

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

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

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

(b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict on the matter, the member shall immediately notify the Board's Secretary. Within fifteen (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate Memorandum of Voting Conflict, which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the Memorandum of Voting Conflict. The Board member's vote is unaffected by this filing.

(c) It is not a conflict of interest for a Board member, the District Manager, or an employee of the District to be a stockholder, officer or employee of a landowner or of an entity affiliated with a landowner.

(d) In the event that a Board member elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, has a continuing conflict of interest, such Board member is permitted to file a Memorandum of Voting Conflict at any time in which it shall state the nature of the continuing conflict. Only one such continuing Memorandum of Voting Conflict shall be required to be filed for each term the Board member is in office.

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 112.3143, 190.006, 190.007, Fla. Stat.**

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

(1) District Offices. Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the official District office shall be the District Manager's office identified by the District Manager. If the District Manager's office is not located within the county in which the District is located, the Board shall designate a local records office within such county which shall at a minimum contain, but not be limited to, the following documents:

(a) Agenda packages for prior 24 months and next meeting;

(b) Official minutes of meetings, including adopted resolutions of the Board;

(c) Names and addresses of current Board members and District Manager, unless such addresses are protected from disclosure by law;

(d) Adopted engineer's reports;

(e) Adopted assessment methodologies/reports;

(f) Adopted disclosure of public financing;

(g) Limited Offering Memorandum for each financing undertaken by the District;

(h) Proceedings, certificates, bonds given by all employees, and any and all corporate acts;

(i) District policies and rules;

(j) Fiscal year end audits; and

(k) Adopted budget for the current fiscal year.

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

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

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

(3) Service Contracts. Any contract for services, regardless of cost, shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws. The District Manager shall be responsible for initially enforcing all contract provisions related to a contractor's duty to comply with public records laws.

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

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

(5) Records Retention. The Secretary of the District shall be responsible for retaining the District's records in accordance with applicable Florida law.

(6) Policies. The Board may adopt policies related to the conduct of its business and the provision of services either by resolution or motion.

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

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 112.31446(3), 112.3145(8)(a)1., 119.07, 119.0701, 190.006, Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.**

(1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:

(a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;

(b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;

(c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and

(d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (561) 571-0010. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."

(e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

(2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.

(3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as "meeting materials" shall not convert such materials into "meeting materials." For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

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

Call to order
Roll call
Public comment
Organizational matters
Review of minutes
Specific items of old business
Specific items of new business
Staff reports
    (a) District Counsel
    (b) District Engineer
    (c) District Manager
        1. Financial Report
        2. Approval of Expenditures
Supervisor's requests and comments
Public comment
Adjournment

(4) Minutes. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of each meeting of the Board. Minutes shall be corrected and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The Secretary may work with other staff members in preparing draft minutes for the Board's consideration.

(5) Special Requests. Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may so advise the District Manager or Secretary at the District Office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and shall be required to pre-pay the cost of the copying and postage.

(6) Emergency Meetings. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson if the Chairperson is unavailable, upon consultation with the District Manager and District Counsel, if available, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with sections (1) and (3) of this Rule, to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to provide public notice and notify all Board members of an emergency meeting twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. Notice of the emergency meeting must be provided both before and after the meeting on the District's website, if it has one. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.

(7) Public Comment. The Board shall set aside a reasonable amount of time at each meeting for public comment and members of the public shall be permitted to provide comment on any proposition before the Board. The portion of the meeting generally reserved for public comment shall be identified in the agenda. Policies governing public comment may be adopted by the Board in accordance with Florida law.

(8) Budget Hearing. Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accord with Section 190.008 of the Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item.

(9) Public Hearings. Notice of required public hearings shall contain the information required by applicable Florida law and by these Rules applicable to meeting notices and shall be mailed and published as required by Florida law. The District Manager shall ensure that all such notices, whether mailed or published, contain the information required by Florida law and these Rules and are mailed and published

as required by Florida law. Public hearings may be held during Board meetings when the agenda includes such public hearing.

(10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist.

(11) Board Authorization. The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.

(12) Continuances. Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:

(a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;

(b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and

(c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.

(13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to

litigation expenses or as may be authorized by law. Only the Board, the District's attorneys (including outside counsel), the District Manager, and the court reporter may attend an Attorney-Client Session. During the session, no votes may be taken and no final decisions concerning settlement can be made. Upon the conclusion of the session, the public meeting is reopened, and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson must announce that the session has concluded. The session must be transcribed by a court-reporter and the transcript of the session filed with the District Secretary within a reasonable time after the session. The transcript shall not be available for public inspection until after the conclusion of the litigation.

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

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, Fla. Stat.**

## Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

(1) Internal Controls. The District shall establish and maintain internal controls designed to:

(a) Prevent and detect "fraud," "waste" and "abuse" as those terms are defined in section 11.45(1), Florida Statutes; and
(b) Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; and
(c) Support economical and efficient operations; and
(d) Ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and
(e) Safeguard assets.

(2) Adoption. The internal controls to prevent fraud, waste and abuse shall be adopted and amended by the District in the same manner as District policies.

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

**Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.**

(1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District. A "rule" is a District statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the District ("Rule"). Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the District to consider or adopt rules unless required by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other monetary charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

(2) Notice of Rule Development.

(a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a Rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of a proposed rule by publication of a Notice of Rule Development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by section (3) of this Rule. Consequently, the Notice of Rule Development shall be published at least twenty-nine (29) days prior to the public hearing on the proposed Rule. The Notice of Rule Development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.

(b) All rules as drafted shall be consistent with Sections 120.54(1)(g) and 120.54(2)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.

(a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action, a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted, and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2) of the Florida Statutes, and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of the notice. The notice shall additionally include a statement that any affected person may request a public hearing by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date

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

(b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and each county in which the District is located not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.

(c) The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the District for advance notice of its rulemaking proceedings. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.

(4) Rule Development Workshops. Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the Chairperson must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.

(5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking proceedings must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner, the specific action requested, the specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, the text of the proposed rule, and the facts showing that the petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rulemaking. Not later than sixty (60) calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the Board shall initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial. If the petition is directed to an existing policy that the District has not formally adopted as a rule, the District may, in its discretion, notice and hold a public hearing on the petition to consider the comments of the public directed to the policy, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the policy on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its formal adoption as a rule. However, this section shall not be construed as requiring the District to adopt a rule to replace a policy.

(6) Rulemaking Materials. After the publication of the notice referenced in section (3) of this Rule, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of the cost of copies, the following materials:

(a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;

(b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;

(c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541 of the Florida Statutes; and

(d) The published notice.

(7) Hearing. The District may, or, upon the written request of any affected person received within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule, shall, provide a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument, and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay, or disruption of the proceedings. The District shall publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District either in the text of the notice described in section (3) of this Rule or in a separate publication at least seven (7) days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing. Written statements may be submitted by any person prior to or at the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made part of the rulemaking record.

(8) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists which requires immediate action. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of emergency rules shall be published as soon as possible in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule as long as it protects the public interest as determined by the District and otherwise complies with these provisions.

(9) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, except that any notices required under Section 120.54(2)(d) of the Florida Statutes, may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.

(10) Rulemaking Record. In all rulemaking proceedings, the District shall compile and maintain a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable:

(a) The texts of the proposed rule and the adopted rule;

(b) All notices given for a proposed rule;

(c) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule;

(d) A written summary of hearings, if any, on the proposed rule;

(e) All written comments received by the District and responses to those written comments; and

(f) All notices and findings pertaining to an emergency rule.

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

(a) Any person substantially affected by a rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of the District's authority.

(b) The petition seeking an administrative determination must state with particularity the provisions alleged to be invalid with sufficient explanation of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity and facts sufficient to show that the person challenging a rule is substantially affected by it.

(c) The petition shall be filed with the District. Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the Chairperson shall, if the petition complies with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties. The failure of the District to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements in this Rule shall be presumed to be material; however, the District may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.

(d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer shall render a decision and state the reasons therefor in writing.

(e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The petitioner has a burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of District authority as to the objections raised. The hearing officer may:

(i) Administer oaths and affirmations;

(ii) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;

(iii) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

(iv) Enter orders; and

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

(f) The petitioner and the District shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

(12) Variances and Waivers. A "variance" means a decision by the District to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. A "waiver" means a decision by the District not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Variances and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:

(a) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.

(b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District's Rule. Each petition shall specify:

(i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;

(ii) The type of action requested;

(iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and

(iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.

(c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District,

the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

(d) The Board shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver and shall announce such disposition at a publicly held meeting of the Board, within ninety (90) days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. The District's statement granting or denying the petition shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the District's action.

(13) Rates, Fees, Rentals and Other Charges. All rates, fees, rentals, or other charges shall be subject to rulemaking proceedings. Policies adopted by the District which do not consist of rates, fees, rentals or other charges may be, but are not required to be, implemented through rulemaking proceedings.

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.035, Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 190.011(5), 190.035(2), Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.**

(1) Purpose and Scope. In order to comply with Sections 190.033(1) through (3), 287.055 and 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the purchase of Professional Services, insurance, construction contracts, design-build services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.

(2) Board Authorization. Except in cases of an Emergency Purchase, a competitive purchase governed by these Rules shall only be undertaken after authorization by the Board.

(3) Definitions.

(a) "Competitive Solicitation" means a formal, advertised procurement process, other than an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, or Invitation to Negotiate, approved by the Board to purchase commodities and/or services which affords vendors fair treatment in the competition for award of a District purchase contract.

(b) "Continuing Contract" means a contract for Professional Services entered into in accordance with Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, between the District and a firm, whereby the firm provides Professional Services to the District for projects in which the costs do not exceed two million dollars ($2,000,000), for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000), or for work of a specified nature as outlined in the contract with the District, with no time limitation except that the contract must provide a termination clause (for example, a contract for general District engineering services). Firms providing Professional Services under Continuing Contracts shall not be required to bid against one another.

(c) "Contractual Service" means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of specific commodities. The term applies only to those services rendered by individuals and firms who are independent contractors. Contractual Services do not include auditing services, Maintenance Services, or Professional Services as defined in Section 287.055(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Contractual Services also do not include any contract for the furnishing of labor or materials for the construction, renovation, repair, modification, or demolition of any facility, building, portion of building, utility, park, parking lot, or structure or other improvement to real property entered into pursuant to Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes, and Rules 3.5 or 3.6.

(d) "Design-Build Contract" means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.

(e) "Design-Build Firm" means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:

(i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or

(ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.

(f) "Design Criteria Package" means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District's Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.

(g) "Design Criteria Professional" means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.

(h) "Emergency Purchase" means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where

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

(i) "Invitation to Bid" is a written solicitation for sealed bids with the title, date, and hour of the public bid opening designated specifically and defining the commodity or service involved. It includes printed instructions prescribing conditions for bidding, qualification, evaluation criteria, and provides for a manual signature of an authorized representative. It may include one or more bid alternates.

(j) "Invitation to Negotiate" means a written solicitation for competitive sealed replies to select one or more vendors with which to commence negotiations for the procurement of commodities or services.

(k) "Negotiate" means to conduct legitimate, arm's length discussions and conferences to reach an agreement on a term or price.

(l) "Professional Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping, as defined by the laws of Florida, or those services performed by any architect, professional engineer, landscape architect, or registered surveyor and mapper, in connection with the firm's or individual's professional employment or practice.

(m) "Proposal (or Reply or Response) Most Advantageous to the District" means, as determined in the sole discretion of the Board, the proposal, reply, or response that is:

(i) Submitted by a person or firm capable and qualified in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, who has the integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance;

(ii) The most responsive to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation as determined by the Board; and

(iii) For a cost to the District deemed by the Board to be reasonable.

(n) "Purchase" means acquisition by sale, rent, lease, lease/purchase, or installment sale. It does not include transfer, sale, or exchange of goods, supplies, or materials between the District and any federal, state, regional or local governmental entity or political subdivision of the State of Florida.

(o) "Request for Proposals" or "RFP" is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and

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

(p) "Responsive and Responsible Bidder" means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. "Responsive and Responsible Vendor" means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:

(i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;

(ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;

(iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;

(iv) The geographic location of the entity's/individual's headquarters or office in relation to the project;

(v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;

(vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;

(vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and

(viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.

(q) "Responsive Bid," "Responsive Proposal," "Responsive Reply," and "Responsive Response" all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the

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

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.**

(1) Scope. The following procedures are adopted for the selection of firms or individuals to provide Professional Services exceeding the thresholds herein described, for the negotiation of such contracts, and to provide for protest of actions of the Board under this Rule. As used in this Rule, "Project" means that fixed capital outlay study or planning activity when basic construction cost is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FIVE, or for a planning study activity when the fee for Professional Services is estimated by the District to exceed the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO, as such categories may be amended or adjusted from time to time.

(2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:

(a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

(b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

(c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and

(d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

(a) The Board shall review and evaluate the data submitted in response to the notice described in section (3) of this Rule regarding qualifications and performance ability, as well as any statements of qualifications on file. The Board shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by consultants regarding their qualifications, approach to the Project, and ability to furnish the required services. The Board shall then select and list the consultants, in order of preference, deemed to be the most highly capable and qualified to perform the required Professional Services, after considering these and other appropriate criteria:

(i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by each consultant;

(ii) Whether a consultant is a certified minority business enterprise;

(iii) Each consultant's past performance;

(iv) The willingness of each consultant to meet time and budget requirements;

(v) The geographic location of each consultant's headquarters, office and personnel in relation to the project;

(vi) The recent, current, and projected workloads of each consultant; and

(vii) The volume of work previously awarded to each consultant by the District.

(b) Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the District from evaluating and eventually selecting a consultant if less than three (3) Responsive qualification packages, including packages indicating a desire not to provide Professional Services on a given Project, are received.

(c) If the selection process is administered by any person or committee other than the full Board, the selection made will be presented to the full Board with a recommendation that competitive negotiations be instituted with the selected firms in order of preference listed.

(d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants

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

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

(a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.

(b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."

(c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.

(d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

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

(7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.

(8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, 287.055, Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.**

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

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Auditing Services" means those services within the scope of the practice of a certified public accounting firm licensed under Chapter 473 of the Florida Statutes, and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy.

(b) "Committee" means the auditor selection committee appointed by the Board as described in section (2) of this Rule.

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

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

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

(i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

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

(iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation; and

(iv) Meet any pre-qualification requirements established by the Committee and set forth in the RFP or other specifications.

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

(b) Evaluation Criteria. The factors established for the evaluation of Auditing Services by the Committee shall include, but are not limited to:

(i) Ability of personnel;

(ii) Experience;

(iii) Ability to furnish the required services; and

(iv) Such other factors as may be determined by the Committee to be applicable to its particular requirements.

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

(4) Public Announcement. After identifying the factors to be used in evaluating the proposals for Auditing Services as set forth in section (3) of this Rule, the Committee shall publicly announce the opportunity to provide Auditing Services. Such public announcement shall include a brief description of the audit and how interested firms can apply for consideration and obtain the RFP. The notice shall appear in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the District and the county in which the District is located. The public announcement shall allow for at least seven (7) days for the submission of proposals.

(5) Request for Proposals. The Committee shall provide interested firms with a Request for Proposals ("RFP"). The RFP shall provide information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the Committee determines

is necessary for the firm to prepare a proposal. The RFP shall state the time and place for submitting proposals.

(6) Committee's Evaluation of Proposals and Recommendation. The Committee shall meet at a publicly held meeting that is publicly noticed for a reasonable time in advance of the meeting to evaluate all qualified proposals and may, as part of the evaluation, require that each interested firm provide a public presentation where the Committee may conduct discussions with the firm, and where the firm may present information, regarding the firm's qualifications. At the public meeting, the Committee shall rank and recommend in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this Rule. If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP or if no firms respond to the RFP, the Committee shall recommend such firm as it deems to be the most highly qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may recommend that any and all proposals be rejected.

(7) Board Selection of Auditor.

(a) Where compensation was not selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall negotiate with the firm ranked first and inquire of that firm as to the basis of compensation. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked firm at a price deemed by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the Board shall immediately begin negotiations with the second ranked firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second ranked firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third ranked firm shall be undertaken. The Board may reopen formal negotiations with any one of the three top-ranked firms, but it may not negotiate with more than one firm at a time. If the Board is unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any of the selected firms, the Committee shall recommend additional firms in order of the firms' respective competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

(b) Where compensation was selected as a factor used in evaluating the proposals, the Board shall select the highest-ranked qualified firm or document in its public records the reason for not selecting the highest-ranked qualified firm.

(c) In negotiations with firms under this Rule, the Board may allow the District Manager, District Counsel, or other designee to conduct negotiations on its behalf.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may reject any or all proposals. The Board shall not consider any proposal, or enter into any contract for Auditing Services, unless the proposed agreed-upon compensation is reasonable to satisfy the requirements of Section 218.39 of the Florida Statutes, and the needs of the District.

(8) Contract. Any agreement reached under this Rule shall be evidenced by a written contract, which may take the form of an engagement letter signed and executed by both parties. The written contract shall include all provisions and conditions of the procurement of such services and shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(a) A provision specifying the services to be provided and fees or other compensation for such services;

(b) A provision requiring that invoices for fees or other compensation be submitted in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;

(c) A provision setting forth deadlines for the auditor to submit a preliminary draft audit report to the District for review and to submit a final audit report no later than June 30 of the fiscal year that follows the fiscal year for which the audit is being conducted;

(d) A provision specifying the contract period, including renewals, and conditions under which the contract may be terminated or renewed. The maximum contract period including renewals shall be five (5) years. A renewal may be done without the use of the auditor selection procedures provided in this Rule but must be in writing.

(e) Provisions required by law that require the auditor to comply with public records laws.

(9) Notice of Award. Once a negotiated agreement with a firm or individual is reached, or the Board authorizes the execution of an agreement with a firm where compensation was a factor in the evaluation of proposals, notice of the intent to award, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all proposers by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests regarding the award of contracts under this Rule shall be as provided for in Rule 3.11. No proposer shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

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

**Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.**

(1) Scope. The purchases of life, health, accident, hospitalization, legal expense, or annuity insurance, or all of any kinds of such insurance for the officers and employees of the District, and for health, accident, hospitalization, and legal expenses upon a group insurance plan by the District, shall be governed by this Rule. This Rule does not apply to the purchase of any other type of insurance by the District, including but not limited to liability insurance, property insurance, and directors and officers insurance. Nothing in this Rule shall require the District to purchase insurance.

(2) Procedure. For a purchase of insurance within the scope of these Rules, the following procedure shall be followed:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Invitation to Bid.

(b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District. The notice shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for submittal of bids.

(c) The District may maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid. The District shall make reasonable efforts to provide copies of any notices to such persons, but the failure to do so shall not give such consultants any bid protest or other rights or otherwise disqualify any otherwise valid procurement process.

(d) Bids shall be opened at the time and place noted in the Invitation to Bid.

(e) If only one (1) response to an Invitation is received, the District may proceed with the purchase. If no response to an Invitation to Bid is received, the District may take whatever steps are reasonably necessary in order to proceed with the purchase.

(f) The Board has the right to reject any and all bids and such reservations shall be included in all solicitations and advertisements.

(g) Simultaneously with the review of the submitted bids, the District may undertake negotiations with those companies that have submitted reasonable and timely bids and, in the opinion of the District, are fully qualified and capable of meeting all services and requirements. Bid responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the specifications and criteria contained in the Invitation to Bid; in addition, the total cost to the District, the cost, if any, to the District officers, employees, or their dependents, the geographic location of the company's headquarters and offices in relation to the District, and the ability of the company to guarantee premium stability may be considered. A contract to purchase insurance

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

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

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification**

(1) Scope. In its discretion, the District may undertake a pre-qualification process in accordance with this Rule for vendors to provide construction services, goods, supplies, and materials, Contractual Services, and maintenance services.

(2) Procedure. When the District seeks to pre-qualify vendors, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared a Request for Qualifications.

(b) For construction services exceeding the thresholds described in Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, the Board must advertise the proposed pre-qualification criteria and procedures and allow at least seven (7) days notice of the public hearing for comments on such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. At such public hearing, potential vendors may object to such pre-qualification criteria and procedures. Following such public hearing, the Board shall formally adopt pre-qualification criteria and procedures prior to the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications for construction services.

(c) The Request for Qualifications shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of qualifications for goods, supplies and materials, Contractual Services, maintenance services, and construction services under two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000). The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of qualifications for construction services estimated to cost over two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) and thirty (30) days for construction services estimated to cost over five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000).

(d) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Qualifications. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any pre-qualification determination or contract awarded in accordance with these Rules and shall not be a basis for a protest of any pre-qualification determination or contract award.

(e) If the District has pre-qualified vendors for a particular category of purchase, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies or responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

(f) In order to be eligible to submit qualifications, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the qualifications:

(i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

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

(iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and

(iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Qualifications.

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

(g) Qualifications shall be presented to the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, for evaluation in accordance with the Request for Qualifications and this Rule. Minor variations in the qualifications may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature.

(h) All vendors determined by the District to meet the pre-qualification requirements shall be pre-qualified. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of qualifications. For construction services, any contractor pre-qualified and considered eligible by the Department of Transportation to bid to perform the type of work the project entails shall be presumed to be qualified to perform the project.

(i) The Board shall have the right to reject all qualifications if there are not enough to be competitive or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of qualification preparation or submittal from the District.

(j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice

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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.

ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.

iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.

iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.

v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.

vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.

vii. The vendor failed to timely furnish all contract documents required by the contract specifications, special provisions, or by any state or federal statutes or regulations. If the vendor fails to furnish any of the subject contract documents by the expiration of the period of suspension,

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

viii. The vendor failed to notify the District within 10 days of the vendor, or any of its affiliates, being declared in default or otherwise not completing work on a contract or being suspended from qualification to bid or denied qualification to bid by any other public or semi-public agency.

ix. The vendor did not pay its subcontractors or suppliers in a timely manner or in compliance with contract documents.

x. The vendor has demonstrated instances of poor or unsatisfactory performance, deficient management resulting in project delay, poor quality workmanship, a history of payment of liquidated damages, untimely completion of projects, uncooperative attitude, contract litigation, inflated claims or defaults.

xi. An affiliate of the vendor has previously been determined by the District to be non-responsible, and the specified period of suspension, revocation, denial, or non-responsibility remains in effect.

xii. The vendor or affiliate(s) has been convicted of a contract crime.

1. The term "contract crime" means any violation of state or federal antitrust laws with respect to a public contract or any violation of any state or federal law involving fraud, bribery, collusion, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation with respect to a public contract.

2. The term "convicted" or "conviction" means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a contract crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

(b) A denial, suspension, or revocation shall prohibit the vendor from being a subcontractor on District work during the period of denial, suspension, or revocation, except when a prime contractor's bid has used prices of a subcontractor who becomes disqualified after the bid, but before the request for authorization to sublet is presented.

(c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the

hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.

(d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.

(e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

i. Impacts on project schedule, cost, or quality of work;

ii. Unsafe conditions allowed to exist;

iii. Complaints from the public;

iv. Delay or interference with the bidding process;

v. The potential for repetition;

vi. Integrity of the public contracting process;

vii. Effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.**

(1) Scope. All contracts for the construction or improvement of any building, structure, or other public construction works authorized by Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes, the costs of which are estimated by the District in accordance with generally accepted cost accounting principles to be in excess of the threshold amount for applicability of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as that amount may be indexed or amended from time to time, shall be let under the terms of these Rules and the procedures of Section 255.20 of the Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. A project shall not be divided solely to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

(2) Procedure. When a purchase of construction services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

(b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed bids, proposals, replies, or responses, unless the Board, for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses. If the Board has previously pre-qualified contractors pursuant to Rule 3.4 and determined that only the contractors that have been pre-qualified will be permitted to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation need not be published. Instead, the Notice of Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be sent to the pre-qualified contractors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service.

(c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

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

(e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:

(i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

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

(iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the bidder is a corporation; and

(iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

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

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

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

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

(g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

(h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No contractor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, response, or reply preparation or submittal from the District.

(i) The Board may require potential contractors to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.

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

(k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may

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

(3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.

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

(5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.

(6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:

(a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;

(b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;

(c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or

(d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.**

## Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

(1) Scope. The District may utilize Design-Build Contracts for any public construction project for which the Board determines that use of such contract is in the best

interest of the District. When letting a Design-Build Contract, the District shall use the following procedure:

(2) Procedure.

(a) The District shall utilize a Design Criteria Professional meeting the requirements of Section 287.055(2)(k) of the Florida Statutes, when developing a Design Criteria Package, evaluating the proposals and qualifications submitted by Design-Build Firms, and determining compliance of the project construction with the Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Professional may be an employee of the District, may be the District Engineer selected by the District pursuant to Section 287.055 of the Florida Statutes, or may be retained pursuant to Rule 3.1. The Design Criteria Professional is not eligible to render services under a Design-Build Contract executed pursuant to the Design Criteria Package.

(b) A Design Criteria Package for the construction project shall be prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional. If the project utilizes existing plans, the Design Criteria Professional shall create a Design Criteria Package by supplementing the plans with project specific requirements, if any.

(c) The Board may either choose to award the Design-Build Contract pursuant to the competitive proposal selection process set forth in Section 287.055(9) of the Florida Statutes, or pursuant to the qualifications-based selection process pursuant to Rule 3.1.

(i) Qualifications-Based Selection. If the process set forth in Rule 3.1 is utilized, subsequent to competitive negotiations, a guaranteed maximum price and guaranteed completion date shall be established.

(ii) Competitive Proposal-Based Selection. If the competitive proposal selection process is utilized, the Board, in consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, shall establish the criteria, standards and procedures for the evaluation of Design-Build Proposals based on price, technical, and design aspects of the project, weighted for the project. After a Design Criteria Package and the standards and procedures for evaluation of proposals have been developed, competitive proposals from qualified firms shall be solicited pursuant to the design criteria by the following procedure:

1. A Request for Proposals shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located. The notice shall allow at least twenty-one (21) days for submittal of sealed proposals, unless the Board,

for good cause, determines a shorter period of time is appropriate. Any project projected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) must be noticed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for submittal of proposals.

2. The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Requests for Proposals. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

3. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, a firm must, at the time of receipt of the proposals:

   a. Hold the required applicable state professional licenses in good standing, as defined by Section 287.055(2)(h) of the Florida Statutes;

   b. Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;

   c. Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the proposer is a corporation;

   d. Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals and Design Criteria Package.

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

   Evidence of compliance with these Rules must be submitted with the proposal if required by the District. Failure to

submit evidence of compliance when required may be grounds for rejection of the proposal.

4. The proposals, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. In consultation with the Design Criteria Professional, the Board shall evaluate the proposals received based on evaluation criteria and procedures established prior to the solicitation of proposals, including but not limited to qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms and the partners and members thereof. The Board shall then select no fewer than three (3) Design-Build Firms as the most qualified.

5. The Board shall have the right to reject all proposals if the proposals are too high, or rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of proposal preparation or submittal from the District.

6. If less than three (3) Responsive Proposals are received, the District may purchase design-build services or may reject the proposals for lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Proposals are received, the District may proceed with the procurement of design-build services in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the design-build services without further competitive selection processes.

7. Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all proposals, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

8. The Board shall negotiate a contract with the firm ranking the highest based on the evaluation standards and shall establish a price which the Board determines is fair, competitive and reasonable. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified firm, based on the ranking by the evaluation standards. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the second most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. The Board shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified firm. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the third most qualified at a price considered by the Board to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, negotiations with that firm must be terminated. Should the Board be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, the Board shall select additional firms in order of their rankings based on the evaluation standards and continue negotiations until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

9. After the Board contracts with a firm, the firm shall bring to the Board for approval, detailed working drawings of the project.

10. The Design Criteria Professional shall evaluate the compliance of the detailed working drawings and project construction with the Design Criteria Package and shall provide the Board with a report of the same.

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

(4) Emergency Purchase. The Board may, in case of public emergency, declare an emergency and immediately proceed with negotiations with the best qualified Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

(5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:

(a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;

(b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;

(c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contractor; or

(d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 189.053, 190.033, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 287.055, Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.**

(1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.

(2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of $200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.

(3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding $200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.**

(1) Purpose and Scope. All purchases of goods, supplies, or materials exceeding the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, shall be purchased under the terms of this Rule. Contracts for purchases of "goods, supplies, and materials" do not include printing, insurance, advertising, or legal notices. A contract involving goods, supplies, or materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

(2) Procedure. When a purchase of goods, supplies, or materials is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

(b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

(c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

(d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of goods, supplies, and materials, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

(e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:

(i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

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

(iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and

(iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

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

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

(f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and this Rule. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

(g) The lowest Responsive Bid, after taking into account the preferences provided for in this subsection, submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder in response to an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be accepted. If the lowest Responsive Bid is submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder whose principal place of business is located in a foreign state which does not grant a preference in competitive purchase to businesses whose principal place of business are in that foreign state, the lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder whose principal place of business is in the State of

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

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

(h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.

(i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.

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

(k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

(3) <u>Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6.</u> There may be occasions where the District has

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

(4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.

(5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.

(6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 189.053, 190.033, 287.017, 287.084, Fla. Stat.**

**Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.**

(1) Scope. All contracts for maintenance of any District facility or project shall be set under the terms of this Rule if the cost exceeds the amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR. A contract involving goods, supplies, and materials plus maintenance services may, in the discretion of the Board, be treated as a contract for maintenance services. However, a purchase shall not be divided solely in order to avoid the threshold bidding requirements.

(2) Procedure. When a purchase of maintenance services is within the scope of this Rule, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Board shall cause to be prepared an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

(b) Notice of the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation shall be advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the District and within the county in which the District is located. The notice shall also include the amount of the bid bond, if one is required. The notice shall allow at least seven (7) days for submittal of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

(c) The District may maintain lists of persons interested in receiving notices of Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, and Competitive Solicitations. The District shall make a good faith effort to provide written notice, by electronic mail, United States Mail, hand delivery, or facsimile, to persons who provide their name and address to the District Manager for inclusion on the list. However, failure of a person to receive the notice shall not invalidate any contract awarded in accordance with this Rule and shall not be a basis for a protest of any contract award.

(d) If the District has pre-qualified suppliers of maintenance services, then, at the option of the District, only those persons who have been pre-qualified will be eligible to submit bids, proposals, replies, and responses.

(e) In order to be eligible to submit a bid, proposal, reply, or response, a firm or individual must, at the time of receipt of the bids, proposals, replies, or responses:

(i) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;

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

(iii) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the vendor is a corporation; and

(iv) Meet any special pre-qualification requirements set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

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

(f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be publicly opened at the time and place noted on the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, and responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

(g) The lowest Responsive Bid submitted in response to an Invitation to Bid by a Responsive and Responsible Bidder shall be accepted. In relation to a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate or Competitive Solicitation the Board shall select the Responsive Proposal, Reply, or Response submitted by a Responsive and Responsible Vendor which is most advantageous to the District. To assure full understanding of the responsiveness to the solicitation requirements contained in a Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, discussions may be conducted with qualified vendors. Vendors shall be accorded fair treatment prior to the submittal date with respect to any opportunity for discussion, preparation, and revision of bids, proposals, replies, or responses.

(h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No Vendor shall be

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

(i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.

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

(k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase the maintenance services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of maintenance services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the maintenance services without further competitive selection processes.

(3) Exemptions. Maintenance services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Maintenance services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for maintenance services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.

(4) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of maintenance services subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.

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

(6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

**Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.**

(1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.

(2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

**Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.**
**Law Implemented: §§ 119.0701, 190.011(3), 190.033, Fla. Stat.**

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

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

(1) Filing.

(a) With respect to a protest regarding qualifications, specifications, documentation, or other requirements contained in a Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation issued by the District, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the first advertisement of the Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Bid, or Competitive Solicitation. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's intended decision. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.

(b) Except for those situations covered by subsection (1)(a) of this Rule, any firm or person who is affected adversely by a District's ranking or intended award under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, or 3.9 and desires to contest the District's ranking or intended award, shall file with the District a written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) calendar hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after receipt of the notice of the District's ranking or intended award. A formal protest setting forth with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays) after the initial notice of protest was filed. For purposes of this Rule, wherever applicable, filing will be perfected and deemed to have occurred upon receipt by the District. Failure to file a notice of protest shall constitute a waiver of all rights to protest the District's ranking or intended award. Failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute an abandonment of the protest proceedings and shall automatically terminate the protest proceedings.

(c) If the requirement for the posting of a protest bond and the amount of the protest bond, which may be expressed by a percentage of the contract to be awarded or a set amount, is disclosed in the District's competitive solicitation documents for a particular purchase under Rules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,

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

(d) The District does not accept documents filed by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. Filings are only accepted during normal business hours.

(2) Contract Execution. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the District shall not execute the contract under protest until the subject of the protest is resolved. However, if the District sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances showing that delay incident to protest proceedings will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the contract may be executed.

(3) Informal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest does not involve a disputed issue of material fact, the Board may, but is not obligated to, schedule an informal proceeding to consider the protest. Such informal proceeding shall be at a time and place determined by the Board. Notice of such proceeding shall be sent via facsimile, United States Mail, or hand delivery to the protestor and any substantially affected persons or parties not less than three (3) calendar days prior to such informal proceeding. Within thirty (30) calendar days following the informal proceeding, the Board shall issue a written decision setting forth the factual, legal, and policy grounds for its decision.

(4) Formal Proceeding. If the Board determines a protest involves disputed issues of material fact or if the Board elects not to use the informal proceeding process provided for in section (3) of this Rule, the District shall schedule a formal hearing to resolve the protest. The Chairperson shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chairperson), District Manager, District Counsel, or other person as a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer may:

(a) Administer oaths and affirmations;

(b) Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;

(c) Regulate the course of the hearing, including any pre-hearing matters;

(d) Enter orders; and

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

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

(5) Intervenors. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings.

(6) Rejection of all Qualifications, Bids, Proposals, Replies and Responses after Receipt of Notice of Protest. If the Board determines there was a violation of law, defect, or an irregularity in the competitive solicitation process, the B**i**ds, Proposals, Replies, and Responses are too high, or if the Board determines it is otherwise in the District's best interest, the Board may reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew. If the Board decides to reject all qualifications, bids, proposals, replies, and responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew, any pending protests shall automatically terminate.

(7) Settlement. Nothing herein shall preclude the settlement of any protest under this Rule at any time.

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

**Rule 4.0 Effective Date.**

These Rules shall be effective _____, 2024, 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.**

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6QII

**NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT BY THE**
**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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

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

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

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, c/o Wrathell Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, Phone: (561) 571-0010.

District Manager
Starling Community Development District

Run Date: _____

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

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") of the Starling Community Development District ("**District**") on _____ ___, 2024, at __:__ _.m., at _____.

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, *Florida Statutes*, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. Prior notice of rule development was published in a newspaper of general circulation on _____, 2024.

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

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

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager's Office, c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431 (561) 571-0010.

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

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

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

District Manager
Starling Community Development District

**Run Date:** _____

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

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6R

**RESOLUTION 2024-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

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

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

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**EXHIBIT "A"**

| STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT | | |
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| **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 MEETING SCHEDULE** | | |
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| **LOCATION**<br>*TBD* | | |
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| **DATE** | **POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS** | **TIME** |
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| **June __, 2024** | **Regular Meeting** | **___:___ AM/PM** |
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| **July __, 2024** | **Regular Meeting** | **___:___ AM/PM** |
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| **August __, 2024** | **Regular Meeting** | **___:___ AM/PM** |
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| **September __, 2024** | **Regular Meeting** | **___:___ AM/PM** |
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# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 6S

**RESOLUTION 2024-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, APPROVING THE FLORIDA STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the State Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, authorizes the state and its political subdivisions to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the Starling Community Development District desires to move forward and approve an agreement with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, concerning the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity requires an independent special district to participate in the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement to be eligible for funds under Administrative Rule 9G-1 9, Base Funding for County Emergency Management Agencies and Municipal Competitive Grant and Loan Programs;

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

**1. RECITALS.** The foregoing **"WHEREAS"** clauses are true and correct and are hereby ratified and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT.** The execution of the attached Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement is hereby authorized, and the Agreement is hereby approved.

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| ATTEST**:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
| _____ | _____ |
| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

**Exhibit A**

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

# STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - 2023

This Agreement is an acknowledgment of receipt by the Florida Division of Emergency Management ("the Division") and the local government ("Participating Party") signing this Agreement. Execution of this agreement replaces all previous iterations and is active until a new agreement is drafted and requested by The Division.

This Agreement is based on the existence of the following conditions:

A. The State of Florida is vulnerable to a wide range of emergencies and disasters that are likely to cause the disruption of essential services and the destruction of the infrastructure needed to deliver those services.

B. Such emergencies and disasters often exceed the emergency response and recovery capabilities of any one county or local government.

C. Such incidents may also give rise to unusual and unanticipated physical and technical needs which a local government cannot meet with existing resources, but that other local governments within the State of Florida may be able to provide.

D. The Emergency Management Act, chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, provides each local government of the state the authority to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements within the state for reciprocal emergency aid in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted, and through such agreements ensure the timely reimbursement of costs incurred by the local governments which render such assistance.

E. Pursuant to chapter 252.32, *Florida Statutes*, the Division renders mutual aid among the political subdivisions of the state to carry out emergency management functions and responsibilities.

F. Pursuant to chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, the Division has the authority to coordinate and direct emergency management assistance between local governments and concentrate available resources where needed.

Based on the existence of the foregoing conditions, the Parties agree to the following articles:

## ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

A. The "Agreement" is this Agreement, which shall be referred to as the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement ("SMAA").

B. The "Division" is the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

C. A "Requesting Party" to this Agreement is a Participating Party who requests assistance under this agreement.

D. An "Assisting Party" to this Agreement is a Participating Party who provides assistance to a Requesting Party under this agreement.

E. The "Period of Assistance" is the time during which an Assisting Party renders assistance to a Requesting Party under this agreement and includes the time necessary for the resources and personnel of the Assisting Party to travel to the place specified by the Requesting Party and the time necessary to return to their place of origin.

F. A "Mission" is a documented emergency response activity performed during a Period of Assistance, usually in reference to one operational function or activity.

G. A "local government" is any educational district, special district, or any entity that is a "local governmental entity" within the meaning of section 11.45(1)(g), *Florida Statutes.*

H. An "educational district" is any school district within the meaning of section 1001.30, *Florida Statutes*, and any Florida College System Institution or State University within the meaning of section 1000.21, *Florida Statutes*.

I. A "special district" is any local or regional governmental entity which is an independent special district within the meaning of section 189.012(3), *Florida Statutes*, established by local, special, or general act, or by rule, ordinance, resolution, or interlocal agreement.

J. A "tribal council" is the respective governing bodies of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Miccosukee Tribe of Indians recognized as special improvement district by section 285.18(1), *Florida Statutes*.

K. An "interlocal agreement" is any agreement between local governments within the meaning of section 163.01(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*.

L. A "Resource Support Agreement" as used in this Agreement refers to a supplemental agreement of support between a Requesting Party and an Assisting Party.

M. "Proof of work" as used in this Agreement refers to original and authentic documentation of a single individual or group of individuals' emergency response activity at a tactical level.

N. "Proof of payment" as used in this Agreement refers to original and authentic documentation of an emergency response expenditure made by an Assisting Party.

O. A "Reimbursement Package" as used in this Agreement refers to a full account of mission response documentation supported by proof of work and proof of payment.

P. Any expressions not assigned definitions elsewhere in this Agreement shall have the definitions assigned them by the Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*.

## ARTICLE II: APPLICABILITY OF THE AGREEMENT

Any Participating Party, including the Division, may request assistance under this Agreement for a "major disaster" or "catastrophic disaster" as defined in section 252.34, *Florida Statutes*, minor disasters, and other such emergencies as lawfully determined by a Participating Party.

## ARTICLE III: INVOCATION OF THE AGREEMENT

In the event of an emergency or anticipated emergency, a Participating Party may request assistance under this Agreement from any other Participating Party or the Division if, in the judgement of the Requesting Party, its own resources are inadequate to meet the needs of the emergency or disaster.

A. Any request for assistance under this Agreement may be oral, but within five (5) calendar days must be confirmed in writing by the Requesting Party. All requests for assistance under this Agreement shall be transmitted by the Requesting Party to another Participating Party or the Division. If the Requesting Party transmits its request for Assistance directly to a Participating Party other than the Division, the Requesting Party and Assisting Party shall keep the Division advised of their activities.

B. The Division shall relay any requests for assistance under this Agreement to such other Participating Parties as it may deem appropriate and coordinate the activities of the Assisting Parties to ensure timely assistance to the Requesting Party. All such activities shall be carried out in accordance with the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

## ARTICLE IV: RESPONSIBILITIES OF REQUESTING PARTIES

To the extent practicable, all Requesting Parties shall provide the following information to their respective county emergency management agency, the Division, and the intended Assisting Party or Parties. In providing such information, Requesting Parties should utilize Section I of the

Resource Support Agreement (RSA) Form, available via the Division approved documents SharePoint site[1].

A. A description of the Mission to be performed by the Assisting Party;

B. A description of the resources and capabilities needed to complete the Mission successfully;

C. The location, date, and time personnel and resources from the Assisting Party should arrive at the incident site, staging area, facility, or other location designated by the Requesting Party;

D. A description of the health, safety, and working conditions expected for deploying personnel;

E. Lodging and meal availability;

F. Any logistical requirements;

G. A description of any location or facility outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Requesting Party needed to stage incoming resources and personnel;

H. The location date, and time for personnel of the Requesting Party to meet and receive the personnel and equipment of the Assisting Party; and

I. A technical description of any communications equipment needed to ensure effective information sharing between the Requesting Party, any Assisting Parties, and all relevant responding entities.

## ARTICLE V: RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSISTING PARTIES

Each Party shall render assistance under this Agreement to any Requesting Party to the extent practicable that its personnel, equipment, resources, and capabilities can render assistance. If upon receiving a request for assistance under this Agreement a Party determines that it has the capacity to render some or all of such assistance, it shall provide the following information without delay to the Requesting Party, the Division, and the Assisting Party's County emergency management agency. In providing such information, the Assisting Party should utilize the Section II of the Resource Support Agreement (RSA) Form, available via the Division approved documents SharePoint site.

[1] FDEM approved documents such as activity logs and mutual aid forms can be found at: https://portal.floridadisaster.org/projects/FROC/FROC_Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?View=%7B6F3CF7BD%2DC0A4%2D4BE2%2DB809%2DC8009D7D0686%7D

A. A description of the personnel, equipment, supplies, services and capabilities it has available, together with a description of the qualifications of any skilled personnel;

B. An estimate of the time such personnel, equipment, supplies, and services will continue to be available;

C. An estimate of the time it will take to deliver such personnel, equipment, supplies, and services to the location(s) specified by the Requesting Party;

D. A technical description of any communications and telecommunications equipment available for timely communications with the Requesting Party and other Assisting Parties;

E. The names and contact information of all personnel whom the Assisting Party has designated as team leaders or supervisors; and

F. An estimated cost for the provision of assistance.

## ARTICLE VI: RENDITION OF ASSISTANCE

The Requesting Party shall afford the emergency response personnel of all Assisting Parties, while operating within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Requesting Party, the same powers, duties, rights, and privileges, except that of arrest unless specifically authorized by the Requesting Party, as are afforded the equivalent emergency response personnel of the Requesting Party. Emergency response personnel of the Assisting Party will remain under the command and control of the Assisting Party, but during the Period of Assistance, the resources and responding personnel of the Assisting Party will perform response activities under the operational and tactical control of the Requesting Party.

A. Unless otherwise agreed upon between the Requesting and Assisting Party, the Requesting Party shall be responsible for providing food, water, and shelter to the personnel of the Assisting Party. For Missions performed in areas where there are insufficient resources to support responding personnel and equipment throughout the Period of Assistance, the Assisting Party shall, to the fullest extent practicable, provide their emergency response personnel with the equipment, fuel, supplies, and technical resources necessary to make them self-sufficient throughout the Period of Assistance. When requesting assistance, the Requesting Party may specify that Assisting Parties send only self-sufficient personnel and resources but must specify the length of time self-sufficiency should be maintained.

B. Unless the Requesting Party has specified the contrary, it shall, to the fullest extent practicable, coordinate all communications between its personnel and the responding personnel of the Assisting Parties, and shall determine and share the frequencies and other technical specifications of all communications equipment to be used, as appropriate, with the deployed personnel of the Assisting Parties.

C. Personnel of the Assisting Party who render assistance under this Agreement shall receive the usual wages, salaries, and other compensation as are normally afforded to personnel for emergency response activities within their home jurisdiction, and shall have all the immunities, rights, interests, and privileges applicable to their normal employment. If personnel of the Assisting Party hold local licenses or certifications limited to the jurisdiction of issue, then the Requesting Party shall recognize and honor those licenses or certifications for the duration of the Period of Assistance.

## ARTICLE VII: REIMBURSEMENT

After the Period of Assistance has ended, the Assisting Party shall have 45 days to develop a full reimbursement package for services rendered and resources supplied during the Period of Assistance. All expenses claimed to the Requesting Party must have been incurred in direct response to the emergency as requested by the Requesting Party and must be supported by proof of work and proof of payment.

To guide the proper documentation and accountability of expenses, the Assisting Party should utilize the Claim Summary Form, available via the Division approved documents SharePoint site as a guide and summary of expense to collect information to then be formally submitted for review by the Requesting Party.

To receive reimbursement for assistance provided under this agreement, the Assisting Party shall provide, at a minimum, the following supporting documentation to the Requesting Party unless otherwise agreed upon between the Requesting and Assisting Parties:

A. A complete and authentic description of expenses incurred by the Assisting Party during the Period of Assistance;

B. Copy of a current and valid Internal Revenue Service W-9 Form;

C. Copies of all relevant payment and travel policies in effect during the Period of Assistance;

D. Daily personnel activity logs demonstrating emergency response activities performed for all time claimed (for FDEM reimbursement Division approved activity logs will be required for personnel activity claims);

E. Official payroll and travel reimbursement records for all claimed personnel expenses;

F. Neat and comprehensive fringe benefit calculations for each position class or category of claimed personnel;

G. Written justification for all additional expenses/purchases incurred during the Period of Assistance;

H. Proof of payment for additional/miscellaneous expenses incurred during the Period of Assistance

I. Equipment activity logs demonstrating equipment use and operation in support of emergency response activities for all time claimed (for FDEM reimbursement Division approved forms will be required for equipment activity claims);

J. Proof of reimbursement to all employees who incurred emergency response expenses with personal money;

K. Justification for equipment repair expenses; and

L. Copies of any applicable supporting agreements or contracts with justification.

If a dispute or disagreement regarding the eligibility of any expense arises, the Requesting Party, Assisting Party, or the Division may elect binding arbitration. If binding arbitration is elected, the Parties must select as an arbitrator any elected official of another Participating Party, or any other official of another Participating Party whose normal duties include emergency management, and the other Participating Party shall also select such an official as an arbitrator, and the arbitrators thus chosen shall select another such official as a third arbitrator.

The three (3) arbitrators shall convene by teleconference or videoconference within thirty (30) calendar days to consider any documents and any statements or arguments by the Division, the Requesting Party, or the Assisting Party concerning the protest, and shall render a decision in writing not later than ten (10) business days after the close of the hearing. The decision of a majority of the arbitrators shall bind the parties and shall be final.

If the Participating Parties do not elect binding arbitration, this agreement and any disputes arising thereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and venue shall be in Leon County, Florida. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a partnership or joint venture between the participating parties. Furthermore, nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver by either Party of its sovereign immunity or the provisions of section 768.28, Florida Statutes. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by either Party to be sued by third parties.

## ARTICLE VIII: COST ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

The costs incurred by the Assisting Party under this Agreement shall be reimbursed as needed to make the Assisting Party whole to the fullest extent practicable.

A. Employees of the Assisting Party who render assistance under this Agreement shall be entitled to receive from the Assisting Party all their usual wages, salaries, and any and all other compensation for mobilization, hours worked, and demobilization. Such compensation shall include any and all contributions for insurance and retirement, and such employees shall continue to accumulate seniority at the usual rate. As between the employees and the Assisting Party, the employees shall have all the duties, responsibilities, immunities, rights, interests, and privileges incident to their usual employment. The Requesting Party shall reimburse the Assisting Party for these costs of employment.

B. The costs of equipment supplied by the Assisting Party shall be reimbursed at the rental rate established in FEMA' s Schedule of Equipment, or at any other rental rate agreed to by the Requesting Party. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, equipment must be in actual operation performing eligible work. The labor costs of the operator are not included in the rates and should be approved separately from equipment costs. The Assisting Party shall pay for fuels, other consumable supplies, and repairs to its equipment as needed to keep the equipment in a state of operational readiness. Rent for the equipment shall be deemed to include the cost of fuel and other consumable supplies, maintenance, service, repairs, and ordinary wear and tear. With the consent of the Assisting Party, the Requesting Party may provide fuels, consumable supplies, maintenance, and repair services for such equipment at the site. In that event, the Requesting Party may deduct the actual costs of such fuels, consumable supplies, maintenance, and services from the total costs otherwise payable to the Assisting Party. If the equipment is damaged while in use under this Agreement and the Assisting Party receives payment for such damage under any contract of insurance, the Requesting Party may deduct such payment from any item or items billed by the Assisting Party for any of the costs for such damage that may otherwise be payable.

C. The Requesting Party shall pay the total costs for the use and consumption of any and all consumable supplies delivered by the Assisting Party for the Requesting Party under this Agreement. In the case of perishable supplies, consumption shall be deemed to include normal deterioration, spoilage, and damage notwithstanding the exercise of reasonable care in its storage and use. Supplies remaining unused shall be returned to the Assisting Party in usable condition upon the close of the Period of Assistance, and the Requesting Party may deduct the cost of such returned supplies from the total costs billed by the Assisting Party for such supplies. If the Assisting Party agrees, the Requesting Party may also replace any and all used consumable supplies with like

supplies in usable condition and of like grade, quality and quantity within the time allowed for reimbursement under this Agreement.

D. The Assisting Party shall keep records to document all assistance rendered under this Agreement. Such records shall present information sufficient to meet the audit requirements specified in the regulations of FEMA and any applicable circulars issued by the State of Florida. Upon reasonable notice, the Assisting Party shall make its records available the Requesting Party for inspection or duplication between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays, except for official holidays.

## ARTICLE IX: INSURANCE

Each Participating Party shall determine for itself what insurance to procure, if any. With the exceptions in this Article, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require any Participating Party to procure insurance.

A. Each Participating Party shall procure employers' insurance meeting the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Act, as amended, affording coverage for any of its employees who may be injured while performing any activities under the authority of this Agreement, and shall be provided to each Participating Party.

B. Participating Parties may elects additional insurance affording liability coverage for any activities that may be performed under the authority of this Agreement .

C. Subject to the limits of such liability insurance as any Participating Party may elect to procure, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive, in whole or in part, any immunity any Participating Party may have in any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding.

D. Each Participating Party which renders assistance under this Agreement shall be deemed to stand in the relation of an independent contractor to all other Participating Parties and shall not be deemed to be the agent of any other Participating Party.

E. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to relieve any Participating Party of liability for its own conduct and that of its employees.

F. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to obligate any Participating Party to indemnify any other Participating Party from liability to third parties.

## ARTICLE X: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, all Participating Parties shall be subject to the following requirements in the performance of this Agreement:

A. All Participating Parties shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other materials subject to the requirements of the Public Records Act, as amended, and made or received by any Participating Party in conjunction with this Agreement.

B. No Participating Party may hire employees in violation of the employment restrictions in the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

C. No costs reimbursed under this Agreement may be used directly or indirectly to influence legislation or any other official action by the Legislature of the State of Florida or any of its agencies.

D. Any communication to the Division under this Agreement shall be sent via either email, the Division of Emergency Managements Enterprise System (DEMES), or mail to the Response Bureau, Florida Division of Emergency Management, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100.

E. Any communication to a Participating Party shall be sent to the official or officials specified by that Participating Party. For the purpose of this section, any such communication may be sent by the U.S. Mail, e-mail, or other electronic platforms.

## ARTICLE XI: EFFECTS OF AGREEMENT

Upon its execution by a Participating Party, this Agreement shall have the following effect with respect to that Participating Party:

A. The execution of this Agreement by any Participating Party which is a signatory to the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of 1994 shall terminate the rights, interests, duties, responsibilities, and obligations of that Participating Party under the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of 1994, but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Participating Party for the reimbursement of any costs due under the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of 1994, regardless of whether such costs are billed or unbilled.

B. The execution of this Agreement by any Participating Party which is a signatory to the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement shall terminate the rights, interests, duties, responsibilities and obligations of that Participating Party under the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement, but such termination shall not affect the liability of the Participating Party for the reimbursement of any costs due under the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement,

regardless of whether such costs are billed or unbilled.

C. Upon the activation of this Agreement by the Requesting Party, this Agreement shall supersede any other existing agreement between it and any Assisting Party to the extent that the former may be inconsistent with the latter.

D. Upon its execution by any Participating Party, this Agreement will continue in effect for one (1) year from its date of execution by that Participating Party, and it shall automatically renew each year after its execution, unless within sixty (60) calendar days before the renewal date the Participating Party notifies the Division, in writing, of its intent to withdraw from the Agreement.

E. The Division shall transmit any amendment to this Agreement by sending the amendment to all Participating Parties not later than five (5) business days after its execution by the Division. Such amendment shall take effect not later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of its execution by the Division and shall then be binding on all Participating Parties. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Participating Party who objects to the amendment may withdraw from the Agreement by notifying the Division in writing of its intent to do so within that time in accordance with section E of this Article.

F. A Participating Party may rescind this Agreement at will after providing the other Participating Party a written SMAA withdrawal notice. Such notice shall be provided at least 30 days prior to the date of withdrawal. This 30-day withdrawal notice must be: written, signed by an appropriate authority, duly authorized on the official letterhead of the Participating Party, and must be sent via email, the Division of Emergency Managements Enterprise System (DEMES), or certified mail.

## ARTICLE XII: INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF AGREEMENT

The interpretation and application of this Agreement shall be governed by the following conditions:

A. The obligations and conditions resting upon the Participating Parties under this Agreement are not independent, but dependent.

B. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement, and of the performance of all conditions, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and promises under it.

C. This Agreement states all the conditions, obligations, duties, responsibilities, and promises of the Participating Parties with respect to the subject of this Agreement, and there are no conditions, obligations, duties, responsibilities, or promises other than those expressed in this Agreement.

D. If any sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Agreement is ruled unenforceable or invalid, every other sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, it being the intent of the Division and the other Participating Parties that every portion of the Agreement shall be severable from every other portion to the fullest extent practicable. The Division reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to change, modify, add, or remove portions of any sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Agreement that conflicts with state law, regulation, or policy. If the change is minor, the Division will notify the Participating Party of the change and such changes will become effective immediately; therefore, please check these terms periodically for changes. If the change is substantive, the Participating Parties may be required to execute the Agreement with the adopted changes. Any continued or subsequent use of this Agreement following the posting of minor changes to this Agreement shall signify implied acceptance of such changes.

E. The waiver of any obligation or condition in this Agreement by a Participating Party shall not be construed as a waiver of any other obligation or condition in this Agreement.

***NOTE: This iteration of the State of Florida Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement will replace all previous versions.***

*The Division shall provide reimbursement to Assisting Parties in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Article for missions performed at the direct request of the Division. Division reimbursement eligible expenses must be in direct response to the emergency as requested by the State of Florida. All required cost estimations and claims must be executed through the DEMES Mutual Aid Portal and assisting agencies must use all required FDEM forms for documentation and cost verification. If a Requesting Party has not forwarded a request through the Division, or if an Assisting Party has rendered assistance without being requested to do so by the Division, the Division shall not be liable for the costs of any such assistance.*

*FDEM reserves the right to deny individual reimbursement requests if deemed to not be in direct response to the incident for which asset was requested.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have duly executed this Agreement on the date specified below:

## FOR ADOPTION BY A COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

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ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: _____

Clerk or Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF _____ COUNTY,
STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

Chairman

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

County Attorney

## FOR ADOPTION BY A CITY

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

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ATTEST:
CITY CLERK

By: _____

Title: _____

CITY OF _____
STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

City Attorney

## FOR ADOPTION BY A COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

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_____
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Entity

## FOR ADOPTION BY A COUNTY OR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT/DISTRICT OFFICE

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

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_____
COUNTY OR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT/DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Entity

## FOR ADOPTION BY AN EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

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_____ SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for District

**FOR ADOPTION BY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR STATE UNIVERSITY**

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

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ATTEST:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF_____
COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
STATE OF FLORIDA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF_____
UNIVERISTY,
STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

Clerk

By: _____

Chairman

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Board

## FOR ADOPTION BY A SPECIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

_____

_____ SPECIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for District

## FOR ADOPTION BY AN AUTHORITY

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

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ATTEST:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF_____
AUTHORITY,
STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

Clerk

By: _____

Chairman

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Board

## FOR ADOPTION BY A NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

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ATTEST:

By: _____

Council Clerk

TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE
_____ TRIBE OF FLORIDA

By: _____

Chairman

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for Council

**FOR ADOPTION BY A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By: _____ Date: _____

Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director or
Ian Guidicelli, Authorized Designee

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**STARLING**
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Date: 05/01/2024

Approved as to Form:

By: _____

Attorney for District

**SAMPLE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS the statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or it political subdivisions for use in the affected area upon the request of the duly constituted authority of the area; and

WHEREAS this Resolution authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of interjurisdictional mutual assistance in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, among political subdivisions within the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by _____

_____ that in order to maximize the prompt, full and effective use of resources of all participating governments in the event of an emergency or disaster we hereby adopt the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

ADOPTED BY: _____

DATE: _____

I certify that the foregoing is an accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by

_____ on_____.

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 7A

**RESOLUTION 2024-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATING A PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the District's Board of Supervisors ("**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 Treasurer as a qualified public depository; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to designate a public depository for the District funds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:**

**1. DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC DEPOSITORY.** _____ is hereby designated as the public depository for District funds. In accordance with Section 280.17(4), *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer prior to the deposit of any public funds, the District's official name, address, federal employer identification number, and the name of the person or persons responsible for establishing accounts. The District's Treasurer, upon assuming responsibility for handling the District funds, is directed to furnish to the State Treasurer annually the information required in accordance with Section 280.17(3), *Florida Statutes*.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| ATTEST**:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
| _____ | _____ |
| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

## ACTIVE QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITORY LIST

The following Qualified Public Depositories (QPDs) are authorized to hold public deposits. The cities and states listed are the home office locations. QPDs marked with an asterisk have limited the amount of public deposits they will administer. QPDs having a date beside their name are in the process of withdrawing from the program and shall not receive or retain public deposits after the date shown. They may, however, have certain obligations to the program after that date with which they must comply before concluding the withdrawal process.

| FEIN | INSTITUTION | HOME OFFICE LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| 591846933 | AMERANT BANK, N.A. | CORAL GABLES, FL |
| 161764661 | AMERICAN MOMENTUM BANK | COLLEGE STATION, TX |
| 592430369 | AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK | OAKLAND PARK, FL |
| 581111076 | AMERIS BANK | MOULTRIE, GA |
| 202502516 | ANCHOR BANK | JUNO BEACH, FL |
| 720218544 | ANTHEM BANK & TRUST | PLAQUEMINE, LA |
| 651066544 | APOLLO BANK | MIAMI, FL |
| 591008568 | AXIOM BANK, N.A. | MAITLAND, FL |
| 591485307 | BAC FLORIDA BANK | CORAL GABLES, FL |
| 640117230 | BANCORPSOUTH BANK | TUPELO, MS |
| 202768792 | BANESCO USA | CORAL GABLES, FL |
| 132614394 | BANK LEUMI USA | NEW YORK, NY |
| 941687665 | BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. | CHARLOTTE, NC |
| 591024375 | BANK OF BELLE GLADE | BELLE GLADE, FL |
| 208376899 | BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA | LAKELAND, FL |
| 591447189 | BANK OF TAMPA, THE | TAMPA, FL |
| 591050700 | BANK OF THE SOUTH | PENSACOLA, FL |
| 270217289 | BANKUNITED, N.A. | MIAMI LAKES, FL |
| 630476286 | BBVA USA | BIRMINGHAM, AL |
| 593672784 | BEACH COMMUNITY BANK | FORT WALTON BEACH, FL |
| 362085229 | BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A. | CHICAGO, IL |
| 590153930 | BRANNEN BANK | INVERNESS, FL |
| 370613731 | BUSEY BANK | CHAMPAIGN, IL |
| 640156695 | CADENCE BANK, N.A. | ATLANTA, GA |
| 593277398 | CAPITAL CITY BANK | TALLAHASSEE, FL |
| 630258819 | CCB COMMUNITY BANK | ANDALUSIA, AL |
| 710009885 | CENTENNIAL BANK | CONWAY, AR |
| 592979916 | CENTERSTATE BANK, N.A. | WINTER HAVEN, FL |
| 205909064 | CENTRAL BANK | TAMPA, FL |
| 592664950 | CHARLOTTE STATE BANK & TRUST | PORT CHARLOTTE, FL |
| 135266470 | CITIBANK, N.A. | SIOUX FALLS, SD |
| 590193780 | CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST | FROSTPROOF, FL |
| 590557762 | CITIZENS BANK OF FLORIDA | OVIEDO, FL |
| 593018034 | CITIZENS FIRST BANK | THE VILLAGES, FL |
| 591297458 | CITY NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA | MIAMI, FL |
| 590201970 | COLUMBIA BANK | LAKE CITY, FL |
| 640154830 | COMMUNITY BANK OF MISSISSIPPI | FOREST, MS |
| 593611444 | COMMUNITY BANK OF THE SOUTH | MERRITT ISLAND, FL |
| 590795359 | COMMUNITY STATE BANK | STARKE, FL |
| 591451065 | CREWS BANK & TRUST | ARCADIA, FL |
| 592976493 | DRUMMOND COMMUNITY BANK | CHIEFLAND, FL |
| 591259357 | EASTERN NATIONAL BANK | MIAMI, FL |
| 650765849 | EDISON NATIONAL BANK | FORT MYERS, FL |

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| FEIN | INSTITUTION | HOME OFFICE LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| 611433431 | ENGLEWOOD BANK & TRUST | ENGLEWOOD, FL |
| 591387466 | EXECUTIVE NATIONAL BANK | MIAMI, FL |
| 310676865 | FIFTH THIRD BANK | CINCINNATI, OH |
| 208075599 | FINEMARK NATIONAL BANK & TRUST | FORT MYERS, FL |
| 590242465 | FIRST BANK | CLEWISTON, FL |
| 202945754 | FIRST BANK OF THE PALM BEACHES | WEST PALM BEACH, FL |
| 593528089 | FIRST CITRUS BANK | TAMPA, FL |
| 590612190 | FIRST CITY BANK OF FLORIDA * | FORT WALTON BEACH, FL |
| 261462549 | FIRST COLONY BANK OF FLORIDA | MAITLAND, FL |
| 590969721 | FIRST FEDERAL BANK | LAKE CITY, FL |
| 208397856 | FIRST FLORIDA INTEGRITY BANK | NAPLES, FL |
| 593526917 | FIRST HOME BANK | ST. PETERSBURG, FL |
| 620201385 | FIRST HORIZON BANK | MEMPHIS, TN |
| 592312147 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK NORTHWEST FLORIDA | PANAMA CITY, FL |
| 590242830 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MOUNT DORA, THE | MOUNT DORA, FL |
| 592648115 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PASCO | DADE CITY, FL |
| 590675658 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH MIAMI | SOUTH MIAMI, FL |
| 590877517 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAUCHULA | WAUCHULA, FL |
| 580379465 | FIRST SOUTHERN BANK | WAYCROSS, GA |
| 650790413 | FIRST STATE BANK OF THE FLORIDA KEYS | KEY WEST, FL |
| 660183103 | FIRSTBANK PUERTO RICO | SAN JUAN, PR |
| 650980079 | FLAGLER BANK | WEST PALM BEACH, FL |
| 202472079 | FLAGSHIP BANK | CLEARWATER, FL |
| 592475686 | FLORIDA CAPITAL BANK, N.A. | JACKSONVILLE, FL |
| 590788761 | FNBT BANK | FORT WALTON BEACH, FL |
| 590199400 | GROVE BANK & TRUST | MIAMI, FL |
| 640169065 | HANCOCK WHITNEY BANK | GULFPORT, MS |
| 593584666 | HEARTLAND NATIONAL BANK | SEBRING, FL |
| 580659995 | HERITAGE SOUTHEAST BANK | JONESBORO, GA |
| 720218470 | IBERIABANK | LAFAYETTE, LA |
| 592327185 | INTERNATIONAL FINANCE BANK | MIAMI, FL |
| 261783674 | INTRACOASTAL BANK | PALM COAST, FL |
| 134994650 | JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. | COLUMBUS, OH |
| 590549169 | LAFAYETTE STATE BANK | MAYO, FL |
| 204694103 | LEGACY BANK OF FLORIDA | BOCA RATON, FL |
| 593559141 | MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY BANK | MADISON, FL |
| 200235207 | MAINSTREET COMMUNITY BANK OF FLORIDA | DELAND, FL |
| 650644585 | MARINE BANK & TRUST COMPANY | VERO BEACH, FL |
| 420335350 | MIDWESTONE BANK | IOWA CITY, IA |
| 361561860 | NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY, THE | CHICAGO, IL |
| 592237280 | OCEAN BANK | MIAMI, FL |
| 010914314 | ONE FLORIDA BANK | ORLANDO, FL |
| 042764211 | ONEUNITED BANK | BOSTON, MA |

## ACTIVE QUALIFIED PUBLIC DEPOSITORY LIST

The following Qualified Public Depositories (QPDs) are authorized to hold public deposits. The cities and states listed are the home office locations. QPDs marked with an asterisk have limited the amount of public deposits they will administer. QPDs having a date beside their name are in the process of withdrawing from the program and shall not receive or retain public deposits after the date shown. They may, however, have certain obligations to the program after that date with which they must comply before concluding the withdrawal process.

| FEIN | INSTITUTION | HOME OFFICE LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| 592437764 | PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK | MIAMI, FL |
| 203037095 | PARADISE BANK | BOCA RATON, FL |
| 591510993 | PEOPLES BANK OF GRACEVILLE | GRACEVILLE, FL |
| 581171935 | PEOPLESSOUTH BANK | COLQUITT, GA |
| 592689717 | PILOT BANK | TAMPA, FL |
| 580137310 | PINELAND BANK | ALMA, GA |
| 592648364 | PNB COMMUNITY BANK | NICEVILLE, FL |
| 221146430 | PNC BANK, N.A. | WILMINGTON, DE |
| 522126008 | POPULAR BANK | NEW YORK, NY |
| 260474086 | PRIME MERIDIAN BANK | TALLAHASSEE, FL |
| 580163257 | PRIMESOUTH BANK | BLACKSHEAR, GA |
| 262155465 | PROFESSIONAL BANK | CORAL GABLES, FL |
| 261740755 | PROGRESS BANK AND TRUST | HUNTSVILLE, AL |
| 593244348 | RAYMOND JAMES BANK, N.A. | ST. PETERSBURG, FL |
| 630371391 | REGIONS BANK | BIRMINGHAM, AL |
| 640220550 | RENASANT BANK | TUPELO, MS |
| 610197400 | REPUBLIC BANK & TRUST COMPANY | LOUISVILLE, KY |
| 590193820 | SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK | STUART, FL |
| 203341252 | SEASIDE NATIONAL BANK & TRUST | ORLANDO, FL |
| 202451671 | SERVISFIRST BANK | HOMEWOOD, AL |
| 204091629 | SMARTBANK | PIGEON FORGE, TN |
| 580214350 | SOUTHEASTERN BANK | DARIEN, GA |
| 650878433 | SUNSTATE BANK | MIAMI, FL |
| 590580845 | SURETY BANK | DELAND, FL |
| 580201800 | SYNOVUS BANK | COLUMBUS, GA |
| 010137770 | TD BANK, N.A. | WILMINGTON, DE |
| 592532510 | TERRABANK | MIAMI, FL |
| 640878155 | THE FIRST, A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION | HATTIESBURG, MS |
| 593531592 | TIAA, FSB DBA EVERBANK | JACKSONVILLE, FL |
| 561074313 | TRUIST BANK | CHARLOTTE, NC |
| 140578631 | TRUSTCO BANK | GLENVILLE, NY |
| 640180810 | TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK | JACKSON, MS |
| 310841368 | U.S. BANK N.A. | CINCINNATI, OH |
| 522371258 | U.S. CENTURY BANK | DORAL, FL |
| 630838750 | UNITED BANK | ATMORE, AL |
| 590489540 | UNITED SOUTHERN BANK | UMATILLA, FL |
| 221186387 | VALLEY NATIONAL BANK | PASSAIC, NJ |
| 590500870 | WAUCHULA STATE BANK | WAUCHULA, FL |
| 941347393 | WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. | SIOUX FALLS, SD |
| 821914784 | WINTER PARK NATIONAL BANK | WINTER PARK, FL |

Updated February 3, 2020

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 7B

**RESOLUTION 2024-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DIRECTING THE DISTRICT MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT AND APPOINT SIGNORS ON THE ACCOUNT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the District's Board of Supervisors desires to appoint District Chair, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer as signors on the account.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT THAT:**

**1. DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES.** The District Chair, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed as signors on the local bank account.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

| | |
|---|---|
| ATTEST**:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
| _____ | _____ |
| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 7C

**RESOLUTION 2024-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT MANAGER OR TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE PUBLIC DEPOSITOR REPORT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Starling Community Development District (the "District") has established the positions of District Manager, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for the purposes of maintaining the financial records of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to authorize District staff to execute Public Depositor Report and all other financial reports required by law.

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

**SECTION 1.** The District Manager, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute the Public Depositor Report and to transmit same to the Treasurer of the State of Florida as required by Chapter 280, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, and any and all other financial reports required by any other rule, statute, law, ordinance or regulation.

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 8A

**RESOLUTION 2024-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AND FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARINGS THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Starling Community Development District (the "District") was established by Ordinance No. 2024-007 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida, effective as of March 26, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager has prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024, which begins October 1, 2023 and concludes September 30, 2024 (the "Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget") and the proposed budget for Fiscal year 2024/2025, which begins October 1, 2024 and concludes September 30, 2025 (the "Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the proposed budgets and desires to set the required public hearings thereon.

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

**SECTION 1. PROPOSED BUDGETS APPROVED.** The proposed budgets prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and Fiscal Year 2024/2025 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and **Exhibit B** are hereby approved as the basis for conducting public hearings to adopt said proposed budgets.

**SECTION 2. SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS.** The public hearings on said approved proposed budgets are hereby declared and set for the following date, hour and location:

**DATE:** _____

**TIME:** _____

**LOCATION:** _____

_____

_____

**SECTION 3. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGETS TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENTS.** The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the proposed budgets to Charlotte County at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

**SECTION 4. POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGETS.** 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 hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

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

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

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A**: Proposed FY 2023/2024 Budget
**Exhibit B:** Proposed FY 2024/2025 Budget

**Exhibit A**
**FY 2023/2024 Proposed Budget**

[*See attached*]

# STARLING
# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
# PROPOSED BUDGET
# FISCAL YEAR 2024

**STARLING**
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
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**STARLING**
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**GENERAL FUND BUDGET**
**FISCAL YEAR 2024**

| | Proposed Budget |
|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | |
| Landowner contribution | $ 56,182 |
| Total revenues | 56,182 |
| | |
| **EXPENDITURES** | |
| **Professional & administrative** | |
| Supervisors | - |
| Management/accounting/recording** | 12,000 |
| Legal | 25,000 |
| Engineering | 2,000 |
| Audit | - |
| Arbitrage rebate calculation* | - |
| Dissemination agent* | 167 |
| Trustee* | - |
| Telephone | 200 |
| Postage | 500 |
| Printing & binding | 500 |
| Legal advertising | 7,500 |
| Annual special district fee | 175 |
| Insurance | 5,500 |
| Contingencies/bank charges | 750 |
| Website hosting & maintenance | 1,680 |
| Website ADA compliance | 210 |
| Total expenditures | 56,182 |
| | |
| Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures | - |
| | |
| Fund balance - beginning (unaudited) | - |
| Fund balance - ending (projected) | |
| Unassigned | - |
| Fund balance - ending | $ - |

*These items will be realized when bonds are issued.
**WHA will charge a reduced management fee of $2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

**STARLING**
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

**EXPENDITURES**

**Professional & administrative**

| | |
|---|---|
| Supervisors | $ - |
| Statutorily set at $200 for each meeting of the Board of Supervisors not to exceed $4,800 for each fiscal year. | |
| Management/accounting/recording** | 12,000 |
| **Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC** (WHA), specializes in managing community development districts by combining the knowledge, skills and experience of a team of professionals to ensure compliance with all of the District's governmental requirements. WHA develops financing programs, administers the issuance of tax exempt bond financings, operates and maintains the assets of the community. | |
| Legal | 25,000 |
| General counsel and legal representation, which includes issues relating to public finance, public bidding, rulemaking, open meetings, public records, real property dedications, conveyances and contracts. | |
| Engineering | 2,000 |
| The District's Engineer will provide construction and consulting services, to assist the District in crafting sustainable solutions to address the long term interests of the community while recognizing the needs of government, the environment and maintenance of the District's facilities. | |
| Audit | - |
| Statutorily required for the District to undertake an independent examination of its books, records and accounting procedures. | |
| Arbitrage rebate calculation* | - |
| To ensure the District's compliance with all tax regulations, annual computations are necessary to calculate the arbitrage rebate liability. | |
| Dissemination agent* | 167 |
| The District must annually disseminate financial information in order to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Wrathell, Hunt & Associates serves as dissemination agent. | |
| Trustee* | - |
| Telephone | 200 |
| Postage | 500 |
| Telephone and fax machine. | |
| Printing & binding | 500 |
| Mailing of agenda packages, overnight deliveries, correspondence, etc. | |
| Legal advertising | 7,500 |
| Letterhead, envelopes, copies, agenda packages | |
| Annual special district fee | 175 |
| The District advertises for monthly meetings, special meetings, public hearings, public bids, etc. | |
| Insurance | 5,500 |
| Annual fee paid to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. | |
| Contingencies/bank charges | 750 |
| Bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses incurred during the year and automated AP routing etc. | |
| Website hosting & maintenance | 1,680 |
| Website ADA compliance | 210 |
| Total expenditures | $ 56,182 |

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**Exhibit A**
**FY 2024/2025 Proposed Budget**

[*See attached*]

# STARLING
# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
# PROPOSED BUDGET
# FISCAL YEAR 2025

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**STARLING**
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**GENERAL FUND BUDGET**
**FISCAL YEAR 2025**

| | Proposed Budget |
|---|---|
| **REVENUES** | |
| Landowner contribution | $ 98,790 |
| Total revenues | 98,790 |
| | |
| **EXPENDITURES** | |
| **Professional & administrative** | |
| Supervisors | - |
| Management/accounting/recording** | 48,000 |
| Legal | 25,000 |
| Engineering | 2,000 |
| Audit | 5,500 |
| Arbitrage rebate calculation* | 500 |
| Dissemination agent* | 2,000 |
| Trustee* | 5,500 |
| Telephone | 200 |
| Postage | 500 |
| Printing & binding | 500 |
| Legal advertising | 1,750 |
| Annual special district fee | 175 |
| Insurance | 5,500 |
| Contingencies/bank charges | 750 |
| Website hosting & maintenance | 705 |
| Website ADA compliance | 210 |
| Total expenditures | 98,790 |
| | |
| Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures | - |
| | |
| Fund balance - beginning (unaudited) | - |
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**STARLING**
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| | |
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# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 8BI

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

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between:

**Starling Community Development District**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in Charlotte County, Florida, with a mailing address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**District**"), and

**Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc.,** a Florida corporation and the developer of the lands in the District ("**Developer**") with a mailing address of 28100 Bonita Grand Drive, Suite 102, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135-6220.

## Recitals

**WHEREAS,** the District was established by an ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Developer presently is developing the majority of all real property ("**Property**") within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

**WHEREAS,** the District is adopting its general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, which year commenced on October 1, 2023, and concludes on September 30, 2024 (the "FY 2024 Budget"); and

**WHEREAS,** the FY 2024 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 A**; and

**WHEREAS,** the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property owned by the Developer, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the FY 2024 Budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the 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 A**;

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

**SECTION 1.** The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District, as called for in the FY 2024 Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the FY 2024 Budget as shown on **Exhibit A** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. 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 the Property, 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 FY 2024 Budget or otherwise. These payments are made by Developer in lieu of operation and maintenance assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

**SECTION 2.** The District shall have the right to file a continuing lien (the "Lien") upon the Property described in **Exhibit B** 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 date and time of the recording of a "Notice of Lien for the FY 2024 Budget" in the public records of Charlotte County, Florida, stating among other things, the description of the real property and the amount due as of the recording of the Notice, and the existence of this Agreement. The District Manager, in its sole discretion, is hereby authorized by the District to file the Notice of Lien for the FY 2024 Budget on behalf of the District, without the need of further Board action authorizing or directing such filing. At the District Manager's direction, the District may also bring an action at law against the record title holders to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement, or may foreclose the Lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may

partially release any filed Lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when the Developers have demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, such release will not materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder. In the event the Developers sell any of the Property described in **Exhibit B** after the execution of this Agreement, the Developers' rights and obligations under this Agreement shall remain the same, provided however that the District shall only have the right to file a Lien upon the remaining Property owned by the Developers.

**SECTION 3.** In the event Developer fails to make payments as and when due to the District pursuant to this Agreement, the District shall have the following remedies, in addition to other remedies available at law and equity:

**A.** At the Board'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 enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for Charlotte 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.

**B.** The District hereby finds that the activities, operations and services set out in **Exhibit A** 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 A** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set out in **Exhibit A**, 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 Charlotte County property appraiser. Developer hereby waives and/or relinquishes any rights it may have to challenge or object to such assessments if imposed, as well as the means of collection thereof.

**SECTION 4.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

**SECTION 5.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

**SECTION 6.** 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. In the event that Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to the lands within the District, including the Property, Developer will 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 adopted FY 2024 Budget to fund any budgeted expenses that may arise during the remainder of the fiscal year and provide the District evidence of assignment of this Agreement to the purchaser. Upon confirmation of the deposit of said funds into escrow, and evidence of such assignment to, and assumption by the purchaser, the Developer's obligation under this Agreement shall be deemed fulfilled and this Agreement terminated with respect to Developer's obligations. The parties hereto recognize that Developer is responsible for expenditures of the District in the FY 2024 Budget and that expenditures approved by the Board may exceed the amount adopted in the FY 2024 Budget. Developer shall notify the District in writing ninety (90) days prior to an anticipated sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Property.

**SECTION 7.** 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 in Paragraph 3 above.

**SECTION 8.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any person or entity not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or entity 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 subject to the terms of Paragraph 6 above.

**SECTION 9.** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Charlotte County, Florida.

**SECTION 10.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the parties as an arm's length transaction. The parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

**SECTION 11.** The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto. The enforcement provisions of this Agreement shall survive its termination, until all payments due under this Agreement are paid in full.

**SECTION 12.** In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

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

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**TAYLOR MORRISON OF FLORIDA, INC.**

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Witness

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By: _____
Its: _____

**Exhibit A:** Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget
**Exhibit B:** Description of the Property

**Exhibit A**

Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget

## Exhibit B

Description of the Property

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**Subject Parcel Description:**

Description:

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BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of said Section 16 run S02°03'29"W along the East line of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 16 for 1,320.13 feet to the Southeast corner of the North Half (N 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of said Section 16; thence run S89°17'56"W for 5216.96 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve and an intersection with the Easterly right of way line of Burnt Store Road, as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 4261, at Page 1524, Charlotte County Records; thence run along said Easterly line the following three (3) courses: Northerly along an arc of a curve to the right of radius 11,910.00 feet (delta 00°45'30") (chord bearing N04°00'23"E) (chord 157.66 feet) for 157.66 feet to a point of tangency; N04°23'08"E for 200.00 feet to a point of curvature and Northerly along an arc of a curve to the left of radius 12,090.00 feet (delta 03°43'09") (chord bearing N02°31'34"E) (chord 784.67 feet) for 784.81 feet an intersection with the Southerly line of Parcel Exception "B", as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 2004, at Pages 1371 through 1372, Charlotte County Records; thence run S87°51'56"E along said Southerly line for 1,276.90 feet to the Southeast corner of said Parcel Exception "B"; thence run N00°20'16"W along the Easterly line of said Parcel Exception "B" and continuing along the Easterly line of Parcels Exception (A) and Exception (B), as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 1979, at Pages 291 through 293, Charlotte County Records, for 1,619.84 feet; thence run N00°19'55"W for 228.70 feet; thence run N89°02'28"E for 3,911.72 feet to an intersection with the East line of the of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 9; thence run S00°56'41"E along said East line for 1,624.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 296.63 acres, more or less.

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# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between:

**Starling Community Development District**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in Charlotte County, Florida, with a mailing address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**District**"), and

**Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc.,** a Florida corporation and the developer of the lands in the District ("**Developer**") with a mailing address of 28100 Bonita Grand Drive, Suite 102, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135-6220.

## Recitals

**WHEREAS,** the District was established by an ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida, for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Developer presently is developing the majority of all real property ("**Property**") within the District, which Property will benefit from the timely construction and acquisition of the District's facilities, activities and services and from the continued operations of the District; and

**WHEREAS,** the District is adopting its general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, which year commenced on October 1, 2024, and concludes on September 30, 2025 (the "FY 2025 Budget"); and

**WHEREAS,** the FY 2025 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 A**; and

**WHEREAS,** the District has the option of levying non-ad valorem assessments on all land, including the Property owned by the Developer, that will benefit from the activities, operations and services set forth in the FY 2025 Budget, or utilizing such other revenue sources as may be available to it; and

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the 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 A**;

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

**SECTION 1.** The Developer agrees to make available to the District the monies necessary for the operation of the District, as called for in the FY 2025 Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, within fifteen (15) days of written request by the District. Amendments to the FY 2025 Budget as shown on **Exhibit A** adopted by the District at a duly noticed meeting shall have the effect of amending this Agreement without further action of the parties. 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 the Property, 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 FY 2025 Budget or otherwise. These payments are made by Developer in lieu of operation and maintenance assessments which might otherwise be levied or imposed by the District.

**SECTION 2.** The District shall have the right to file a continuing lien (the "Lien") upon the Property described in **Exhibit B** 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 date and time of the recording of a "Notice of Lien for the FY 2025 Budget" in the public records of Charlotte County, Florida, stating among other things, the description of the real property and the amount due as of the recording of the Notice, and the existence of this Agreement. The District Manager, in its sole discretion, is hereby authorized by the District to file the Notice of Lien for the FY 2025 Budget on behalf of the District, without the need of further Board action authorizing or directing such filing. At the District Manager's direction, the District may also bring an action at law against the record title holders to the Property to pay the amount due under this Agreement, or may foreclose the Lien against the Property in any manner authorized by law. The District may

partially release any filed Lien for portions of the Property subject to a plat if and when the Developers have demonstrated, in the District's sole discretion, such release will not materially impair the ability of the District to enforce the collection of funds hereunder. In the event the Developers sell any of the Property described in **Exhibit B** after the execution of this Agreement, the Developers' rights and obligations under this Agreement shall remain the same, provided however that the District shall only have the right to file a Lien upon the remaining Property owned by the Developers.

**SECTION 3.** In the event Developer fails to make payments as and when due to the District pursuant to this Agreement, the District shall have the following remedies, in addition to other remedies available at law and equity:

**A.** At the Board'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 enforce the collection of funds due under this Agreement by action against Developer in the appropriate judicial forum in and for Charlotte 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.

**B.** The District hereby finds that the activities, operations and services set out in **Exhibit A** 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 A** provide a special and peculiar benefit to the Property equal to or in excess of the costs set out in **Exhibit A**, 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 Charlotte County property appraiser. Developer hereby waives and/or relinquishes any rights it may have to challenge or object to such assessments if imposed, as well as the means of collection thereof.

**SECTION 4.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

**SECTION 5.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

**SECTION 6.** 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. In the event that Developer sells or otherwise disposes of its business or of all or substantially all of its assets relating to the lands within the District, including the Property, Developer will 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 adopted FY 2025 Budget to fund any budgeted expenses that may arise during the remainder of the fiscal year and provide the District evidence of assignment of this Agreement to the purchaser. Upon confirmation of the deposit of said funds into escrow, and evidence of such assignment to, and assumption by the purchaser, the Developer's obligation under this Agreement shall be deemed fulfilled and this Agreement terminated with respect to Developer's obligations. The parties hereto recognize that Developer is responsible for expenditures of the District in the FY 2025 Budget and that expenditures approved by the Board may exceed the amount adopted in the FY 2025 Budget. Developer shall notify the District in writing ninety (90) days prior to an anticipated sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Property.

**SECTION 7.** 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 in Paragraph 3 above.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

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# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 8C

**RESOLUTION 2024-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES FOR INVESTING PUBLIC FUNDS IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS NEEDED TO MEET CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 218.415(17), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

**WHEREAS,** the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") is required to adopt an investment policy in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board desires to adopt the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*.

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

**Section 1.** The District hereby adopts the alternative investment guidelines for the investment of public funds in excess of the amounts needed to meet current operating expenses, in accordance with Section 218.415(17), *Florida Statutes*. The District may invest in the following instruments and may divest itself of investments, at prevailing prices or rates:

**a**. The Local Government Surplus Trust Fund, or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, *Florida Statutes*.

**b.** Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.

**c.** Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined in Section 280.02, *Florida Statutes*.

**d.** Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

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

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024**.**

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| **ATTEST:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
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| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 8D

**RESOLUTION 2024-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING 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**, the Starling Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in Charlotte 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 District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") meets as necessary to conduct the business of the District, including authorizing the payment of District operating and maintenance expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board may establish monthly, quarterly or other meeting dates, or may cancel scheduled meetings from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, to conduct the business of the District in an efficient manner, recurring, non-recurring and other disbursements for goods and services must be processed and paid in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board determines this Resolution is in the best interest of the District and is necessary for the efficient conduct of District business; the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; and the preservation of District assets or facilities.

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

**1. CONTINUING EXPENSES.** The Board hereby authorizes the payment of invoices of continuing expenses, which meet the following requirements:

a) The invoices must be due on or before the next scheduled meeting of the Board.
b) The invoice must be pursuant to a contract or agreement authorized by the Board.

c) 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.
d) The invoice amount will not cause payments to exceed the adopted budget of the District.

**2. NON-CONTINUING EXPENSES.** The Board hereby authorizes the disbursement of funds for payment of invoices of non-continuing expenses which are (i) required to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the District; or (ii) required to repair, control, or maintain a District facility or asset beyond the normal, usual, or customary maintenance required for such facility or assets, or (iii) are necessary to avoid an unnecessary expense that may be imposed on the District in connection with a District project; or (iv) are for routine services performed on an annual basis and the amount of such services is reflected in the District's annual budget, or (v) are otherwise for an emergency circumstance, pursuant to the following schedule:

a) Non-Continuing Expenses Not Exceeding $5,000 - with approval of the District Manager; and
b) Non-Continuing Expenses Exceeding $5,000 - with approval of the District Manager and Chairperson of the Board (or Vice Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence).

**3. BOARD RATIFICATION.** Any payment made pursuant to the Resolution shall be submitted to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for approval and ratification.

**4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024**.**

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| **ATTEST:** | **STARLING COMMUNTY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
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| Secretary / Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 8E

**RESOLUTION 2024-23**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Starling Community Development District (the "**District**") is a local unit of special purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes,* being located in Charlotte County, Florida; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Section 112.061(14), *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the District to establish travel reimbursement rates, procedures and limitations applicable to all District board members, employees, and authorized persons whose travel is authorized and paid for by the District; 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(14), *Florida Statutes*; and

**WHEREAS,** the District finds that it is in the best interests 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 STARLING 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.

**[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Travel Reimbursement Policy

**EXHIBIT A**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENSES**

**1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

**1.1** The usual, ordinary, and incidental travel expenditures necessarily incurred by the District board members, employees, consultants, or advisors in the performance of their official duties shall be reimbursed by the Starling 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 based on the standard mileage rate for business travel established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Should the IRS increase the mileage allowance, the District shall, without further action, be permitted to reimburse travelers at the increased rate. As of January 1, 2024, the mileage rate is 67 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** 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.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 8F

**RESOLUTION 2024-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING 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 Starling Community Development District ("**District**") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; 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 ("**Board**") accordingly finds that it is in the best interests 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 STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

**1. POLICY.** 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.

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

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**Exhibit A:** Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures

# STARLING
# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

**Prompt Payment Policies and Procedures**
**In Accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act**
**Chapter 218, Part VII, Florida Statutes**

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**Starling Community Development District**

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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 Starling 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 _____. 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 (877) 276-0889, email wrathellc@whhassociates.com, Fax (561) 571-0013).

### D. Proper Invoice for Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

1. Name of Vendor
2. Remittance address
3. Invoice Date
4. Invoice number
5. The "Bill To" party must be the District or the Board, or other entity approved in writing by the Board of the District Manager
6. Project name (if applicable)

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

**E. Proper Payment Request Requirements for Construction Services**

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

## V. Submission of Invoices and Payment Requests

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

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

**1. Mailing and Drop Off Address**

Starling Community Development District
c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
PO Box 810036
Boca Raton, Florida 33481

**2. Drop Off Address**

Starling Community Development District
c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

**3. Email Address**

StarlingCDD@districtap.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 Provider may send the District an overdue notice. If the payment request is not rejected within four (4) business days after Date Stamp of the overdue notice, the payment request shall be deemed accepted, except for any portion of the payment request that is fraudulent, misleading or is the subject of dispute.

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

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

**2. Receipt and Rejection of Improper Payment Request**

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

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

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

**3. Payment of Undisputed Portion of Payment Request**

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

## VII. Resolution of Disputes

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 Provider**

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

**B. Dispute Resolution Procedures**

**1.** If an Improper Payment Request or Improper Invoice is submitted, and the Provider refuses or fails to submit a revised payment request or invoice as contemplated by the PPA and these Policies and Procedures, the Provider shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the last payment request or invoice was Date Stamped, submit a written statement via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, specifying the basis upon which the Provider contends the last submitted payment request or invoice was proper.

**2.** Within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the Agent and District Manager of the disputed, last-submitted payment request or invoice, the Agent and/or District Manager shall commence investigation of the dispute and render a final decision on the matter no later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the last-submitted payment request or invoice is Date Stamped.

3. With regard to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, if the District does not commence the dispute resolution procedure within the time

provided herein, a Provider may give written notice via certified mail to the Agent, copying the District Manager, of the District's failure to timely commence its dispute resolution procedure. If the District fails to commence the dispute resolution procedure within 4 business days after receipt of such notice, any amounts resolved in the Provider's favor shall bear mandatory interest, as set forth in section 218.735(9), Florida Statutes, from the date on which the payment request or invoice containing the disputed amounts was Date Stamped. If the dispute resolution procedure is not commenced within 4 business days after receipt of the notice, the objection to the payment request or invoice shall be deemed waived. The waiver of an objection pursuant to this paragraph does not relieve a Provider of its contractual obligations.

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

**5.** The Board shall approve any decision of the District Manager to contract with a third party which would result in: 1) an expenditure above what is budgeted for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services; or 2) an expenditure which exceeds the original contract amount for the Construction Services or Non-Construction Services by more than ten percent (10%) or Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000).

**6.** A written explanation of the final decision shall be sent to the Provider, via certified mail, within five (5) business days from the date on which such final decision is made. A copy of the written explanation of the final decision shall be provided to the Chairperson of the Board simultaneously with the certified mailing to the Provider.

**7.** If a Provider does not accept in writing the final decision within five (5) days after receipt by the Provider, the District may immediately contract with third parties to provide the goods and services subject to the dispute and deduct the costs of such third party purchases from amounts owed to the Provider. If the costs of the third party purchases exceed the amount the District owes to the Provider, the District may seek to recover such excess from the Provider in a court of law or as otherwise provided in an agreement between the District and the Provider. Nothing contained herein shall limit or affect the District's ability to enforce all of its legal and contractual rights and remedies against the Provider.

## VIII. Purchases Involving Federal Funds or Bond Funds

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

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

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

## X. Late Payment Interest Charges

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

### A. Related to Non-Construction Goods and Services

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

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

### B. Related to Construction Services

All payments for Construction Services that are not made within the time periods specified within the applicable statute, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date, at the rate of one percent (1%) per month for contracts executed on or before June 30, 2021, and at the rate of two percent (2%) per month for contracts executed on or after July 1, 2021, or the rate specified by agreement, whichever is greater. §218.735(9), Fla. Stat. The Provider must submit a Proper Payment Request to the District for any interest accrued in order to receive the interest payment. An overdue period of less than one (1) month is considered as one (1) month in computing interest. (§218.74 (4), Fla. Stat.).

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

**C. Report of Interest**

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

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 8G

**RESOLUTION 2024-25**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes,* the District is statutorily required to establish and maintain internal controls designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse as defined in Section 11.45(1), *Florida Statutes;* promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets; and

**WHEREAS,** to demonstrate compliance with Section 218.33, *Florida Statutes,* the District desires to adopt by resolution the Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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

**SECTION 1.** The attached Internal Controls Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby adopted pursuant to this Resolution.

**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 1st day of May, 2024.

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| **ATTEST:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
| _____ | _____ |
| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY**

## 1. Purpose.

1.1. The purpose of this internal controls policy is to establish and maintain internal controls for the Starling Community Development District.

1.2. Consistent with Section 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes,* the internal controls adopted herein are designed to:

1.2.1. Prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (as hereinafter defined).

1.2.2. Promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

1.2.3. Support economical and efficient operations.

1.2.4. Ensure reliability of financial records and reports.

1.2.5. Safeguard Assets (as hereinafter defined).

## 2. Definitions.

2.1. "Abuse" means behavior that is deficient or improper when compared with behavior that a prudent person would consider a reasonable and necessary operational practice given the facts and circumstances. The term includes the misuse of authority or position for personal gain.

2.2. "Assets" means District assets such as cash or other financial resources, supplies, inventories, equipment and other fixed assets, real property, intellectual property, or data.

2.3. "Auditor" means the independent auditor (and its employees) retained by the District to perform the annual audit required by state law.

2.4. "Board" means the Board of Supervisors for the District.

2.5. "District Management" means (i) the independent contractor (and its employees) retained by the District to provide professional district management services to the District and (ii) any other independent contractor (and its employees) separately

retained by the District to provide amenity management services, provided said services include a responsibility to safeguard and protect Assets.

2.6. "Fraud" means obtaining something of value through willful misrepresentation, including, but not limited to, intentional misstatements or intentional omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive users of financial statements, theft of an entity's assets, bribery, or the use of one's position for personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or misapplication of an organization's resources.

2.7. "Internal Controls" means systems and procedures designed to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse; promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices; support economical and efficient operations; ensure reliability of financial records and reports; and safeguard assets.

2.8. "Risk" means anything that could negatively impact the District's ability to meet its goals and objectives. The term includes strategic, financial, regulatory, reputational, and operational risks.

2.9. "Waste" means the act of using or expending resources unreasonably, carelessly, extravagantly, or for no useful purpose.

## 3. Control Environment.

3.1. Ethical and Honest Behavior.

3.1.1. District Management is responsible for maintaining a work environment that promotes ethical and honest behavior on the part of all employees, contractors, vendors and others.

3.1.2. Managers at all levels must behave ethically and communicate to employees and others that they are expected to behave ethically.

3.1.3. Managers must demonstrate through words and actions that unethical behavior will not be tolerated.

## 4. Risk Assessment.

4.1. Risk Assessment. District Management is responsible for assessing Risk to the District. District Management's Risk assessments shall include, but not be limited to:

4.1.1. Identifying potential hazards.

4.1.2. Evaluating the likelihood and extent of harm.

4.1.3. Identifying cost-justified precautions and implementing those precautions.

## 5. Control Activities.

5.1. Minimum Internal Controls. The District hereby establishes the following minimum Internal Controls to prevent and detect Fraud, Waste, and Abuse:

5.1.1. Preventive controls designed to forestall errors or irregularities and thereby avoid the cost of corrections. Preventive control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

5.1.1.1. Identifying and segregating incompatible duties and/or implementing mitigating controls.

5.1.1.2. Performing accounting functions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.

5.1.1.3. Requiring proper authorizations to access and/or modify accounting software.

5.1.1.4. Implementing computerized accounting techniques (e.g. to help identify coding errors, avoid duplicate invoices, etc.).

5.1.1.5. Maintaining a schedule of the District's material fixed Assets.

5.1.1.6. Maintaining physical control over the District's material and vulnerable Assets (e.g. lock and key, computer passwords, network firewalls, etc.).

5.1.1.7. Retaining and restricting access to sensitive documents.

5.1.1.8. Performing regular electronic data backups.

5.1.2. Detective controls designed to measure the effectiveness of preventive controls and to detect errors or irregularities when they occur. Detective control activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

5.1.2.1. Preparing financial reports in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards.

5.1.2.2. Reviewing financial statements and investigating any material variances between budgeted expenses and actual expenses.

5.1.2.3. Establishing and implementing periodic reconciliations of bank, trust, and petty cash accounts.

5.1.2.4. Establishing an internal protocol for reporting and investigating known or suspected acts of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse.

5.1.2.5. Engaging in periodic physical inventory counts and comparisons with inventory records.

5.1.2.6. Monitoring all ACH (electronic) transactions and the sequencing of checks.

5.2. Implementation. District Management shall implement the minimum Internal Controls described herein. District Management may also implement additional Internal Controls that it deems advisable or appropriate for the District. The specific ways District Management implements these minimum Internal Controls shall be consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and otherwise conform to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) standards and norms.

## 6. Information and Communication.

6.1. Information and Communication. District Management shall communicate to its employees (needing to know) information relevant to the Internal Controls, including but not limited to any changes to the Internal Controls and/or changes to laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

6.2. Training. District Management shall regularly train its employees (needing the training) in connection with the Internal Controls described herein and promote and encourage compliance with applicable laws, rules, contracts, grant agreements, and best practices.

## 7. Monitoring Activities.

7.1. Internal Reviews. District Management shall internally review the District's Internal Controls at least once per year. In connection with this internal review, District Management shall:

7.1.1.1. Review its operational processes.

7.1.1.2. Consider the potential risk of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse inherent in each process.

7.1.1.3. Identify the controls included in the process, or controls that could be included, that would result in a reduction in the inherent risk.

7.1.1.4. Assess whether there are Internal Controls that need to be improved or added to the process under consideration.

7.1.1.5. Implement new controls or improve existing controls that are determined to be the most efficient and effective for decreasing the risk of Fraud, Waste or Abuse.

7.1.1.6. Train its employees on implemented new controls or improvements to existing controls.

7.2. External Audits and Other Reviews. Audits and other reviews may be performed on various components of the District's Internal Controls by the Auditor consistent with Government Auditing Standards (GAS). Audits may identify material deficiencies in the Internal Controls and make recommendations to improve them. District Management shall communicate and cooperate with the Board and the Auditor regarding the potential implementation of Auditor recommendations.

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 218.33(3), *Florida Statutes*
**Effective date:** May 1, 2024

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 8H

# Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes* / E-Verify Requirements

As you may be aware, the Florida Legislature recently enacted Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, which, generally speaking, requires that all employers verify employment eligibility using the United States Department of Homeland Security's "E-Verify" system. Specifically, Section 448.095(2)(a) provides:

> "Beginning January 1, 2021, every public employer, contractor, and subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. A public employer, contractor, or subcontractor may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system."

Section 448.095(1), F.S., defines "public employer" to be any "regional, county, local, or municipal government . . . that employs persons who perform labor or services for that employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration or that enters or attempts to enter into a contract with a contractor." Because all CDDs and stewardship districts (together, "Special Districts") enter into contracts with contractors (and many Special Districts have employees), all Special Districts are subject to the new E-Verify requirements.

As a District Manager, there are two steps that need to be taken:

1. Enroll your Special Districts on the E-Verify system, at: https://www.e-verify.gov/. An E-Verify enrollment checklist is available at https://www.e-verify.gov/employers/enrolling-in-e-verify/enrollment-checklist. In order to enroll, all Special Districts must enter into a memorandum of understanding ("MOU") which must be executed by the chairperson of each board. Under the MOU, the responsibilities of the Special Districts include provision of contact information, display of notices to prospective employees, completion of an E-Verify tutorial, familiarization with the E-Verify User Manual, and other obligations. Samples of the MOU and E-Verify User Manual are attached here.

2. On a going forward basis, include the following contract provision in Special District contracts:

   **E-VERIFY REQUIREMENTS**

   The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, beginning January 1, 2021, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, Florida Statutes.

If the Contractor anticipates entering into agreements with a subcontractor for the Work, Contractor will not enter into the subcontractor agreement without first receiving an affidavit from the subcontractor regarding compliance with Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, and stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the agreement and provide a copy to the District upon request.

In the event that the District has a good faith belief that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, but the Contractor has otherwise complied with its obligations hereunder, the District shall promptly notify the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to immediately terminate the agreement with the subcontractor upon notice from the District. Further, absent such notification from the District, the Contractor or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated s. 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, shall promptly terminate its agreement with such person or entity.

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

Company ID Number: _____

# THE E-VERIFY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR EMPLOYERS

## ARTICLE I
## PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The parties to this agreement are the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the _____(Employer). The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms and conditions which the Employer will follow while participating in E-Verify.

E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) explains certain features of the E-Verify program and describes specific responsibilities of the Employer, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and DHS.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification" and Executive Order 12989, as amended, provide authority for Federal contractors and subcontractors (Federal contractor) to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts.

## ARTICLE II
## RESPONSIBILITIES

### A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER

1. The Employer agrees to display the following notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system**:**
    a. Notice of E-Verify Participation
    b. Notice of Right to Work
2. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted about E-Verify. The Employer also agrees to keep such information current by providing updated information to SSA and DHS whenever the representatives' contact information changes.
3. The Employer agrees to grant E-Verify access only to current employees who need E-Verify access. Employers must promptly terminate an employee's E-Verify access if the

employee is separated from the company or no longer needs access to E-Verify.
4. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual.
5. The Employer agrees that any Employer Representative who will create E-Verify cases will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual creates any cases.

a. The Employer agrees that all Employer representatives will take the refresher tutorials when prompted by E-Verify in order to continue using E-Verify**.** Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer Representative from continued use of E-Verify.

6. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:

a. If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B)) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.

b. If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document), or U.S. Passport or Passport Card to complete Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The Employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.

Note: Subject only to the exceptions noted previously in this paragraph, employees still retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, document(s) to complete the Form I-9.

7. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.
8. The Employer agrees that, although it participates in E-Verify, the Employer has a responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the antidiscrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures.

a. The following modified requirements are the only exceptions to an Employer's obligation to not employ unauthorized workers and comply with the anti-discrimination provision of the INA: (1) List B identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 6 above; (2) When an Employer confirms the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employee using E-Verify procedures, the Employer establishes a rebuttable presumption that it has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of that employee; (3) If the Employer receives a final nonconfirmation for an employee, but continues to employ that person, the Employer must notify DHS and the Employer is subject to a civil money penalty between $550 and $1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment

following a final nonconfirmation; (4) If the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, then the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A); and (5) no E-Verify participant is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the E-Verify.

b. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 compliance inspections, as well as any other enforcement or compliance activity authorized by law, including site visits, to ensure proper use of E-Verify.

9. The Employer is strictly prohibited from creating an E-Verify case before the employee has been hired, meaning that a firm offer of employment was extended and accepted and Form I-9 was completed. The Employer agrees to create an E-Verify case for new employees within three Employer business days after each employee has been hired (after both Sections 1 and 2 of Form I-9 have been completed), and to complete as many steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability.

10. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use that this MOU or the E-Verify User Manual does not authorize.

11. The Employer must use E-Verify for all new employees. The Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. Employers who are Federal contractors may qualify for exceptions to this requirement as described in Article II.B of this MOU.

12. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee’s E-Verify case. The Employer agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer must take additional steps (see Article III.B. below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

13. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo mismatch, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as, evidence that the employee is not work authorized. In any of such cases, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee

may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status (including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, withholding pay, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise assuming that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo mismatch or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 (customer service) or 1-888-897-7781 (worker hotline).

14. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA as applicable by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, employment eligibility verification, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or citizenship status, or by committing discriminatory documentary practices. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the immigration-related unfair employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TTY) or go to https://www.justice.gov/ier.

15. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from E-Verify only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords), to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU**,** except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

16. The Employer agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at E-Verify@dhs.gov. Please use "Privacy Incident – Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.

17. The Employer acknowledges that the information it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)). Any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.

18. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, which includes permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and

other agents, upon reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a prompt and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.
19. The Employer shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Employer shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your E-Verify services and any claim to that effect is false.
20. The Employer shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.
21. The Employer agrees that E-Verify trademarks and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see M-795 (Web)) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not be used in any manner that might imply that the Employer's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.
22. The Employer understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

## B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

1. If the Employer is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it will become familiar with and comply with the most current version of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors as well as the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.
2. In addition to the responsibilities of every employer outlined in this MOU, the Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR it must verify the employment eligibility of any "employee assigned to the contract" (as defined in FAR 22.1801). Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not create a second case for the employee through E-Verify.

a. An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to verify employment eligibility of new hires using E-Verify. The Employer must verify those employees who are working in the United States, whether or not they are assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the hire date. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor, the Employer must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

b. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to begin verification of employment

eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three business days after the date of hire. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor in E-Verify must begin verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.

c. Federal contractors that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), state or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency under a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. Employers in this category must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.

d. Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only those employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to verify existing staff following DHS procedures and begin E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.

e. The Employer may use a previously completed Form I-9 as the basis for creating an E-Verify case for an employee assigned to a contract as long as:

i. That Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN) and complies with Article II.A.6,
ii. The employee's work authorization has not expired, and
iii. The Employer has reviewed the Form I-9 information either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's Section 1, Form I-9 attestation has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen).

f. The Employer shall complete a new Form I-9 consistent with Article II.A.6 or update the previous Form I-9 to provide the necessary information if:

i. The Employer cannot determine that Form I-9 complies with Article II.A.6,
ii. The employee's basis for work authorization as attested in Section 1 has expired or changed, or
iii. The Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete.

Note: If Section 1 of Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with Article II.C.5, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired after completing Form I-9, the Employer shall

not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.A.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the E-Verify User Manual.

g. The Employer agrees not to require a second verification using E-Verify of any assigned employee who has previously been verified as a newly hired employee under this MOU or to authorize verification of any existing employee by any Employer that is not a Federal contractor based on this Article.

3. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, its compliance with this MOU is a performance requirement under the terms of the Federal contract or subcontract, and the Employer consents to the release of information relating to compliance with its verification responsibilities under this MOU to contracting officers or other officials authorized to review the Employer's compliance with Federal contracting requirements.

## C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSA

1. SSA agrees to allow DHS to compare data provided by the Employer against SSA's database. SSA sends DHS confirmation that the data sent either matches or does not match the information in SSA's database.
2. SSA agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides through E-Verify procedures. SSA also agrees to limit access to such information, as is appropriate by law, to individuals responsible for the verification of Social Security numbers or responsible for evaluation of E-Verify or such other persons or entities who may be authorized by SSA as governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and SSA regulations (20 CFR Part 401).
3. SSA agrees to provide case results from its database within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry. E-Verify provides the information to the Employer.
4. SSA agrees to update SSA records as necessary if the employee who contests the SSA tentative nonconfirmation visits an SSA field office and provides the required evidence. If the employee visits an SSA field office within the eight Federal Government work days from the date of referral to SSA, SSA agrees to update SSA records, if appropriate, within the eight-day period unless SSA determines that more than eight days may be necessary. In such cases, SSA will provide additional instructions to the employee. If the employee does not visit SSA in the time allowed, E-Verify may provide a final nonconfirmation to the employer.

Note: If an Employer experiences technical problems, or has a policy question, the employer should contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

## D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHS

1. DHS agrees to provide the Employer with selected data from DHS databases to enable the Employer to conduct, to the extent authorized by this MOU:
   a. Automated verification checks on alien employees by electronic means, and
   b. Photo verification checks (when available) on employees.

2. DHS agrees to assist the Employer with operational problems associated with the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide the Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.
3. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer with access to E-Verify training materials as well as an E-Verify User Manual that contain instructions on E-Verify policies, procedures, and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify.
4. DHS agrees to train Employers on all important changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require employers to take mandatory refresher tutorials.
5. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
6. DHS agrees to issue each of the Employer's E-Verify users a unique user identification number and password that permits them to log in to E-Verify.
7. DHS agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification process, for evaluation of E-Verify, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the INA and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.
8. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that provides (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.
9. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmations. This provides final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.

## ARTICLE III
## REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS

### A. REFERRAL TO SSA

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of

the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.
2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.
3. After a tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must record the case verification number, review the employee information submitted to E-Verify to identify any errors, and find out whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security number, or any other corrected employee information that SSA requests, to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so.
4. The Employer will instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within eight Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.
5. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.
6. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Administration number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the SSN from the SSA.

## B. REFERRAL TO DHS

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.
2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.
3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation.
4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will instruct the employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within eight Federal Government work days.
5. If the Employer finds a photo mismatch, the Employer must provide the photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmation notice and follow the instructions outlined in paragraph 1 of this section for tentative nonconfirmations, generally.
6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551, Form I-766, U.S. Passport, or passport card to DHS for review by:

a. Scanning and uploading the document, or
b. Sending a photocopy of the document by express mail (furnished and paid for by the employer).

7. The Employer understands that if it cannot determine whether there is a photo match/mismatch, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS as described in the preceding paragraph. The Employer agrees to resolve the case as specified by the DHS representative who will determine the photo match or mismatch.
8. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.
9. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

## ARTICLE IV
## SERVICE PROVISIONS

### A. NO SERVICE FEES

1. SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

## ARTICLE V
## MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

### A. MODIFICATION

1. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS operates the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties.
2. Any and all E-Verify system enhancements by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification policies or procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes.

### B. TERMINATION

1. The Employer may terminate this MOU and its participation in E-Verify at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the other parties.
2. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU, and thereby the Employer's participation in E-Verify, with or without notice at any time if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Employer, or a failure on the part of the Employer to comply with established E-Verify procedures and/or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect the

performance of its contractual responsibilities. Similarly, the Employer understands that if it is in a state where E-Verify is mandatory, termination of this by any party MOU may negatively affect the Employer's business.
3. An Employer that is a Federal contractor may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such cases, the Federal contractor must provide written notice to DHS. If an Employer that is a Federal contractor fails to provide such notice, then that Employer will remain an E-Verify participant, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to non-Federal contractor participants, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.
4. The Employer agrees that E-Verify is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise, if the Employer is terminated from E-Verify.

## ARTICLE VI
## PARTIES

A. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.
B. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.
C. The Employer may not assign, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law, change of control or merger, all or any part of its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of DHS, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempt to sublicense, assign, or transfer any of the rights, duties, or obligations herein is void.
D. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Employer.
E. The Employer understands that its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to, Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
F. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer and DHS respectively. The Employer understands that any inaccurate statement, representation, data or other information provided to DHS may subject the Employer, its subcontractors, its employees, or its representatives to: (1) prosecution for false statements pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or; (2) immediate termination of its MOU and/or; (3) possible debarment or suspension.
G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the

Employer.

**To be accepted as an E-Verify participant, you should only sign the Employer's Section of the signature page. If you have any questions, contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.**

**Approved by:**

| **E-Verify Employer** | |
|---|---|
| Name (Please Type or Print) | Title |
| Signature | Date |
| **Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division** | |
| Name (Please Type or Print) | Title |
| Signature | Date |

| **Information Required for E-Verify**<br><br>Information relating to your Company: | |
|---|---|
| Company Name: | |
| Company Facility Address: | |
| Company Alternate Address: | |
| County or Parish: | |

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| Employer Identification Number: | |
| North American Industry<br><br>Classification Systems<br><br>Code: | |
| Parent Company: | |
| Number of Employees: | |
| Number of Sites Verified for: | |

Are you verifying for more than one site?
If yes, please provide the number of sites verified for in each State:

| State | Number of sites | Site(s) |
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| Information relating to the Program Administrator(s) for your Company on policy questions or operational problems: | |
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| Name: | |
| Telephone Number: | |
| Fax Number: | |
| E-mail Address: | |

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| E-mail Address: | |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 9A

**BOND FINANCING TEAM FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Bond Financing Team Funding Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between:

**Starling Community Development District**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, and located in Charlotte County, Florida, with a mailing address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**District**"), and

**Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc.,** a Florida corporation and the developer of the lands in the District ("**Developer**") with a mailing address of 28100 Bonita Grand Drive, Suite 102, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135-6220.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the District was established by an ordinance adopted by Charlotte County, 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 the Developer desire to enter into this Agreement to provide funds to enable the District to commence its financing program.

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

**SECTION 1. 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 Assessment Consultant 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, Assessment Consultant 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.

**SECTION 2. TERMINATION.** Developer and District agree that Developer may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to the District. Any such termination by Developer is contingent upon Developer's provision of sufficient funds to cover any and all fees, costs or expenses incurred by the District in connection with the work to be performed under this Agreement as of the date by when notice of termination is received. Developer and the District agree that the District may terminate this Agreement due to a failure of Developer to provide funds in accordance with Section 1 of this Agreement, by providing ten (10) days written notice of termination to Developer; provided, however, that the Developer shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any such failure.

**SECTION 3. CAPITALIZATION.** The parties agree that all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement may be reimbursable from proceeds of District financing for capital improvements, and that within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the proceeds by the District of bonds or notes for the District's capital projects, the District shall reimburse Developer in full, exclusive of interest, for these advances; provided, however, that in the event Bond Counsel determines that any such monies are not properly reimbursable, such funds shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments. In the event that District bonds are not issued within five (5) years of the date of this Agreement, all funds provided by Developer pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed paid in lieu of taxes or assessments.

**SECTION 4. DEFAULT.** A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages, injunctive relief and/or specific performance.

**SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT.** In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

**SECTION 6. AGREEMENT.** This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

**SECTION 7. AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both of the parties hereto.

**SECTION 8. AUTHORIZATION.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of all parties hereto, each party has complied with all the requirements of law, and each party has full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

**SECTION 9. 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:** Starling Community Development District
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: District Manager

**With a copy to:** Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

**B. If to Developer:** Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc.
28100 Bonita Grand Drive, Suite 102
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135-6220.
Attn: _____

Except as otherwise provided herein, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth herein. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of

delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the parties may deliver Notice on behalf of the parties. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

**SECTION 10. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties herein and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason hereof, to or for the benefit of any third party not a party hereto. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the parties hereto any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any provisions or conditions hereof; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants and conditions herein contained shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors and assigns.

**SECTION 11. ASSIGNMENT.** Neither party may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party.

**SECTION 12. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE.** This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Charlotte County, Florida.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Agreement shall be effective after execution by both parties hereto and shall remain in effect unless terminated by either of the parties hereto.

**SECTION 14. PUBLIC RECORDS.** Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District or to District Staff in connection with the work contemplated under this Agreement are public records and are treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

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

**ATTEST:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

**TAYLOR MORRISON OF FLORIDA, INC.**

_____
Witness

_____
By: _____
Its: _____

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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# BOND COUNSEL RETAINER AGREEMENT

**By and Between**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**
**and**
**BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.**

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**BOND COUNSEL RETAINER AGREEMENT**

**THIS BOND COUNSEL RETAINER AGREEMENT** (the "Retainer Agreement") is entered into by and between the **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** (the "District") and the law firm of Bryant Miller Olive P.A. ("Bryant Miller Olive" or the "Firm") as of the 1st day of May, 2024.

**WHEREAS**, the Firm and its members have a local and statewide presence, have provided, and continue to provide bond counsel, disclosure counsel and special counsel and consulting services to local governments throughout Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** the District and the Firm desire to document and memorialize the availability of the Firm to serve on an as-needed basis as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, special counsel and/or consultant to the District; and

**WHEREAS,** the District and Bryant Miller Olive desire to respectively receive and provide services specifically described herein pursuant to this Retainer Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** it is agreed as follows:

**1. RETAINER AGREEMENT.** This Retainer Agreement shall memorialize and supplant any prior agreements between the parties concerning the provision of bond counsel, disclosure counsel, and special counsel legal services and consulting services. With respect to services rendered pursuant to this Retainer Agreement, the District shall be the Firm's client and the Firm shall represent the interests of the District.

**2. BOND COUNSEL SERVICES.**

(A) As bond counsel, the Firm will, when requested by the District, perform the following services with respect to the issuance of bonds, notes or other debt obligations of the District (for purposes herein, "Bonds") and matters relating thereto:

(1) review of proposed financing programs as to legal feasibility, compliance with applicable law and pending or proposed revisions to the law, including United States tax law;

(2) advise as to structuring considerations, required approvals and filings, schedule of events for timely debt issuance, and other legal matters relative to such debt;

(3) attend meetings with District staff, District Counsel and other District officials, the District's financial advisor, the underwriter(s) and others as appropriate for development of the plan of finance, debt materials or dissemination of information in connection therewith;

(4) prepare ordinances and/or resolutions and any supplements and amendments thereto to authorize the debt;

(5) prepare or review trust indentures, loan agreements, escrow agreements, and any other agreements or similar documents necessary, related or incidental to a financing;

(6) assist the District Counsel in the preparation of all validation pleadings, including complaint, notice of service, proposed answer, memorandum of law, and proposed order and attend to assist with any validation proceeding;

(7) if sale is by competitive bid, assist in preparation of the bid documents, notice of sale, evaluation of bids and any other documentation or action necessary to conduct a sale of the Bonds in that manner;

(8) review preliminary and final Official Statements and other disclosure documents prepared and authorized by the District, but only insofar as such documents describe the Bonds and summarize the underlying documents or describe the federal income tax treatment of interest on the related Bonds;

(9) prepare, obtain, deliver and file all closing documents necessary in connection with any debt, including, but not limited to, certified copies of all minutes, ordinances, resolutions, and orders; certificates such as officers, seal, incumbency, signature, no prior pledge; and verifications, consents and opinions from accountants, engineers, special consultants and attorneys;

(10) review the transcripts of all proceedings in connection with the foregoing and indicate any necessary corrective action; and

(11) subject to the completion of proceedings to the Firm's satisfaction, render its standard legal opinion regarding the validity and binding effect of the Bonds, the source of payment and security for the Bonds, as applicable, the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes and, as applicable, the defeasance of refunded debt.

(B) The Firm's duties as bond counsel in this engagement are limited to those expressly set forth herein, and unless otherwise specifically engaged, do not include:

(1) assisting in the preparation or review of an official statement, if any, or any other disclosure document with respect to the Bonds, or performing an independent investigation to determine the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any such document or rendering advice that the official statement or other disclosure document does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(2) preparing requests for tax rulings from the Internal Revenue Service;

(3) preparing blue sky or investment surveys with respect to the Bonds;

(4) drafting state constitutional or legislative amendments;

(5) pursuing test cases or other litigation, such as contested validation proceedings, except as set forth above;

(6) making an investigation or expressing any view as to the creditworthiness of the District or source of security for the payment of the Bonds, any credit enhancement provider, or, providing services related to derivative financial products (e.g. interest rate swaps and related documents or opinions);

(7) assisting in the preparation of, or opining on, a continuing disclosure undertaking pertaining to the Bonds or, after closing, providing advice concerning any actions necessary to assure compliance with any continuing disclosure undertaking;

(8) representing the District in Internal Revenue Service examinations or inquiries, or Securities and Exchange Commission investigations;

(9) after closing, providing continuing advice to the District or any other party concerning any changes in law or interpretations thereof or other legal developments, actions necessary to assure that interest paid on the Bonds will continue to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes (e.g., the Firm's engagement as bond counsel does not include post-closing arbitrage rebate calculations or analysis);

(10) provision of bankruptcy legal services, review of post-closing investment contracts, or provision of legal services in connection with interest rate swap or other financial product agreements; or

(11) providing business, financial or accounting advice;

(12) services relating to the acquisition, construction or permitting of any financed Project.

(C) Based upon (i) our understanding of the terms, structure, size and schedule of the financing represented by each series of Bonds; (ii) the duties we will undertake pursuant to this agreement; (iii) the time we anticipate devoting to the financing; and (iv) the responsibilities we will assume in connection therewith, we will submit a fee for your approval prior to the issuance of each series of Bonds. Our fee may vary: (a) if the principal amount of Bonds actually issued differs significantly from the amount originally anticipated; (b) if material changes in the structure or schedule of the financing occur; or (c) if unusual or unforeseen circumstances arise which require a significant increase in our time or responsibility. If, at any time, we believe that circumstances require an adjustment of our original fee, we will advise you and request your prior approval. All fees will be inclusive of expenses incurred and expenses will not be separately billed. Our fee is usually paid at the closing for a Bond issue, and we customarily do not submit

any statement until the closing unless there is a substantial delay in completing the financing. If for any reason the financing represented by an issue of Bonds is not consummated or is completed without the delivery of our bond opinion as Bond Counsel, or our services are otherwise terminated, we will expect to be compensated at our normal hourly rates (currently ranging from $150 to $400, depending on personnel) for time actually spent on your behalf.

(D) While this Retainer Agreement provides for the continuing availability of the Firm to provide services hereunder, the engagement and responsibility of the Firm as bond counsel with respect to a particular debt issuance shall terminate upon the closing of such debt transaction and the rendering by the Firm of its bond counsel opinion as described in paragraph 2(A)(11) above, subject to the provision of closing document transcripts as requested by the District, unless subsequently engaged to provide additional services.

**3. SPECIAL COUNSEL AND CONSULTING SERVICES.** Upon the request of the District, the Firm shall also be available to assist the District with non-public finance, special legal and/or or consulting services identified and agreed to by the District and the Firm from time to time. Fees for such additional services may be based on hourly rates or a flat fee, to be negotiated at the time the services are needed based on the nature and scope of the services to be provided.

**4. OTHER REPRESENTATIONS.** The Firm has disclosed to the District that it currently and may in the future, serve as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, special counsel, or general counsel to other local governments and as special counsel to underwriters, banks, trustees and other parties that may from time to time transact business with the District in unrelated public finance matters. Such representations are standard and customary within the industry and the Firm can effectively represent the District and the discharge of the Firm's professional responsibilities to the District will not be prejudiced as a result, either because such engagements will be sufficiently different or because the potential for such prejudice is remote and minor and outweighed by consideration that it is unlikely that advice given to the other client will be relevant in any respect to the subject matter. The District acknowledges and agrees that the Firm's role as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, or special counsel to any local governmental entity or to any financial institution in conjunction with unrelated public finance transactions is not likely to create or cause any actual conflict, and service as disclosure, bond, or special counsel to other Firm clients will not per se be construed as a conflict or be objectionable to the District. Accordingly, the District expressly consents to such representation by the Firm consistent with the circumstances described above and waives any conflict of interest with respect thereto. The foregoing consent and waiver shall not apply and the Firm agrees not to undertake any representation in a controversy or litigation between the District and any other client of the Firm, unless otherwise consented to in writing by the District.

**5. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION.**

(A) For ease and convenience of administration, the District hereby also designates its District Manager and District Counsel to provide policy direction and instructions to the Firm in the administration of its duties hereunder, approving and authorizing work orders, when

required, and all other matters necessary to administer this Retainer Agreement on behalf of the District.

(B) The Firm shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon direction received from the District Manager and District counsel.

**6. GENERAL.**

(A) The Firm's bond counsel opinions rendered pursuant to this agreement will be based on facts and law existing as of their date. The Firm will not be obligated to update any such opinion after the date rendered due to subsequent changes in law of the interpretation thereof or changed circumstances that may affect the opinions rendered. In rendering an opinion, the Firm will rely on the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials, officers of the District and other persons furnished to the Firm without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation, and the Firm will assume continuing compliance by the District with applicable laws relating to its debt instruments. The Firm will rely on the District to provide complete and timely information on all developments pertaining to any aspect of its debt instruments, the use of proceeds of its debt instruments, and the security therefor.

(B) Should legal or other services be required in connection with matters for which the Firm provides services hereunder that fall outside the scope of services provided herein, the District hereby represents, with the intention and understanding that the Firm will rely upon this representation, that it will either independently obtain such services or will conclude to forego such services and that the Firm shall in no case be responsible for either course of action. While the Firm may advise the District if, in its opinion, such services may be advisable or necessary, such advice is not required hereunder and neither such advice nor the omission of such advice shall render the Firm responsible for obtaining or providing such services on behalf of the District or for any claims or liability of any kind arising from the obtaining or failure to obtain such services.

(C) This Retainer Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. **In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this Retainer Agreement, the parties agree to waive trial by jury** and agree that venue shall lie in Charlotte County, Florida. In the case of litigation of such disputes, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover attorney fees and costs from the other party. This Retainer Agreement is the entire agreement between the parties regarding its subject matter. This Retainer Agreement may be amended only by a written agreement entered into by the parties.

(D) This Retainer Agreement may be terminated with or without cause by the District or by the Firm at any time upon ninety (90) days prior written notice. In the event of termination, the Firm shall assume responsibility for completion of and shall be compensated for all representation requested prior to the notice of termination. Provided however, the District may terminate this Retainer Agreement for breach by the Firm with such notice as may be reasonable under the circumstances. In the event of termination, with or without cause, the Firm shall be

compensated in accordance herewith for approved time and expenses expended prior to the date of termination.

(E) This Agreement will be effective for a term of five years from its date of execution and will be automatically extended without any action required for successive one year renewals following the initial term unless terminated by either the District or the Firm pursuant to subsection (D) of this Section.

(F) At all times during the term of this Agreement, the Firm shall maintain professional liability insurance affording professional liability coverage for the professional services to be rendered under this Agreement.

(G) This Retainer Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts.

(H) This Retainer Agreement shall be effective on the date first written above.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Starling Community Development District and Bryant Miller Olive have caused this Bond Counsel Retainer Agreement to be executed as of the dates below and effective as of the day first above written.

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____

Name:_____

Chair, Board of Supervisors

**BRYANT MILLER OLIVE P.A.**



_____

Shareholder and Authorized Signatory

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 9BIII

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association
500 West Cypress Creek Road
Suite 460
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

April 26th, 2024

Starling Community Development District
c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

Re: Starling Community Development District
Special Assessment Revenue Bonds Series 2024

As requested, we are pleased to offer the following fee structure for the above referenced issue:

| | |
|---|---|
| Acceptance Fee | $1,975 (One-time) |
| Closing Expenses | $300 (Est., Florida Closing) |
| Trustee, Paying Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent | $3,950 |
| Ongoing Out-of-Pocket Expenses | 7.50% of Annual Fees |
| Trustee Counsel | $6,500 (One-time) |
| | $12,725.00 (Trustee and Trustee Counsel) |

*This proposal and the fees detailed herein are subject in all aspects to U.S. Bank's review and acceptance of the final financing documents which set forth our duties and responsibilities. Any unexpected or extraordinary services, duties and/or responsibilities will be reasonably billed in addition to the amounts identified herein. Extraordinary services are responses to requests, inquiries or developments, or the carrying out of duties or responsibilities of an unusual nature, including termination, which may or may not be provided for in the governing documents, and are not routine or undertaken in the ordinary course of business. Payment of fees for extraordinary services is appropriate where particular requests, inquiries or developments are unexpected, even if the possibility of such things could have been foreseen at the inception of the transaction. This would include but is not limited to document amendments and substitutions, mandatory tenders, optional redemptions, UCC filings, investment agreements, outside held money market funds, default administration, travel expense (if any outside the city), etc. At our option, these charges will be billed at a flat fee or at our hourly rate then in effect. Fees are subject to change at our discretion and upon written notice. Fees paid in advance will not be prorated. Finalization of the transaction and payment of the fees set forth herein constitutes agreement to the above fee schedule, including agreement to any subsequent changes upon proper written notice. In the event this transaction is not finalized, any related out-of-pocket expenses may be billed to you directly.*

The above fees and expenses would be paid in advance. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our services to the District. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 954.938.2475 if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kumar

Amanda Kumar
Vice President

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT:
To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a Trust or other legal entity we will ask for documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. We may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 9C

**RESOLUTION 2024-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING 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 Starling Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within Charlotte County, Florida; and

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

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

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

**SECTION 1.** A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the Uniform Method as follows:

**DATE:** _____

**TIME:** _____

**LOCATION:** _____

_____

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**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 1st day of May, 2024.

ATTEST**:**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

_____
Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 9D

# STARLING
# COMMUNITY
# DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# MASTER ENGINEER'S REPORT

PREPARED FOR:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ENGINEER:

ATWELL, LLC
28100 BONITA GRANDE DRIVE, SUITE 305
BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135

January 2024
Revised April 2024

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STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

MASTER ENGINEER'S REPORT

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide a description of the capital improvement plan ("CIP") and estimated costs of the CIP, for the Starling Community Development District ("District").

## 2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION

The District consists of 296.63 acres of land and is located entirely within Charlotte County, Florida. The site is generally located on the east side of Burnt Store Road in Charlotte County, Florida. The project lies within Section 16, Township 42 South, Range 23 East. Please refer to Exhibit 1: Location Map.

## 3. PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The CIP is intended to provide public infrastructure improvements for the entire development. Please reference Exhibit 4: Proposed Development Plan. The following table shows the planned product types for the District:

TABLE 1: PRODUCT TYPES

| Product Type | Total Units |
|---|---|
| 42' LOTS | 324 |
| 52' LOTS | 302 |
| 62' LOTS | 151 |
| TOTAL | 777 |

The public infrastructure for the project is as follows:

Roadway Improvements:

All roads within Starling are to be private and will be funded by the Developer and dedicated to the Homeowner's Association for ownership and maintenance. All roads will be designed and constructed in accordance with Charlotte County standards. Notwithstanding the same, the District will be provided access over the privately owned roadways for purposes of operating and maintaining the public improvements of this CIP.

There will be one (1) access point into the Starling community, the main entry off Burnt Store Road. There is a secondary emergency only access located on the far east side of the community that will connect to Green Gulf Blvd at a future time. County right of way improvements are needed off-site prior to a final connection being made.

Stormwater Management System:

The stormwater collection and outfall system are a combination of roadway curbs, curb inlets, pipe, control structures, and open lakes designed to treat and attenuate stormwater runoff from District lands. The stormwater system will be designed consistent with the applicable design requirements for stormwater/floodplain management systems. The District will finance, own, operate, and maintain the stormwater system, with the exception of the inlets and storm sewer systems that may be part of dedicated rights-of-way. Please refer to Exhibit 4A: Stormwater Plan.

NOTE: No private earthwork is included in the CIP. Accordingly, the District will not fund any costs of mass grading of lots or the transportation of any fill to such lots.

Water, Wastewater, and Reclaim Utilities:

As part of the CIP, the District intends to construct and/or acquire water, wastewater and reclaim infrastructure.

In particular, the on-site water supply improvements include water mains that will be located within rights-of-way and used for potable water service and fire protection. Please refer to Exhibit 4C: Potable Water Plan.

Wastewater improvements for the project will include an on-site gravity collection system, off-site and on-site force main, and on-site lift stations. Please refer to Exhibit 4B: Wastewater Plan.

Similarly, the reclaim water distribution system will be constructed to provide service for irrigation throughout the community.

The water and reclaim distribution and wastewater collection systems for all phases will be constructed and/or acquired by the District and then dedicated to a local, public utility provider for operation and maintenance. The CIP will only include laterals to the lot lines (i.e., point of connection).

Hardscape, Landscape, and Irrigation:

The District will fund landscaping, and hardscaping (i.e Perimeter walls) within District common areas and rights-of-way. All such landscaping and hardscaping will be owned, maintained, and funded by the District. Such infrastructure, to the extent that it is located in rights-of-way owned by a local general-purpose government, will be maintained pursuant to a right-of-way agreement or permit. Any landscaping or hardscaping systems behind hard-gated roads, if any, would not be financed by the District and instead would be privately installed and maintained.

Streetlights:

The Developer intends to lease streetlights through an agreement with a local utility provider and will fund the streetlights through an annual operations and maintenance assessment. As such, streetlights are not included as part of the CIP.

Recreational Amenities:

Starling will have one (1) main recreational amenity campus for the exclusive use of Starling residents. The amenity location will provide the typical programming such as a clubhouse, pool, park, and sports courts. All amenity facilities are considered common elements for the benefit of the community and not part of the CIP. Further, all amenity facilities will be funded by the Developer to be owned and maintained by the POA. Although the CIP benefits the recreational amenities, they are not assessed pursuant to state law, as they are a common element for the Starling development.

Environmental Conservation:

The District will provide on-site conservation areas in order to offset wetland impacts associated with the construction of the development. The Developer will be responsible for the design, permitting, and construction. The District will be responsible for the maintenance, and government reporting of the environmental mitigation. These costs are included within the CIP.

Off-Site Improvements:

Off-site improvements include right and left turn lanes and roadway expansion of Burnt Store Road, as well as a proposed signalized intersection. These costs are included within the CIP.

Professional Services:

The CIP also includes various professional services. These include: (i) engineering, surveying, and architectural fees, (ii) permitting and plan review costs, and (iii) development/construction management services fees that are required for the design, permitting, construction, and maintenance acceptance of the public improvements and community facilities.

NOTE: In the event that impact fee credits are generated from any roadway, utilities or other improvements funded by the District, any such credits, if any, will be the subject of an acquisition agreement between the applicable developer and the District.

4. PERMITTING/CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT

All necessary permits for the construction of Phase 1 of the CIP have either been obtained or are currently under review by respective governmental authorities, and include the following:

- Charlotte County
    - Final Detail Site Plan (DRC-22-00193, Resolution No. 2023-114) – Approved
    - Preliminary Plat (PP-22-03-09) – Approved
    - Final Plat – In Process
    - Right of Way (20230328710) – Approved
    - Stormwater (SWP-23-00007) – Approved

- Charlotte County Utilities
    - Utility Permit (22-1023) – Approved
    - Utility Permit Mod #1 (22-1023) – Approved

- FDEP
    - 404 NPR (409301 404_NPR) – Approved
    - NOI (FLR20GA20) – Approved
    - Potable Water (288914-017-DSGP) – Approved
    - Wastewater (44562-059-DWC) – Approved

- SWFWMD
    - Environmental Resource Permit (43030937.004) – Approved

5. CIP COST ESTIMATE / MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

The table below presents, among other things, a cost estimate for the CIP. It is our professional opinion that the costs set forth below are reasonable and consistent with market pricing.

TABLE 2: CIP COST ESTIMATE

| Improvement | Estimated Cost | Financing Entity | Operation & Maintenance Entity |
|---|---|---|---|
| Earthwork for Stormwater Management | $4,755,000.00 | Developer/CDD | CDD |
| Stormwater Management Systems | $7,132,000.00 | Developer/CDD | CDD |
| Potable Water Systems | $4,118,000.00 | CDD | County |
| Sanitary Sewer Systems | $6,690,000.00 | CDD | County |
| Perimeter Walls | $357,000.00 | Developer/CDD | CDD |
| Perimeter Landscaping | $601,000.00 | Developer/CDD | CDD |
| Environmental/Wetland Mitigation | $750,000.00 | CDD | CDD |
| Off-Site Road Improvements | $1,000,000.00 | CDD | County |
| Professional Services & Permit Fees | $5,316,000.00 | Developer/CDD | N/A |
| Contingency (10%) | $3,071,900.00 | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | $33,790,900.00 | | |

a. The probable costs estimated herein do not include anticipated carrying cost, interest reserves or other anticipated CDD expenditures that may be incurred.
b. The developer reserves the right to finance any of the improvements outlined above, and have such improvements owned and maintained by a property owner's or homeowner's association, in which case such items would not be part of the CIP.
c. The District may enter into an agreement with a third-party, or an applicable property owner's or homeowner's association, to maintain any District-owned improvements, subject to the approval of the District's bond counsel.
d. Certain roadways will be gated. The CDD will only finance utilities and stormwater improvements behind such gated areas.

6. CONCLUSIONS

The CIP will be designed in accordance with current governmental regulations and requirements. The CIP will serve its intended function so long as the construction is in substantial compliance with the design.

It is further our opinion that:

- The estimated cost to the CIP as set forth herein is reasonable based on prices currently being experienced in the jurisdiction in which the District is located, and is not greater than the lesser of the actual cost of construction or the fair market value of such infrastructure;

- All of the improvements comprising the CIP are required by applicable development approvals issued pursuant to Section 380.06, Florida Statutes;

- The CIP is feasible to construct, there are no technical reasons existing at this time that would prevent the implementation of the CIP, and it is reasonable to assume that all necessary regulatory approvals will be obtained in due course; and

- The assessable property within the District will receive a special benefit from the CIP that is at least equal to such costs.

Also, the CIP will constitute a system of improvements that will provide benefits, both general, and special and peculiar, to all lands within the District. The general public, property owners, and property outside the District will benefit from the provisions of the District's CIP; however, these are incidental to the District's CIP, which is designed solely to provide special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Special and peculiar benefits accrue to property within the District and enables properties within its boundaries to be developed.

The CIP will be owned by the District or other governmental units and such CIP is intended to be available and will reasonably be available for use by the general public (either by being part of a system of improvements that is available to the general public or is otherwise available to the general public) including nonresidents of the District. All of the CIP is or will be located on lands owned or to be owned by the District or another governmental entity or on perpetual easements in favor of the District or other governmental entity. The CIP, and any cost estimates set forth herein, do not include any earthwork, grading or other improvements on private lots or property. The District will pay the lesser of the cost of the components of the CIP or the fair market value.

Please note that the CIP as presented herein is based on current plans and market conditions which are subject to change. Accordingly, the CIP, as used herein, refers to sufficient public infrastructure of the kinds described herein (i.e., stormwater/floodplain management, sanitary sewer, potable water, etc.) to support the development and sale of the planned residential units in the District, which (subject to true-up determinations) number and type of units may be changed with the development of the site. Stated differently, during development and implementation of the public infrastructure improvements as described for the District, it may be necessary to make modifications and/or deviations for the plans, and the District expressly reserves the right to do so.

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# 1.0 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

This Master Special Assessment Methodology Report (the "Report") was developed to provide a master financing plan and a master special assessment methodology for the Starling Community Development District (the "District"), located in unincorporated Charlotte County, Florida, as related to funding the costs of the acquisition and construction of public infrastructure improvements contemplated to be provided by the District.

## 1.2 Scope of the Report

This Report presents projections for financing the District's public infrastructure improvements (the "Capital Improvement Plan" or "CIP") as described in the Engineer's Report of Atwell, LLC dated April 2024 (the "Engineer's Report"), as well as describes the method for the allocation of special benefits and the apportionment of special assessment debt resulting from the provision and funding of the Capital Improvement Plan.

## 1.3 Special Benefits and General Benefits

Improvements undertaken and funded by the District as part of the Capital Improvement Plan create special and peculiar benefits, different in kind and degree than general benefits, for properties outside its borders as well as general benefits to the public at large. However, as discussed within this Report, these general benefits are incidental in nature and are readily distinguishable from the special and peculiar benefits which accrue to property within the District. The District's Capital Improvement Plan enables properties within its boundaries to be developed.

There is no doubt that the general public, property owners, and property outside the District will benefit from the provision of the Capital Improvement Plan. However, these benefits are only incidental since the Capital Improvement Plan is designed solely to provide special benefits peculiar to property within the District. Properties outside the District are not directly served by the Capital Improvement Plan and do not depend upon the Capital Improvement Plan to obtain or to maintain their development entitlements. This fact alone clearly distinguishes the special benefits which District properties receive compared to those lying outside of the District's boundaries.

The Capital Improvement Plan will provide public infrastructure which is necessary in order to make the lands within the District developable and saleable. The installation of such public improvements will cause the value of the developable and saleable lands within the District to increase by more than the sum of the financed cost of the individual components of the Capital Improvement Plan. Even though the exact value of the benefits provided by the Capital Improvement Plan is hard to estimate at this point, it is without doubt greater than the costs associated with providing the same.

### 1.4 Organization of the Report

*Section Two* describes the development program as proposed by the Developer, as defined below.

*Section Three* provides a summary of the Capital Improvement Plan as determined by the District Engineer.

*Section Four* discusses the current financing program for the District.

*Section Five* discusses the special assessment methodology for the District.

## 2.0 Development Program

### 2.1 Overview

The District serves the Starling development (the "Development" or "Starling"), a master planned, residential development located in unincorporated Charlotte County, Florida. The land within the District consists of approximately 296.63 +/- acres and is generally located on the east side of Burnt Store Road in Charlotte County, Florida. The project lies within Section 16, Township 42 South, Range 23 East.

### 2.2 The Development Program

The development of Starling is anticipated to be conducted by Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc., or an affiliated entity (the "Developer"). Based upon the information provided by the Developer, the current development plan for the District envisions a total of 324 SF 42' residential units, 302 SF 52' residential units and 151 SF 62' residential units developed in one or more phases, although phasing plan, land use types and unit numbers may change throughout the

development period. Table 1 in the *Appendix* illustrates the development plan for the District.

## 3.0 The Capital Improvement Plan

### 3.1 Overview

The public infrastructure costs to be funded by the District are described by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. Only public infrastructure that may qualify for bond financing by the District under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes and under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, was included in these estimates.

### 3.2 Capital Improvement Plan

The Capital Improvement Plan needed to serve the Development is projected to consist of earthwork for stormwater management, stormwater management systems, potable water systems, sanitary sewer systems, perimeter walls, perimeter landscaping, environmental/wetland mitigation, off-site road improvements, professional services and permit fees and contingency, all as set forth in more detail in the Engineer's Report.

The Capital Improvement Plan is anticipated to be developed in one or more phases to coincide with and support the development of the land within the District and all of the public infrastructure included in the Capital Improvement Plan will comprise an interrelated system of improvements, which means that all of the improvements will serve the entire District and all improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce one another. At the time of this writing, the total costs of the Capital Improvement Plan are estimated at $33,790,900. Table 2 in the *Appendix* illustrates the specific components of the Capital Improvement Plan and their costs.

## 4.0 Financing Program

### 4.1 Overview

As noted above, the District is embarking on a program of capital improvements which will facilitate the development of lands within the District. Generally, construction of public improvements is either funded by the Developer and then acquired by the District or funded directly by the District. The choice of the exact mechanism for providing public infrastructure has not yet been made at the time of

this writing, and the District may either acquire the public infrastructure from the Developer or construct it, or even partly acquire it and partly construct it.

Even though the actual financing plan may change to include multiple series of bonds, it is likely that in order to fully fund the costs of the Capital Improvement Plan as described in *Section 3.2* in one financing transaction, the District would have to issue approximately of $46,900,000 in par amount of special assessment bonds (the "Bonds").

**Please note that the purpose of this Report is to allocate the benefit of the Capital Improvement Plan to the various land uses in the District and based on such benefit allocation to apportion the maximum debt necessary to fund the Capital Improvement Plan. The discussion of the structure and size of the indebtedness is based on various estimates and is subject to change.**

## 4.2 Types of Bonds Proposed

The proposed financing plan for the District provides for the issuance of the Bonds in the principal amount of $46,900,000 in one or more Series with various maturities to finance Capital Improvement Plan costs at $33,790,900. The Bonds as projected under this master financing plan would be structured to be amortized in 30 annual installments following a 24-month capitalized interest period. Interest payments on the Bonds would be made every May 1 and November 1, and principal payments on the Bonds would be made every May 1 or November 1.

In order to finance the improvement costs, the District would need to borrow more funds and incur indebtedness in the total amount of $46,900,000. The difference is comprised of funding debt service reserve, paying capitalized interest, and paying costs of issuance, and the underwriter's discount. Preliminary sources and uses of funding for the Bonds are presented in Table 3 in the *Appendix*.

**Please note that the structure of the Bonds as presented in this Report is preliminary and may change due to changes in the development program, market conditions, timing of infrastructure installation as well as for other reasons. The District maintains complete flexibility as to the structure of the Bonds and reserves the right to modify it as necessary.**

## 5.0 Assessment Methodology

### 5.1 Overview

The issuance of the Bonds provides the District with funds necessary to construct/acquire the infrastructure improvements which are part of the Capital Improvement Plan outlined in *Section 3.2* and described in more detail by the District Engineer in the Engineer's Report. These public improvements lead to special and general benefits, with special benefits accruing to properties within the boundaries of the District. General benefits accrue to areas outside the District, but are only incidental in nature. The debt incurred in financing the public infrastructure will be secured by assessing properties that derive special and peculiar benefits from the Capital Improvement Plan. All properties that receive special benefits from the Capital Improvement Plan will be assessed for their fair share of the debt issued in order to finance the Capital Improvement Plan.

### 5.2 Benefit Allocation

The current development plan for the District envisions the development of a total of 324 SF 42' residential units, 302 SF 52' residential units and 151 SF 62' residential units developed in one or more phases, although phasing, unit numbers and land use types may change throughout the development period.

The public infrastructure included in the Capital Improvement Plan will comprise an interrelated system of improvements, which means that all of the improvements will serve the entire District and such public improvements will be interrelated such that they will reinforce each other and their combined benefit will be greater than the sum of their individual benefits. All of the land uses within the District will benefit from each infrastructure improvement category, as the public improvements provide basic infrastructure to all land within the District and benefit all land within the District as an integrated system of public improvements.

As stated previously, the public infrastructure improvements included in the Capital Improvement Plan have a logical connection to the special and peculiar benefits received by the land within the District, as without such improvements, the development of the properties within the District would not be possible. Based upon the connection between the improvements and the special and peculiar benefits to the land within the District, the District can assign or allocate a portion of the District's debt through the imposition of non-ad valorem

assessments, to the land receiving such special and peculiar benefits. Even though these special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, the precise amount of the benefit cannot yet be calculated with mathematical certainty. However, such benefit is more valuable than the cost of, or the actual non-ad valorem assessment amount levied on that parcel.

This Report proposes to allocate the benefit associated with the Capital Improvement Plan to the different product types proposed to be developed within the District in proportion to their density of development and intensity of use of infrastructure as measured by a standard unit called an Equivalent Residential Unit ("ERU"). Table 4 in the *Appendix* illustrates the ERU weights that are proposed to be assigned to the product types contemplated to be developed within the District based on the densities of development and the intensities of use of infrastructure, total ERU counts for each product type, and the share of the benefit received by each product type.

The rationale behind the different ERU weights is supported by the fact that generally and on average products with smaller lot sizes, such as SF 42' units, will use and benefit from the improvements which are part of the Capital Improvement Plan less than products with larger lot sizes, such as SF 62' units. For instance, generally and on average products with smaller lot sizes, such as SF 42' units, will produce less storm water runoff, may produce fewer vehicular trips, and may need less water/sewer capacity than products with larger lot sizes, such as SF 62' units. Additionally, the value of the products with larger lot sizes, such as SF 62' units, is likely to appreciate by more in terms of dollars than that of the products with smaller lot sizes, such as SF 42' units, as a result of the implementation of the infrastructure improvements. As the exact amount of the benefit and appreciation is not possible to be calculated at this time, the use of ERU measures serves as a reasonable approximation of the relative amount of benefit received by each product type from the District's public infrastructure improvements that are part of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Table 5 in the *Appendix* presents the apportionment of the assessment associated with the Bonds (the "Bond Assessment") to the residential units contemplated to be developed within the District in accordance with the ERU benefit allocation method presented in Table 4. Table 5 also presents the annual levels of the Bond Assessment annual debt service assessments per unit.

**Amenities** - No Bond Assessments are allocated herein to any private amenities or other common areas planned for the

development. If owned by a homeowner's association or a master property owner's association, the amenities and common areas would be considered a common element for the exclusive benefit of property owners. Accordingly, any benefit to the amenities and common areas would directly benefit all platted lots in the District. If the amenities are owned by the District, then they would be governmental property not subject to the Bond Assessments and would be open to the general public, subject to District rules and policies. As such, no Bond Assessments will be assigned to the amenities and common areas.

**Governmental Property** - Real property owned by units of local, state, and federal governments, or similarly exempt entities, shall not be subject to the Bond Assessments without specific consent thereto. If at any time, any real property on which Bond Assessments are imposed is sold or otherwise transferred to a unit of local, state, or federal government, or similarly exempt entity, all future unpaid Bond Assessments for such tax parcel shall become due and payable immediately prior to such transfer without any further action of the District.

## 5.3 Assigning Bond Assessment

As the land in the District is not yet platted for its intended final use and the precise location of the various product types by lot or parcel is unknown, the Bond Assessment will initially be levied on all of the land in the District on an equal pro-rata gross acre basis and thus the total bonded debt in the amount of $46,900,000 will be preliminarily levied on approximately 296.63 +/- gross acres at a rate of $158,109.43 per gross acre.

When the land is platted, the Bond Assessment will be allocated to each platted parcel on a first platted-first assigned basis based on the planned use for that platted parcel as reflected in Table 5 in the *Appendix*. Such allocation of Bond Assessment from unplatted gross acres to platted parcels will reduce the amount of Bond Assessment levied on unplatted gross acres within the District.

Further, to the extent that any residential land which has not been platted is sold to another developer or builder, the Bond Assessments will be assigned to such parcel at the time of the sale based upon the development rights associated with such parcel that are transferred from seller to buyer. The District shall provide an estoppel or similar document to the buyer evidencing the amount of Bond Assessments transferred at sale.

**Transferred Property** - In the event unplatted land (the "Transferred Property") is sold to a third party not affiliated with the Developer, the Bond Assessment will be assigned to such Transferred Property at the time of the sale based on the maximum total number of ERUs assigned by the Developer to that Transferred Property, subject to review by the District's methodology consultant, to ensure that any such assignment is reasonable, supported by current development rights and plans, and otherwise consistent with this Report. The owner of the Transferred Property will be responsible for the total Bond Assessment applicable to the Transferred Property, regardless of the total number of ERUs ultimately actually platted. This total Bond Assessment is fixed to the Transferred Property at the time of the sale. If the Transferred Property is subsequently sub-divided into smaller parcels, the total Bond Assessment initially allocated to the Transferred Property will be re-allocated to the smaller parcels pursuant to the Methodology as described herein (i.e. equal assessment per acre until platting).

## 5.4 Lienability Test: Special and Peculiar Benefit to the Property

As first discussed in *Section 1.3*, Special Benefits and General Benefits, public improvements undertaken by the District create special and peculiar benefits to certain properties within the District. The District's improvements benefit assessable properties within the District and accrue to all such assessable properties on an ERU basis.

Public improvements undertaken by the District can be shown to be creating special and peculiar benefits to the property within the District. The special and peculiar benefits resulting from each improvement are:

a. added use of the property;
b. added enjoyment of the property;
c. decreased insurance premiums; and
d. increased marketability and value of the property.

The public improvements which are part of the Capital Improvement Plan make the land in the District developable and saleable and when implemented as part of the Capital Improvement Plan, provide special and peculiar benefits which are greater than the benefits of any single category of improvements. These special and peculiar benefits are real and ascertainable, but not yet capable of being calculated and assessed in terms of numerical value; however, such benefits are more valuable than either the cost of, or the actual

assessment levied for, the improvement or debt allocated to the parcel of land.

## 5.5 Lienability Test: Reasonable and Fair Apportionment of the Duty to Pay

A reasonable estimate of the proportion of special and peculiar benefits received by the various product types from the public improvements is delineated in Table 4 (expressed as the ERU factors).

The apportionment of the Bond Assessment is fair and reasonable because it was conducted on the basis of consistent application of the methodology described in *Section 5.2* across all assessable property within the District according to reasonable estimates of the special and peculiar benefits derived from the Capital Improvement Plan.

Accordingly, no acre or parcel of property within the District will be liened for the payment of Bond Assessment more than the determined special benefit peculiar to that property.

## 5.6 True-Up Mechanism

The District's assessment program is predicated on the development of lots in a manner sufficient to include all of the planned Equivalent Residential Units ("ERUs") as set forth in Table 1 in the Appendix ("Development Plan"). At such time as lands are to be platted (or re-platted) or site plans are to be approved (or re-approved), the plat or site plan (either, herein, "Proposed Plat") shall be presented to the District for a "true-up" review as follows:

a. If a Proposed Plat within the District results in the same amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) able to be imposed on the "Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands" within the District (i.e., those remaining unplatted developable lands after the Proposed Plat is recorded) as compared to what was originally contemplated under the Development Plan, then the District shall allocate the Bond Assessments to the product types being platted and the remaining property in accordance with this Report, and cause the Bond Assessments to be recorded in the District's Improvement Lien Book.

b. If a Proposed Plat within the District has more than the anticipated ERUs (and Bond Assessments) such that the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands would be assigned fewer ERUs (and

Bond Assessments) than originally contemplated in the Development Plan, then the District may undertake a pro rata reduction of Bond Assessments for all assessed properties within the District, or may otherwise address such net decrease as permitted by law.

c. If a Proposed Plat within the District has fewer than the anticipated ERUs (and Bond Assessments) such that the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands would have to be assigned more ERUs (and Bond Assessments) in order to fully assign all of the ERUs originally contemplated in the Development Plan, then the District shall require the landowner(s) of the lands encompassed by the Proposed Plat to pay a "True-Up Payment" equal to the difference between: (i) the Bond Assessments originally contemplated to be imposed on the lands subject to the Proposed Plat, and (ii) the Bond Assessments able to be imposed on the lands subject to the Proposed Plat, after the Proposed Plat (plus applicable interest, collection costs, penalties, etc.).

With respect to the foregoing true-up analysis, the District's Assessment Consultant, in consultation with the District Engineer and District Counsel, shall determine in his or her sole discretion what amount of ERUs (and thus Bond Assessments) are able to be imposed on the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, taking into account a Proposed Plat, by reviewing: a) the original, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for the District, b) the revised, overall development plan showing the number and type of units reasonably planned for within the District, c) proof of the amount of entitlements for the Remaining Unplatted Developable Lands within the District, d) evidence of allowable zoning conditions that would enable those entitlements to be placed in accordance with the revised development plan, and e) documentation that shows the feasibility of implementing the proposed development plan. Prior to any decision by the District not to impose a true-up payment, a supplemental methodology shall be produced demonstrating that there will be sufficient assessments to pay debt service on the applicable series of bonds and the District will conduct new proceedings under Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes upon the advice of District Counsel.

Any True-Up Payment shall become due and payable that tax year by the landowner of the lands subject to the Proposed Plat within the District, shall be in addition to the regular assessment installment payable for such lands, and shall constitute part of the debt assessment liens imposed against the Proposed Plat property until

paid. A True-Up Payment shall include accrued interest on the applicable bond series to the interest payment date that occurs at least 45 days after the True-Up Payment (or the second succeeding interest payment date if such True-Up Payment is made within forty-five (45) calendar days before an interest payment date (or such other time as set forth in the supplemental indentures for the applicable bond series)).

All Bond Assessments levied run with the land, and such assessment liens include any True-Up Payments. The District will not release any liens on property for which True-Up Payments are due, until payment has been satisfactorily made. Further, upon the District's review of the final plat for the developable acres within the District, any unallocated Bond Assessments shall become due and payable and must be paid prior to the District's approval of that plat. This true-up process applies for both plats and/or re-plats.

Such review shall be limited solely to the function and the enforcement of the District's assessment liens and/or true-up agreements. Nothing herein shall in any way operate to or be construed as providing any other plat approval or disapproval powers to the District. For further detail on the true-up process, please refer to the True-Up Agreement and applicable assessment resolution(s).

## 5.7 Preliminary Assessment Roll

Based on the per gross acre assessment proposed in Section 5.2, the Bond Assessment of $46,900,000 is proposed to be levied uniformly over the area described in *Exhibit "A"*. Excluding any capitalized interest period, debt service assessment shall be paid in thirty (30) annual installments.

## 5.8 Additional Items Regarding Bond Assessment Imposition and Allocation

**Master Lien** - This master assessment allocation methodology is intended to establish the necessary benefit and fair and reasonable allocation findings for a master assessment lien, which may give rise to one or more individual assessment liens relating to individual bond issuances necessary to fund all or a portion of the project(s) referenced herein comprising the CIP. All such liens shall be within the benefit limits established herein and using the allocation methodology described herein, and shall be described in one or more supplemental reports.

**System of Improvements** - As noted herein, the CIP functions as a system of improvements. Among other implications, this means that proceeds from any particular bond issuance can be used to fund master improvements within any benefitted property or designated assessment area within the District, regardless of where the Bond Assessments are levied, provided that Bond Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated across all benefitted properties.

**Contributions** - As set forth in any supplemental report, and for any particular bond issuance, the Developer may opt to "buy down" the Bond Assessments on particular product types and/or lands using a contribution of cash, infrastructure or other consideration, and in order for Bond Assessments to reach certain target levels. Note that any "true-up," as described herein, may require a payment to satisfy "true-up" obligations as well as additional contributions to maintain such target assessment levels. Any amounts contributed by the Developer to pay down Bond Assessment will not be eligible for "deferred costs" or any other form of repayment, if any are provided for in connection with any particular bond issuance.

**New Unit Types** - As noted herein, this report identifies the anticipated product types for the development, and associates particular ERU factors with each product type. If new product types are identified in the course of development, the District's Assessment Consultant – without a further hearing – may determine the ERU factor for the new product type on a front footage basis, provided that such determination is made on a pro-rated basis and derived from the front footage of existing product types and their corresponding ERUs.

## 6.0 Additional Stipulations

### 6.1 Overview

Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC was retained by the District to prepare a methodology to fairly allocate the special assessments related to the District's Capital Improvement Plan. Certain financing, development and engineering data was provided by members of District Staff and/or the Developer. The allocation Methodology described herein was based on information provided by those professionals. Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC makes no representations regarding said information transactions beyond restatement of the factual information necessary for compilation of this report. For additional information on the Bond structure and

related items, please refer to the Offering Statement associated with this transaction.

**Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC does not represent the District as a Municipal Advisor or Securities Broker nor is Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC registered to provide such services as described in Section 15B of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Similarly, Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC does not provide the District with 3financial advisory services or offer investment advice in any form.**

## 7.0 Appendix

**Table 1**

# Starling

### Community Development District

**Development Plan**

| Product Type | Total Units |
|---|---|
| SF 42' | 324 |
| SF 52' | 302 |
| SF 62' | 151 |
| **Total** | **777** |

**Table 2**

# Starling

### Community Development District

**Project Costs**

| Improvement | Total Costs |
|---|---|
| Earthwork for Stormwater Management | $4,755,000.00 |
| Stormwater Management Systems | $7,132,000.00 |
| Potable Water Systems | $4,118,000.00 |
| Sanitary Sewer Systems | $6,690,000.00 |
| Perimeter Walls | $357,000.00 |
| Perimeter Landscaping | $601,000.00 |
| Environmental/Wetland Mitigation | $750,000.00 |
| Off-Site Road Improvements | $1,000,000.00 |
| Professional Services & Permit Fees | $5,316,000.00 |
| Contingency (10%) | $3,071,900.00 |
| **Total** | **$33,790,900.00** |

**Table 3**

# Starling

## Community Development District

**Preliminary Sources and Uses of Funds**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Sources** | |
| Bond Proceeds: | |
| Par Amount | $46,900,000.00 |
| **Total Sources** | **$46,900,000.00** |
| | |
| **Uses** | |
| Project Fund Deposits: | |
| Project Fund | $33,790,900.00 |
| | |
| Other Fund Deposits: | |
| Debt Service Reserve Fund | $4,166,006.63 |
| Capitalized Interest Fund | $7,504,000.00 |
| | |
| Delivery Date Expenses: | |
| Costs of Issuance and Underwriter's Discount | $1,438,000.00 |
| Rounding | $1,093.37 |
| **Total Uses** | **$46,900,000.00** |

**Financial Assumptions**
Coupon Rate: 8.00%
CAPI Length: 24 Months
Bond Duration: 30 Years
Underwriter's Discount Rate: 2%
Cost Of Issuance: $500,000

**Table 4**

# Starling

## Community Development District

**Benefit Allocation**

| Product Type | Total Units | ERU Weight | Total ERU |
|---|---|---|---|
| SF 42' | 324 | 0.81 | 261.69 |
| SF 52' | 302 | 1.00 | 302.00 |
| SF 62' | 151 | 1.19 | 180.04 |
| **Total** | **777** | | **743.73** |

**Table 5**

# Starling

## Community Development District

**Assessment Apportionment**

| Product Type | Total Units | Total Cost Allocation* | Maximum Total Bond Assessment Apportionment | Maximum Bond Assessment Apportionment per Unit | Maximum Annual Principal and Interest Payment per Unit on the Bonds** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SF 42' | 324 | $11,889,811.43 | $16,502,435.74 | $50,933.44 | $4,524.29 |
| SF 52' | 302 | $13,721,163.92 | $19,044,257.12 | $63,060.45 | $5,601.50 |
| SF 62' | 151 | $8,179,924.65 | $11,353,307.13 | $75,187.46 | $6,678.71 |
| **Total** | **777** | **$33,790,900.00** | **$46,900,000.00** | | |

* Please note that cost allocations to units herein are based on the ERU benefit allocation illustrated in Table 4

** Does not include applicable costs of collection and early payment discounts

## Exhibit “A”

Bond Assessment in the amount of $46,900,000 is proposed to be levied uniformly over the area described below:

Description:

A tract or parcel of land lying in Sections 9 and 16, Township 42 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County, Florida, said tract or parcel of land being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at the Northeast corner of said Section 16 run S02°03'29"W along the East line of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 16 for 1,319.96 feet to the Southeast corner of the North Half (N 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of said Section 16; thence run S89°11'55"W along the South line of said Fraction for 5,217.65 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve and an intersection with the Easterly right of way line of Burnt Store Road, as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 4261, at Page 1524, Charlotte County Records; thence run along said Easterly line the following three (3) courses: Northerly along an arc of a curve to the right of radius 11,910.00 feet (delta 00°48'06") (chord bearing N03°59'05"E) (chord 166.65 feet) for 166.65 feet to a point of tangency; N04°23'08"E for 200.00 feet to a point of curvature and Northerly along an arc of a curve to the left of radius 12,090.00 feet (delta 03°43'09") (chord bearing N02°31'34"E) (chord 784.67 feet) for 784.81 feet an intersection with the Southerly line of Parcel Exception “B”, as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 2004, at Pages 1371 through 1372, Charlotte County Records; thence run S87°51'56"E along said Southerly line for 1,276.90 feet to the Southeast corner of said Parcel Exception “B”; thence run N00°20'16"W along the Easterly line of said Parcel Exception “B” and continuing along the Easterly line of Parcels Exception (A) and Exception (B), as described in a deed recorded in Official Records Book 1979, at Pages 291 through 293, Charlotte County Records, for 1,619.84 feet; thence run N00°19'55"W for 228.70 feet; thence run N89°02'28"E for 3,911.72 feet to an intersection with the East line of the of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 9; thence run S00°56'41"E along said East line for 1,624.11 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.
Containing 297.16 acres, more or less.

Bearings hereinabove mentioned are State Plane for the Florida West Zone (1983/NSRS 2011) and are based on East line of the of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 9 to bear S00°56'41"E.

NOTE
ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ABOVE HAS BEEN PREPARED BY ARDURRA.

EXHIBIT 2B: LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PREPARED FOR:
TAYLOR MORRISON OF FLORIDA, INC.
28100 BONITA GRANDE DRIVE SUITE 102
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135

SECTION: TOWNSHIP: RANGE:
16 42S 23E
CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FL

FILE NAME: 12265000104.dwg
SHEET: 4 OF 12

FLORIDA CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION #8636

JEREMY H. ARNOLD, P.E.
FL LICENSE NO. 66421

ATWELL
866.850.4200 www.atwell-group.com
28100 BONITA GRANDE DR., SUITE 305
BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135
239.405.7777

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**Exhibit “B”**

The debt assessment lien is being placed on property described in the attached legal description. For notice purposes, listed below are the potentially applicable County Property Appraiser parcels, and property owners, developers/potential property owners, and developers that will be included on a mailing list related to debt assessments:

*TAYLOR MORRISON OF FLORIDA INC*

Parcel ID(s): 422316200001, 422309376001 and 422309400001

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 9F

**RESOLUTION 2024-27**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the Starling Community Development District (the "District") hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the infrastructure improvements (the "Improvements") described in the District's *Master Engineer's Report*, dated January 2024, revised April 2024, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the District to pay the cost of the Improvements by special assessments pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes (the "Assessments"); and

**WHEREAS,** the District is empowered by Chapter 190, the Uniform Community Development District Act, Chapter 170, Supplemental and Alternative Method of Making Local Municipal Improvements, and Chapter 197, the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments, Florida Statutes, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain the Improvements and to impose, levy and collect the Assessments; and

**WHEREAS,** the District hereby determines that benefits will accrue to the property improved, the amount of those benefits, and that special assessments will be made in proportion to the benefits received as set forth in the *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated _____, 2024, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference and on file at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (the "District Records Office"); and

**WHEREAS,** the District hereby determines that the Assessments to be levied will not exceed the benefit to the property improved.

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

**1.** Assessments shall be levied to defray a portion of the cost of the Improvements.

**2.** The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Improvements are described in **Exhibit A**, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.

**3.** The total estimated cost of the Improvements is $33,790,900.00 (the "Estimated Cost").

**4.** The Assessments will defray approximately $__,___,___.00 which amounts include the Estimated Costs, plus financing-related costs, capitalized interest and a debt service reserve.

**5.** The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**, including provisions for supplemental assessment resolutions.

**6.** The Assessments shall be levied, within the District, on all lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon the Improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

**7.** There is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, with certain plans and specifications describing the Improvements and the estimated cost of the Improvements, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.

**8**. Commencing with the year in which the Assessments are levied and confirmed, the Assessments shall be paid in not more than (30) thirty annual installments. The Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad-valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non ad-valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law.

**9.** The District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

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

**11.** The District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within Charlotte County and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

**12.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| **ATTEST:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
| _____ | _____ |
| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

**Exhibit A:** *Master Engineer's Report*, dated _____
**Exhibit B:** *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated _____

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 9G

**RESOLUTION 2024-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON _____, 2024, AT __:00 A.M. AT _____, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT ON IMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS THE STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTERS 170, 190 AND 197, FLORIDA STATUTES.**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors of the Starling Community Development District (the "Board") has previously adopted Resolution 2024-27 entitled:

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

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with Resolution 2024-27, a Preliminary Special Assessment Roll has been prepared and all other conditions precedent set forth in Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to the holding of the aforementioned public hearing have been satisfied, and the roll and related documents are available for public inspection at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, 561-571-0010 (the "District Records Office").

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

**1.** There is hereby declared a public hearing to be held at __:00 a.m. on _____, 2024, _____, for the purpose of hearing comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District improvements as identified in the Preliminary Special Assessment Roll, a copy of which is on file. Affected parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearing to the office of the District Manager at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, 561-571-0010.

**2.** Notice of said hearing shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper(s) of general circulation within Charlotte County (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May, 2024.

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| **ATTEST:** | **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT** |
| _____ | _____ |
| Secretary/Assistant Secretary | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# 9H

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-29**

A RESOLUTION OF STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING $46,900,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION BY THE DISTRICT OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES PERMITTED BY THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED, AND THE ORDINANCE CREATING THE DISTRICT; APPROVING A FORM OF A MASTER TRUST INDENTURE; APPROVING AND APPOINTING A TRUSTEE; AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF VALIDATION PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING BONDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** Starling Community Development District (the "District") is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing in accordance with the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), created by Ordinance No. 2024-007 of the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida (the "County"), enacted and effective on March 26, 2024;

**WHEREAS,** the District was created for the purpose of delivering certain community development services and facilities within and outside its jurisdiction, and the District has decided to undertake the design, acquisition, construction and/or reconstruction of certain improvements pursuant to the Act (collectively, the "Project");

**WHEREAS,** the District desires to authorize the issuance of not to exceed $46,900,000 aggregate principal amount of its Starling Community Development District Bonds, Series to be designated, in one or more Series (collectively, the "Bonds"), in order to pay all or a portion of the costs of the Project;

**WHEREAS,** authority is conferred upon the District by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, specifically pursuant to Sections 190.011(9), 190.011(14), 190.016(1), 190.016(2), 190.016(8), 190.016(13), 190.021(2), 190.022 and 190.023 of the Act, to issue the Bonds;

**WHEREAS,** the District desires to appoint a trustee for the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS,** the District desires to authorize and approve various instruments to be executed and delivered in connection with the Bonds including, but not limited to, the form of Master Trust Indenture attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Master Trust Indenture") and to provide for the judicial validation of the Bonds pursuant to Section 190.016(12), Florida Statutes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Starling Community Development District, as follows:

**Section 1. Definitions.** Capitalized terms used herein that are not specifically defined herein shall have such meanings ascribed to such terms in the Master Trust Indenture.

**Section 2. Authorization of Bonds.** The District hereby authorizes the issuance of not to exceed $46,900,000 aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, Series to be designated, in one or more Series, to pay all or a portion of the costs of the Project. Pursuant to Section 190.016(1), the Bonds may be issued and delivered by the District in payment of all or a portion of the purchase price of the Project or may be sold at public or private sale.

**Section 3. Certain Details of the Bonds.** The Bonds, and the interest thereon, shall not be deemed to constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the District, of the County, or of the State of Florida (the "State"), or of any other political subdivision thereof, but shall be payable solely from the Series Pledged Revenues to be established in a Supplemental Indenture, and neither the faith and credit nor any taxing power of the District, the County, or the State, or of any other political subdivision thereof, is pledged to the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, except for the Series Pledged Revenues established by Supplemental Indenture to secure and pay the Bonds.

The Bonds shall:

(i) be issued in one or more Series and may be delivered in payment of the purchase price of all or a portion of the Project or sold at public or private sale, as provided in Section 190.016(1), each Series in an aggregate principal amount to be determined by subsequent resolution or resolutions of the District; provided, however, that the total aggregate principal amount of the Bonds issued may not exceed $46,900,000;

(ii) be issued in fully registered form in such principal denominations of $5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture;

(iii) bear interest at an average annual rate not exceeding the maximum rate as may then be permitted by the laws of the State as more particularly provided in a subsequent resolution adopted by the District prior to the issuance and delivery of a Series of Bonds;

(iv) be payable in not more than thirty (30) annual principal installments, or as otherwise provided by law; and

(v) be dated as provided in a subsequent resolution adopted by the District prior to the issuance and delivery of a Series of Bonds.

The final maturity date or dates of the Bonds and the interest rate or rates thereon shall be determined, within the foregoing limits, and any optional, mandatory and extraordinary redemption provisions thereof shall be fixed by the Master Trust Indenture, as supplemented from time to time by a Supplemental Indenture, or by one or more subsequent resolution(s) of the District to be adopted prior to the delivery of a Series of Bonds. In other respects, the Bonds shall be in the form, shall be executed and authenticated, shall be subject to replacement and shall be delivered as provided in the Master Trust Indenture, the form of which is set out as **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

Prior to the issuance and delivery of a Series of Bonds to be secured by Assessments, the District shall have undertaken and, to the extent then required under applicable law, completed all necessary proceedings, including, without limitation, the approval of assessment rolls, the holding of public hearings, the adoption of resolutions and the establishment of all necessary collection proceedings, in order to levy and collect Assessments upon the lands within the District subject to assessment, all as more specifically required and provided for by the Act and Chapters 170, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, or any successor statutes thereto.

**Section 4. Designation of Attesting Members.** The Chair and Secretary of the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the District, or in the case of the Chair's and Secretary's absence or inability to act, the Vice Chair or any Assistant Secretary and members of the Board (each individually a "Designated Member"), are hereby designated and authorized on behalf of the Board to attest to the seal of the District and to the signature of the Designated Member of the Board as they appear on the Bonds, the Master Trust Indenture and any other documents which may be necessary or helpful in connection with the issuance and delivery of a Series of the Bonds and in connection with the application of the proceeds thereof.

**Section 5. Authorization of Execution and Delivery of Master Trust Indenture.** The District does hereby authorize and approve the execution and delivery by the Chair and any Designated Member of a Master Trust Indenture for the Bonds, between the District and the trustee appointed pursuant to Section 7 of this Resolution. The Master Trust Indenture shall provide for the security for the Bonds and express the contract between the District and the owners of such Bonds. The Master Trust Indenture shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and is hereby approved, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the Chair or such other Designated Member executing the same, with such execution to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval and the Board's approval of any changes therein from the form of Master Trust Indenture attached hereto.

**Section 6. Sale of Bonds.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.016(1) of the Act, the Bonds may be delivered in payment of all or a portion of the purchase price of the Project or 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, in conformance with the provisions of the Act.

**Section 7. Appointment of Trustee.** The District hereby appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee for the Bonds (the "Trustee"). The Trustee shall also serve as the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar under the Master Trust Indenture.

**Section 8. Bond Validation.** District counsel and bond counsel to the District are hereby authorized and directed to take appropriate proceedings in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Charlotte County, Florida, for validation and the proceedings incident thereto for the Bonds and for the Series Pledged Revenues to the extent required by and in accordance with Section 190.016(12), Florida Statutes. The Chair or any Designated Member is authorized to sign any pleadings and to offer testimony in any such proceedings for and on behalf of the District. The other members of the Board, the officers of the District and the agents and employees of the District, including, without limitation, the firm serving as district manager, the engineer or engineering firm serving as engineer to the District, and the firm serving as the District's assessment consultant are hereby also authorized to offer testimony for and on behalf of the District in connection with any such validation proceedings.

**Section 9. Authorization and Ratification of Prior and Subsequent Acts.** The members of the Board, the officers of the District, and the agents and employees of the District, are hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of this resolution, the Master Trust Indenture, and all of the acts and doings of such members of the Board, the officers of the District, and the agents and employees of the District, which are in conformity with the intent and purposes of this resolution, whether heretofore or hereafter taken or done, shall be and are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

**Section 10. Subsequent Resolution(s) Required.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no Series of Bonds may be issued or delivered until the District adopts a subsequent resolution and Supplemental Indenture for each such Series of Bonds fixing the details of such Series of Bonds remaining to be specified or delegating to a Designated Member the authority to fix such details.

**Section 11. Open Meetings**. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the members of the Board and that all deliberations of the members of the Board which resulted in such formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 12. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, the remainder of this resolution shall continue in full force and effect, it being expressly hereby found and declared that the

remainder of this resolution would have been adopted despite the invalidity or ineffectiveness of such section, paragraph, clause or provision.

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**Section 13. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and any provisions of any previous resolutions in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby superseded.

**PASSED** in Public Session of the Board of Supervisors of the Starling Community Development District, this 1st day of May, 2024.

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

ATTEST:

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|---|---|
| Secretary/Assistant Secretary, Board of Supervisors | Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors |

**EXHIBIT A**

**FORM OF MASTER TRUST INDENTURE**

**BMO DRAFT#1**
**4/30/24**

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**MASTER TRUST INDENTURE**

**by and between**

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**and**

**U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee**

**Dated as of _____ 1, 2024**

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EXHIBIT A – FORM OF REQUISITION

# MASTER TRUST INDENTURE

**THIS MASTER TRUST INDENTURE** is dated as of _____ 1, 2024, by and between **STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (the "District"), and **U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, as trustee (the "Trustee"), a national banking association having the authority to exercise corporate trust powers of the type set forth herein, with its designated corporate trust office located at 500 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 460, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309, Attention: Corporate Trust Department.

**WHEREAS**, the District is a community development district duly organized and existing under the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"), for the purpose, among other things, of financing and managing the acquisition, construction, installation, maintenance, and operation of the major infrastructure within and without the boundaries of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has the power and authority under the Act to issue special assessment bonds and revenue bonds and to use the proceeds thereof to finance the cost of acquiring and constructing assessable improvements (as defined in the Act) and, by virtue of Sections 190.011(14), 190.021(2), and 190.022(1) of the Act, to levy and collect Assessments (as defined herein) therefor as provided in Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, as amended, and to levy and collect user charges and fees therefor as provided in Section 190.011(14) of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has found and determined and does hereby find and determine, that acquisition and construction of the Series Projects (hereinafter defined) is and will be necessary and desirable in serving the District's goal of properly managing the acquisition, construction, installation and operation of portions of the infrastructure within and without the boundaries of the District, all of which is located in Charlotte County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the execution and delivery of the Bonds (hereinafter defined) and of this Master Indenture have been duly authorized by the Governing Body of the District and all things necessary to make the Bonds, when executed by the District and authenticated by the Trustee, valid and binding legal obligations of the District and to make this Master Indenture a valid and binding agreement and a valid and binding lien on the Trust Estate (hereinafter defined) have been done;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MASTER TRUST INDENTURE WITNESSETH**:

## GRANTING CLAUSES

That the District, in consideration of the premises and acceptance by the Trustee of the trusts hereby created and the purchase and acceptance of the Bonds by the Owners (hereinafter defined), and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, in order to secure the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds of a Series (hereinafter defined) issued hereunder according to their tenor and effect

and to secure the performance and observance by the District of all of the covenants expressed or implied herein, in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds and in the Bonds of such Series, does hereby assign and grant a security interest in the following (herein called the "Trust Estate") to the Trustee and its successors in trust, and assigns forever, for the securing of the performance of the obligations of the District herein set forth: (a) the Pledged Revenues (hereinafter defined) and Pledged Funds (hereinafter defined); and (b) any and all property of every kind or description which may from time to time hereafter be sold, transferred, conveyed, assigned, hypothecated, endorsed, deposited, pledged, granted or delivered to, or deposited with, the Trustee as security for any Series of Bonds issued pursuant to this Master Indenture by the District or anyone on its behalf or with its consent, or which pursuant to any of the provisions hereof or of the Supplemental Indenture securing such Series of Bonds may come into the possession or control of the Trustee or of a lawfully appointed receiver, as such additional security, and the Trustee is hereby authorized to receive any and all such property as and for security for the payment of such Series of Bonds and the interest and premium, if any, thereon, and to hold and apply all such property subject to the terms hereof, it being expressly understood and agreed that except as otherwise provided herein or in a Supplemental Indenture the Trust Estate established and held hereunder for Bonds of a Series shall be held separate and in trust solely for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds of such Series and for no other Series;

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the Trust Estate, whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, forever;

**IN TRUST NEVERTHELES**S, upon the terms and trusts herein set forth (a) for the equal and proportionate benefit and security of all present and future Owners of the Bonds of a Series, without preference of any Bond of such Series over any other Bond of such Series, (b) for enforcement of the payment of the Bonds of a Series, in accordance with their terms and the terms of this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds, and all other sums payable hereunder, under the Supplemental Indenture authorizing such Series of Bonds or on the Bonds of such Series, and (c) for the enforcement of and compliance with the obligations, covenants and conditions of this Master Indenture except as otherwise expressly provided herein, as if all the Bonds at any time Outstanding (hereinafter defined) had been authenticated, executed and delivered simultaneously with the execution and delivery of this Master Indenture, all as herein set forth.

**IT IS HEREBY COVENANTED, DECLARED AND AGREED** that (a) this Master Indenture creates a continuing lien equally and ratably to secure the payment in full of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on all Bonds of a Series which may from time to time be Outstanding hereunder, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, (b) the Trust Estate shall immediately be subject to the lien of this pledge and assignment without any physical delivery thereof or further act, (c) the lien of this pledge and assignment shall be a first lien and shall be valid and binding against all parties having any claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the District, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof, (d) the Bonds of a Series are to be issued, authenticated and delivered, and (e) the Trust Estate is to be

held, dealt with, and disposed of by the Trustee, upon and subject to the terms, covenants, conditions, uses, agreements and trusts set forth in this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, and the District covenants and agrees with the Trustee, for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective Owners from time to time of the Bonds of each respective Series, as follows:

## ARTICLE I
## DEFINITIONS

**Section 101. Meaning of Words and Terms.** The following words and terms used in this Master Indenture shall have the following meanings, unless some other meaning is plainly intended:

"***Accountant***" shall mean the independent certified public accountant or independent certified public accounting firm retained by the District to perform the duties of the Accountant under this Master Indenture.

"***Accountant's Certificate***" shall mean an opinion signed by an independent certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants (which may be the Accountant) from time to time selected by the District.

"***Accounts***" shall mean all accounts, except the Series Rebate Account within the Rebate Fund, created pursuant to Section 502 hereof or a Supplemental Indenture.

"***Accreted Value***" shall mean, as of the date of computation with respect to any Capital Appreciation Bonds, an amount (truncated to three (3) decimal places) equal to the original principal amount of such Capital Appreciation Bonds at the date of issuance plus the interest accrued on such Capital Appreciation Bonds from the date of original issuance of such Capital Appreciation Bonds to the date of computation, such interest to accrue at the rate of interest per annum of the Capital Appreciation Bonds (or in accordance with a table of compound accreted values set forth in such Capital Appreciation Bonds), compounded semi-annually on each Interest Payment Date; provided, however, that if the date with respect to which any such computation is made is not an Interest Payment Date, the Accreted Value of any Capital Appreciation Bond as of such date shall be the amount determined by compounding the Accreted Value of such Capital Appreciation Bond as of the immediately preceding Interest Payment Date (or the date of original issuance if the date of computation is prior to the first Interest Payment Date succeeding the date of original issuance) at the rate of interest per annum of the Capital Appreciation Bonds for the partial semi-annual compounding period determined by dividing (x) the number of days elapsed (determined on the basis of a three hundred sixty (360) day year comprised of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months) from the immediately preceding Interest Payment Date (or the date of original issuance if the date of computation is prior to the first Interest Payment Date succeeding the date of original issuance), by (y) one hundred eighty (180). A table of Accreted Values for the Capital Appreciation Bonds shall be incorporated in a

Supplemental Indenture executed by the District upon issuance of any Capital Appreciation Bonds.

"***Acquisition and Construction Fund***" shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

"***Act***" shall mean Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

"***Additional Bonds***" shall mean Bonds of a Series authenticated and delivered pursuant to the terms of a Supplemental Indenture providing for the issuance of parity Additional Bonds of such Series.

"***Additional Series Project***" shall mean the acquisition and/or construction of any additions, extensions, improvements and betterments to and reconstructions of a Series Project.

"***Amortization Installments***" shall mean the moneys required to be deposited in a Series Sinking Fund Account within a Series Debt Service Account within the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of redeeming and paying when due any Term Bonds, the specific amounts and dates of such deposits to be set forth in a Supplemental Indenture.

"***Assessments***" shall mean all "special assessments" and "benefit special assessments" levied and collected by or on behalf of the District pursuant to Sections 190.011(14), 190.021(2) and 190.022(1) of the Act, together with the applicable interest specified by resolution adopted by the Governing Body, the interest specified in Chapter 170, Florida Statutes, as amended, if any such interest is collected by or on behalf of the Governing Body, and any applicable penalties collected by or on behalf of the District, together with any and all amounts received by the District from the sale of tax certificates or otherwise from the collection of Delinquent Assessments and which are referred to as such and pledged to a Series of Bonds pursuant to the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds. Assessments shall not include Operation and Maintenance Assessments.

"***Authorized Denomination***" shall, except as provided in any Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, mean the denomination of $5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

"***Authorized Officer***" shall mean any person authorized by the District in writing directed to the Trustee to perform the act or sign the document in question.

"***Beneficial Owners***" shall have the meaning given such term by DTC so long as it is the registered Owner through its nominee, Cede & Co, of the Bonds as to which such reference is made to enable such Bonds to be held in book-entry only form, and, shall otherwise mean the registered Owner on the registration books of the District maintained by the Bond Registrar.

"***Bond Anticipation Notes***" shall mean bond anticipation notes issued by the District pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture in anticipation of the sale of an authorized Series of Bonds and in a principal amount not exceeding the principal amount of such anticipated Series of Bonds.

***"Bond Counsel"*** shall mean an attorney or firm of attorneys of nationally recognized standing in the field of law relating to municipal bonds selected by the District.

***"Bond Registrar"*** shall mean the bank or trust company designated as such by Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds for the purpose of maintaining the registration books of the District reflecting the names, addresses, and other identifying information of Owners of Bonds of such Series.

***"Bond Year"*** shall mean, unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds, the period commencing on the first day of May in each year and ending on the last day of April of the following year.

***"Bonds"*** shall mean the Outstanding Bonds of all Series.

***"Business Day"*** shall mean any day excluding Saturday, Sunday or any other day on which banks in the cities in which the designated corporate trust office of the Trustee or the Paying Agent are located are authorized or required by law or other governmental action to close and on which the Trustee or Paying Agent, or both, is closed or any day on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed.

***"Capital Appreciation Bonds"*** shall mean Bonds issued under this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture as to which interest is compounded periodically on each of the applicable periodic dates designated for compounding and payable in an amount equal to the then-current Accreted Value only at the maturity or earlier redemption thereof, all as so designated in a Supplemental Indenture of the District providing for the issuance thereof.

***"Capitalized Interest"*** shall mean, with respect to the interest due or to be due on a Series of Bonds prior to, during and for a period not exceeding one year after the completion of a Series Project to be funded by such Series, all or part of such interest which will be paid, or is expected to be paid, from the proceeds of such Series.

***''Chair''*** shall mean the Chair or Vice Chair of the Governing Body of the District, or his or her designee, or the person succeeding to his or her principal functions.

***"Code"*** shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any successor provisions thereto and the regulations promulgated thereunder or under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, if applicable, or any successor provisions thereto.

***"Completion Bonds"*** shall mean Bonds issued pursuant to a Supplemental Indenture ranking on a parity with the Series of Bonds issued under such Supplemental Indenture, the proceeds of which are to be used to complete the Series Project.

***"Connection Fees"*** shall mean all fees and charges assessed by the District to users for the actual costs of connecting to a utility system of the District.

***"Consulting Engineer"*** shall mean the independent engineer or engineering firm or corporation employed by the District in connection with any Series Project to perform and carry out the duties of the Consulting Engineer under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture.

***"Cost"*** as applied to a Series Project or Additional Series Project, shall include the cost of acquisition and construction thereof and all obligations and expenses relating thereto including, but not limited to, those items of cost which are set forth in Section 403 hereof, to the extent such costs are consistent with the definition set forth in Section 190.003(8), Florida Statutes, and other applicable law.

***"Credit Facility" or "Liquidity Facility"*** shall mean a letter of credit, a municipal bond insurance policy, a surety bond or other similar agreement issued by a banking institution or other entity satisfactory to the District and providing for the payment of the principal of, interest on or purchase price of a Series of Bonds or any alternate or substitute Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility if then in effect.

***"Current Interest Bonds"*** shall mean Bonds of a Series the interest on which is payable at least annually.

***"Date of Completion"*** with respect to a Series Project or Additional Series Project shall mean: (a) the date upon which such Project and all components thereof have been acquired or constructed and are capable of performing the functions for which they were intended, as evidenced by a certificate of the Consulting Engineer filed with the Trustee and the District; or (b) the date on which the District determines, upon the recommendation of or in consultation with the Consulting Engineer, that it cannot complete such Project in a sound and economical manner within a reasonable period of time as evidenced by a certificate of the Consulting Engineer of the District filed with the Trustee and the District; provided that in each case such certificate of the Consulting Engineer shall set forth the amount of all Costs of such Project which has theretofore been incurred, but which on the Date of Completion is or will be unpaid or unreimbursed.

***"Debt Service"*** shall mean collectively the principal (including Amortization Installments), interest, and redemption premium, if any, payable with respect to the Bonds.

***"Debt Service Fund"*** shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

***"Delinquent Assessments"*** shall mean, collectively, any and all installments of any Assessments pledged to a Series of Bonds which are not paid when due, including any applicable grace period under State law or District proceedings.

***"Depository"*** shall mean any bank or trust company duly authorized by law to engage in the banking business and designated by the District as a depository of moneys subject to the provisions of this Master Indenture.

***"Direct Billed"*** shall mean Assessments and/or Operation and Maintenance Assessments, as applicable within the context in which such reference is made, which are billed directly by the District rather than collected on the tax bill using the Uniform Method.

***"District"*** shall mean the Starling Community Development District, a community development district established and existing pursuant to the Ordinance and the Act, or any successor thereto which succeeds to the obligations of the District hereunder.

***"DTC"*** shall mean The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, and its successors and assigns.

***"Engineer's Certificate"*** shall mean a certificate of the Consulting Engineer or of such other engineer or firm of engineers having a favorable repute for skill and experience in the engineering matters with respect to which such certification is required by this Master Indenture.

***"Event of Default"*** shall mean any of the events described in Section 902 hereof or in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a specific Series of Bonds.

***"Federal Securities"*** shall mean, to the extent permitted by law for investment as contemplated in this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, (a) Government Obligations, (b) any Tax Exempt Obligations which are fully secured as to principal and interest by an irrevocable pledge of Government Obligations, which Government Obligations are segregated in trust and pledged for the benefit of the holders of the Tax Exempt Obligations, (c) certificates of ownership of the principal or interest of Government Obligations, which Government Obligations are held in trust and (d) investment agreements at least 100% collateralized by obligations described in clauses (a), (b) or (c) above.

***"Fiscal Year"*** shall mean the fiscal year of the District in effect from time to time, which shall initially mean the period commencing on the first day of October of any year and ending on the last day of September of the following year.

***"Funds"*** shall mean all funds, except the Rebate Fund, created pursuant to Section 502 hereof.

***"Governing Body"*** shall mean the Board of Supervisors of the District.

***"Government Obligations"*** shall mean direct obligations of, or obligations the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America.

***"Indenture"*** shall mean this Master Indenture, as amended and supplemented from time to time by a Supplemental Indenture or indentures, and shall mean when used with respect to a Series of Bonds issued hereunder, this Master Indenture, as amended and supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds.

***"Insurer"*** shall mean the issuer of any municipal bond insurance policy insuring the timely payment of the principal of and interest on Bonds or any Series of Bonds.

***"Interest Payment Date"*** shall mean the dates specified in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds upon which the principal of and/or interest on Bonds of such Series shall be due and payable in each Bond Year.

***"Investment Obligations"*** shall mean and include, except as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture providing for the authorization of Bond Anticipation Notes or Bonds, any of the following securities:

(a) Government Obligations;

(b) Bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any of the following agencies or such other government-sponsored agencies which may presently exist or be hereafter created; provided that, such bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness are fully guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States of America; Bank for Cooperatives; Federal Intermediate Credit Banks; Federal Financing Bank; Federal Home Loan Bank System; Export-Import Bank of the United States; Farmers Home Administration; Small Business Administration; Inter-American Development Bank; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Federal Land Banks; the Federal National Mortgage Association; the Government National Mortgage Association; the Tennessee Valley Authority; or the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;

(c) Direct and general obligations of any state of the United States, to the payment of the principal of and interest on which the full faith and credit of such state is pledged, if at the time of their purchase such obligations are rated in either of the two highest rating categories without regard to gradations within any such categories by either S&P or Moody's;

(d) Money market deposit accounts, time deposits, and certificates of deposits issued by commercial banks, savings and loan associations or mutual savings banks whose short-term obligations are rated, at the time of purchase, in one of the two highest rating categories, without regard to gradation, by Moody's and S&P;

(e) Bank or broker repurchase agreements fully secured by securities specified in (a) or (b) above, which may include repurchase agreements with the commercial banking department of the Trustee, provided that such securities are deposited with the Trustee, with a Federal Reserve Bank or with a bank or trust company (other than the seller of such securities) having a combined capital and surplus of not less than $100,000,000;

(f) A promissory note of a bank holding company rated in either of the two highest rating categories without regard to gradations within any such categories by either S&P or Moody's;

(g) Any short term government fund or any money market fund whose assets consist of (a), (b) and (c) above;

(h) Commercial paper (having maturities of not more than 270 days) rated, at the time of purchase, in one of the two highest rating categories, without regard to gradation, by Moody's and S&P;

(i) Certificates evidencing a direct ownership interest in non-callable Government Obligations or in future interest or principal payments thereon held in a custody account by a custodian satisfactory to the Trustee;

(j) Obligations of any state of the United States of America or any political subdivision, public instrumentality or public authority of any such state which are not subject to redemption prior to the date on which the proceeds attributable to the principal of such obligations are to be used and which are fully secured by and payable solely from non-callable Government Obligations held pursuant to an escrow agreement; and

(k) The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund as described in Section 218.405, Florida Statutes, or the corresponding provisions of subsequent laws.

Under all circumstances, the Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the direction of an Authorized Officer that any investment directed by the District is permitted under the Indenture and is a suitable and legal investment for funds of the District.

***"Letter of Credit Agreement"*** shall mean any financing agreement relating to a Credit Facility for so long as such agreement will be in effect.

***"Liquidity Agreement"*** shall mean any financing agreement relating to a Liquidity Facility for so long as such agreement will be in effect.

"***Majority Owners***" shall mean the Beneficial Owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding or all of the Bonds then Outstanding, as applicable in the context within which such reference is made.

***"Master Indenture"*** shall mean this Master Trust Indenture, as amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance with the provisions hereof.

***"Maturity Amount"*** shall mean the amount due at maturity with respect to a Capital Appreciation Bond.

***"Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement"*** shall mean, at any given time of determination, the greatest amount of principal, interest and Amortization Installments coming due in any current or future Bond Year with regard to the Series of Bonds for which such calculation is made; provided, the amount of interest coming due in any Bond Year shall be

reduced to the extent moneys derived from the proceeds of Bonds are used to pay interest in such Bond Year.

***"Moody's"*** shall mean Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, its successors and assigns, and, if such corporation is dissolved or liquidated or no longer performs the functions of a securities rating agency, Moody's will be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the District by written notice to the Trustee.

***"Operation and Maintenance Assessments"*** shall mean "special assessments" described in Section 190.022(1), Florida Statutes, and "maintenance special assessments" described in Section 190.021(3), Florida Statutes, levied and collected for the maintenance of District facilities or the operations of the District.

***"Option Bonds"*** shall mean Current Interest Bonds, which may be either Serial or Term Bonds, which by their terms may be tendered by and at the option of the Owner for purchase prior to the stated maturity thereof.

***"Ordinance"*** shall mean Ordinance No. 2024-007 of the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida enacted and effective on March 26, 2024, establishing the District, as such ordinance may be supplemented or amended from time to time.

***"Outstanding"*** when used with reference to Bonds, shall mean, as of a particular date, all Bonds theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Master Indenture, except:

(a) Bonds theretofore canceled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;

(b) Bonds (or portions of Bonds) for the payment or redemption of which moneys, equal to the principal amount or Redemption Price thereof, as the case may be, with interest to the date of maturity or redemption date, shall be held in trust under this Master Indenture or Supplemental Indenture with respect to Bonds of any Series and set aside for such payment or redemption (whether at or prior to the maturity or redemption date), provided that if such Bonds (or portions of Bonds) are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption shall have been given or provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been made for the giving of such notice as provided in Article III hereof or in the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Bonds of any Series;

(c) Bonds in lieu of or in substitution for which other Bonds shall have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture with respect to Bonds of a Series unless proof satisfactory to the Trustee is presented that any such Bonds are held by a bona fide purchaser in due course; and

(d) Bonds paid or deemed to have been paid as provided in this Master Indenture or in a Supplemental Indenture with respect to Bonds of a Series, including Bonds with respect to which payment or provision for payment has been made in accordance with Article XII hereof.

In addition, Bonds actually known by the Trustee to be held by or for the District will not be deemed to be Outstanding for the purposes and within the purview of Article IX and Article XI of this Master Indenture.

***"Owner"*** or ***"Owners"*** shall mean the registered owners from time to time of Bonds.

***"Paying Agent"*** shall mean the bank or trust company designated by Supplemental Indenture with respect to a Series of Bonds as the place where Debt Service shall be payable with respect to such Series of Bonds and which accepts the duties of Paying Agent under this Master Indenture and under such Supplemental Indenture.

***"Pledged Funds"*** shall mean all of the Series Pledged Funds.

***"Pledged Revenues"*** shall mean all of the Series Pledged Revenues.

***"Prepayments"*** shall mean the principal amount of any Assessments, or portions thereof, which shall be paid to the District prior to the time such amounts become due. Prepayments shall not include any interest paid on such Assessments.

***"Property Appraiser"*** shall mean the Property Appraiser of Charlotte County, Florida, or the person succeeding to such officer's principal functions.

***"Rebate Amount"*** shall mean the amount, if any, required to be rebated to the United States pursuant to Section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations and rulings thereunder.

***"Rebate Analyst"*** shall mean the person or firm selected by the District to calculate the Rebate Amount, which person or firm shall have recognized expertise in the calculation of the Rebate Amount.

***"Rebate Fund"*** shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

***"Record Date"*** shall mean the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding any Debt Service payment date or, in the case of any proposed redemption of Bonds, the fifth (5th) day next preceding the date of mailing of notice of such redemption, or if either of the foregoing days is not a Business Day, then the Business Day immediately preceding such day.

***"Redemption Price"*** shall mean the principal of, premium, if any, and interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption of any Bond called for redemption pursuant to the provisions thereof, hereof and of the Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which such Bond is issued.

***"Refunding Bonds"*** shall mean Bonds issued pursuant to provisions of this Master Indenture, the proceeds of which are used to refund one or more Series of Bonds then Outstanding.

**"*Reserve Fund*"** shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

**"*Revenue Fund*"** shall mean the fund so designated in, and created pursuant to, Section 502 hereof.

**"*S&P*"** shall mean S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, its successors and its assigns, and, if such entity is dissolved or liquidated or no longer performs the functions of a securities rating agency, S&P will be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the District by written notice to the Trustee.

**"*Secretary*"** shall mean the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary to the Governing Body, or his or her designee, or the person succeeding to his or her principal functions.

**"*Serial Bonds*"** shall mean Bonds (other than Term Bonds) that mature in annual or semi-annual installments.

**"*Series*"** shall mean all of the Bonds authenticated and delivered on original issuance of a stipulated aggregate principal amount in a simultaneous transaction under and pursuant to the same Supplemental Indenture and any Bonds thereafter authenticated and delivered in lieu of or in substitution therefor pursuant to this Master Indenture and such Supplemental Indenture regardless of variations in maturity, interest rate or other provisions; provided, however, two or more Series of Bonds may be issued simultaneously under the same Supplemental Indenture if designated as separate Series of Bonds by the District upon original issuance.

**"*Series Acquisition and Construction Account*"** shall mean the account within the Acquisition and Construction Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

**"*Series Capitalized Interest Account*"** shall mean the account within the Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

**"*Series Costs of Issuance Account*"** shall mean the account within the Acquisition and Construction Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

**"*Series Debt Service Account*"** shall mean the account within the Debt Service Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

**"*Series Interest Account*"** shall mean the account within a Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"***Series Pledged Funds***" shall mean all amounts on deposit from time to time in the Funds and Accounts and designated in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds as pledged to the payment of such Series of Bonds; provided, however, such term shall not include any amounts on deposit in a Series Rebate Account in the Rebate Fund.

"***Series Pledged Revenues***" shall mean the revenues designated as such by Supplemental Indenture and which shall constitute the security for and source of payment of a Series of Bonds and may consist of Assessments, Connection Fees, Operation and Maintenance Assessments, or other user fees or other non-ad valorem revenues or combinations thereof imposed or levied by the District in accordance with the Act.

"***Series Prepayment Subaccount***" shall mean the subaccount within a Series Redemption Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"***Series Principal Account***" shall mean the account within a Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"***Series Project***" or "***Series Projects***" shall mean the acquisition, construction, equipping and/or improvement of capital projects to be located within or without the District for the benefit of the District to be financed with all or a part of the proceeds of a Series of Bonds as shall be described in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing such Series of Bonds.

"***Series Rebate Account***" shall mean the account within the Rebate Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"***Series Redemption Account***" shall mean the account within a Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"***Series Reserve Account***" shall mean the Series Reserve Account for the Series of Bonds, if any, established in the Reserve Fund by a Supplemental Indenture in an amount equal to the Series Reserve Account Requirement for such Series of Bonds.

"***Series Reserve Account Requirement***" shall mean the amount of money or other security which may be in the form of a reserve fund insurance policy or other security as may be required by the terms of a Supplemental Indenture to be deposited in or credited to a Series Reserve Account for a Series of Bonds; provided, however, that unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, as of any date of calculation for a particular Series Reserve Account, the "Series Reserve Account Requirement" shall be an amount equal to the least of (a) the Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement for all Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, (b) 125% of the average annual debt service for all Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, or (c) the aggregate of 10% of the proceeds of the Bonds of such Series calculated as of the date of original issuance thereof. In computing the Series Reserve Account Requirement

in respect of any Series of Bonds that constitute Variable Rate Bonds, the interest rate on such Bonds shall be assumed to be the greater of (i) 110% of the daily average interest rate on such Variable Rate Bonds during the 12 months ending with the month preceding the date of calculation, or such shorter period of time that such Series of Bonds shall have been Outstanding, or (ii) the actual rate of interest borne by such Variable Rate Bonds on such date of calculation; provided, in no event shall the Series Reserve Account Requirement as adjusted on such date of calculation exceed the lesser of the amounts specified in the immediately preceding sentence. In computing the Series Reserve Account Requirement in accordance with clause (c) of this definition in respect of any Capital Appreciation Bonds, the principal amount of such Bonds shall be the original principal amount thereof, not the Accreted Value. A Supplemental Indenture may provide that the Series Reserve Account Requirement for a Series is zero.

"***Series Revenue Account***" shall mean the account within the Revenue Fund with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"***Series Sinking Fund Account***" shall mean the account within a Series Debt Service Account with respect to a Series of Bonds so designated in, and created pursuant to, a Supplemental Indenture.

"***Series Trust Estate***" shall mean the Trust Estate for a Series of Bonds established by Supplemental Indenture for such Series of Bonds.

"***State***" shall mean the State of Florida.

"***Supplemental Indenture***" shall mean an indenture supplemental hereto authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds hereunder and establishing the terms thereof and the security therefor and shall also mean any indenture supplementary hereto entered into for the purpose of amending the terms and provisions hereof with respect to all Bonds in accordance with Article XI hereof.

"***Taxable Bonds***" shall mean Bonds of a Series which are not Tax Exempt Bonds.

"***Tax Certificate***" shall mean the certificate of the District delivered at the time of issuance of Tax Exempt Bonds setting forth the expectations of the District with respect to the use of the proceeds of such Tax Exempt Bonds, including the Tax Regulatory Covenants.

"***Tax Collector***" shall mean the Tax Collector of Charlotte County, Florida, or the person succeeding to such officer's principal functions.

"***Tax Exempt Bonds***" shall mean Bonds of a Series the interest on which, in the opinion of Bond Counsel on the date of original issuance thereof, is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

"***Tax Exempt Obligations***" shall mean any bond, note or other obligation issued by any person, the interest on which is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

***"Tax Regulatory Covenants"*** shall mean the tax covenants of the District contained in the Tax Certificate prepared by Bond Counsel, executed by the District and contained in the closing transcript relating to a Series of Tax Exempt Bonds, setting forth the covenants of the District necessary for the preservation of the excludability of interest thereon from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as such covenants shall be amended from time to time upon written instructions from Bond Counsel.

***"Term Bonds"*** shall mean Bonds that mature on one date and that are subject to mandatory redemption from Amortization Installments or are subject to extraordinary mandatory or mandatory redemption upon receipt of unscheduled Pledged Revenues.

***"Time Deposits"*** shall mean time deposits, certificates of deposit or similar arrangements with any bank or trust company, including the Trustee or an affiliate thereof, which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and any federal or State savings and loan association which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successors and which are secured or insured in the manner required by State law.

***"Trust Estate"*** shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the granting clauses hereof, including, but not limited to, the Pledged Revenues and Pledged Funds.

***"Trustee"*** shall mean U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association with its designated office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and any successor trustee appointed or serving pursuant to Article VI hereof.

***"Uniform Method"*** shall mean the uniform method for the levy, collection and enforcement of Assessments afforded by Sections 197.3631, 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, or any successor statutes.

***"Variable Rate Bonds"*** shall mean Current Interest Bonds, which may be either Serial Bonds or Term Bonds, issued with a variable, adjustable, convertible or other similar interest rate which is not fixed in percentage for the entire term thereof at the date of issue, which Bonds may also be Option Bonds.

***"Vice Chair"*** shall mean the Vice Chair of the Governing Body of the District or his or her designee or the person succeeding to his or her principal functions.

**Section 102. Rules of Construction.** Words of the masculine gender shall be deemed and construed to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders. Unless the context shall otherwise indicate, the words "Bond," "Owner," "person," "Paying Agent," and "Bond Registrar" shall include the plural as well as the singular number and the word "person shall mean any individual, corporation partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof. All references to Florida Statutes or other provisions of State law shall be deemed to include any and all amendments thereto.

## ARTICLE II
## FORM, EXECUTION, DELIVERY AND DESIGNATION OF BONDS

**Section 201. Issuance of Bonds.** For the purpose of providing funds for paying all or part of the Cost of a Series Project, Bonds of a Series, without limitation as to aggregate principal amount, may be issued under this Master Indenture subject to the conditions hereinafter provided in Section 207 of this Article. Debt Service on each Series of Bonds shall be payable solely from the Pledged Revenues and Pledged Funds pledged to such Series of Bonds in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds and, as may be provided in such Supplemental Indenture, all of the provisions of this Master Indenture shall be for the benefit and security of the present and future Owners of such Series of Bonds so issued, without preference, priority or distinction, as to lien or otherwise, of any one Bond of such Series over any other Bond of such Series. The District may also issue from time to time, Additional Bonds, Completion Bonds and Refunding Bonds of a Series under and pursuant to the terms of the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

**Section 202. Details of Bonds.** Bonds of a Series shall be in such denominations, numbered consecutively, shall bear interest from their date until their payment at rates not exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law, shall be dated, shall be stated to mature in such year or years in accordance with the Act, and shall be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturities, subject to the limitations hereinafter provided, as provided for in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds. Bonds of a Series may be Current Interest Bonds, Variable Rate Bonds, Capital Appreciation Bonds, Option Bonds or any combination thereof and may be secured by a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility, all as shall be provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds. Bonds of a Series (or a part of a Series) may be in book-entry form at the option of the District as shall be provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

Debt Service shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, at the date of payment thereof, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. Interest shall be paid to the registered Owner of Bonds at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest; provided, however, that on or after the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default under clause (a) of Section 902 hereof, the payment of interest and principal or Redemption Price or Amortization Installments pursuant hereto shall be made by the Paying Agent to such person who, on a special record date which is fixed by the Trustee, which shall be not more than fifteen (15) and not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such proposed payment, appears on the registration books of the Bond Registrar as the registered Owner of a Bond. Any payment of principal, Maturity Amount or Redemption Price shall be made only upon presentation of the Bond at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; provided, however, that presentation shall not be required if the Bonds are in book-entry only form. Payment of interest shall be made by check or draft (or by wire transfer to the registered Owner if such Owner requests such method of payment by delivery of written notice to the Paying Agent prior to the Record Date for the respective interest payment to such account as shall be specified in such request, but only if the registered Owner owns not less than

$1,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, or, if less than such amount, all of the Bonds then Outstanding). Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds, interest on a Series of Bonds will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

**Section 203. Execution and Form of Bonds.** The Bonds shall be signed by, or bear the facsimile signature of, the Chair, shall be attested and countersigned by the Secretary, and the certificate of authentication appearing on the face of the Bonds shall be signed by, or bear the facsimile signature of, the Trustee; provided, however, that each Bond shall be manually signed by either the Chair, the Secretary or the Trustee. The official seal of the District shall be imprinted or impressed on each Bond. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond, such signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid for all purposes the same as if he or she had remained in office until such delivery. Any Bond may bear the facsimile signature of, or may be signed by, such persons as at the actual time of the execution of such Bond shall be proper officers to execute such Bond although at the date of such Bond such persons may not have been such officers. The Bonds, and the provisions for registration and transfer to be endorsed on such Bonds, shall be substantially in the form set forth in a Supplemental Indenture. The Trustee may appoint one or more authenticating agents.

**Section 204. Negotiability, Registration and Transfer of Bonds.** The District shall cause books for the registration and for the transfer of the Bonds as provided in this Master Indenture to be kept by the Bond Registrar. All Bonds shall be registered as to both principal and interest. Any Bond may be transferred only upon an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, such transfer to be made on such books and endorsed on the Bond by the Bond Registrar. No charge shall be made to any Owner for registration and transfer as hereinabove provided, but any Owner requesting any such registration or transfer shall pay any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect thereto. The Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer any Bond during the period between the Record Date and the Interest Payment Date next succeeding the Record Date of such Bond, during the period between the Record Date for the mailing of a notice of redemption and the date of such mailing, nor after such Bond has been selected for redemption. The Bonds shall be and have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the laws of the State, and each successive Owner, in accepting any of the Bonds, shall be conclusively deemed to have agreed that such Bonds shall be and have all of the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the laws of the State.

**Section 205. Ownership of Bonds.** The person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed the absolute Owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of Debt Service shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered Owner thereof or his attorney or legal representative as herein provided. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. The Trustee, the District, the Bond Registrar and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered

owner of any Bond as the absolute Owner of such Bond, whether such Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment thereof and for all other purposes whatsoever, and neither the Trustee, the District, the Bond Registrar nor the Paying Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

**Section 206. Special Obligations.** Each Series of Bonds shall be a special and direct obligation of the District. Neither the Bonds nor the interest and premium, if any, payable thereon shall constitute a general obligation or general indebtedness of the District within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the State. The Bonds and the interest and premium, if any, payable thereon do not constitute either a pledge of the full faith and credit of the District or a lien upon any property of the District other than as provided herein or in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds. No Owner or any other person shall ever have the right to compel the exercise of any ad valorem taxing power of the District or any other public authority or governmental body to pay Debt Service or to pay any other amounts required to be paid pursuant to this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture, or the Bonds. Rather, Debt Service and any other amounts required to be paid pursuant to this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture, or the Bonds, shall be payable solely from, and shall be secured solely by, the Series Pledged Revenues and the Series Pledged Funds pledged to such Series of Bonds, all as provided herein and in such Supplemental Indenture.

**Section 207. Authorization of Bonds.**

(a) There shall be issued from time to time in Series, under and secured by this Master Indenture, Bonds without limitation as to aggregate principal amount for the purposes of: (i) paying all or part of the Cost (as provided in Section 403 hereof) of a Series Project or Series Projects or refunding a Series of Bonds or any portion thereof then Outstanding; (ii) depositing the Series Reserve Account Requirement to the Series Reserve Account for such Series of Bonds; (iii) paying the costs and expenses of issuing such Series of Bonds; and (iv) undertaking other acts permitted by the Act.

(b) Each Series of Bonds, upon initial issuance thereof, shall be executed by the District for delivery to the Trustee and thereupon shall be authenticated by the Trustee and delivered to the District or upon its order, but only upon the further receipt by the Trustee of the following:

(i) an executed and attested original or certified copy of this Master Indenture;

(ii) an executed and attested original or certified copy of the Supplemental Indenture fixing the amount of and security for the Series of Bonds authorized to be issued thereby and establishing, among other things, the dates on which, and the amounts in which, such Series of Bonds will mature (provided that the final maturity date of such Series of Bonds shall be not later than permitted by the Act with respect to such Series of Bonds), designating the Paying Agent and Bond Registrar, fixing the Amortization Installments, if any, for the Term Bonds of such Series, awarding the Series of Bonds, specifying the interest rates or the method for calculating such interest rates with respect

to such Series of Bonds, specifying the redemption provisions and prices thereupon, specifying other details of such Series of Bonds, and directing the delivery of such Series of Bonds to or upon the order of the initial purchaser thereof upon payment of the purchase price therefor set forth in such Supplemental Indenture;

(iii) an opinion of counsel for the District substantially to the effect that the signer is of the opinion that this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds have been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the terms hereof and of the Act, and have been duly approved and adopted, that the issuance of such Series of Bonds has been duly authorized, and that this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Trustee) constitute binding obligations of the District, enforceable against the District in accordance with their terms except as enforcement thereof may be affected by bankruptcy and other similar laws relating to creditor's rights generally and subject to equitable principles, whether in a proceeding at law or in equity and that the Assessments are legal, valid, and binding liens upon the property against which the Assessments are made, coequal with the lien of all State, County and municipal ad valorem taxes and superior in priority to all other liens, titles and claims against said property then existing or thereafter created, until paid; and

(iv) an opinion of Bond Counsel for the District substantially to the effect that the signer is of the opinion that the Bonds of such Series are valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the District and, if such Series of Bonds are Tax Exempt Bonds, that interest thereon is excludable from gross income of the Owners under the income tax laws of the United States in effect on the date such Series of Bonds are delivered to the initial purchasers.

Execution of a Series of Bonds by the District shall be conclusive evidence of satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in this Section 207(b) as to the District and payment to the Trustee of the initial purchase price for a Series of Bonds shall be conclusive evidence of satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in this Section 207(b) as to the underwriter of such Series of Bonds.

The Trustee shall be provided with reliance letters with respect to the opinions required in paragraphs (iii) and (iv) above. When the documents mentioned in subsections (i) through (iv) above shall have been received, and when the Bonds of such Series shall have been executed and authenticated as required by this Master Indenture, such Series of Bonds shall be delivered to, or upon the order of, the District, but only upon payment to the Trustee of the purchase price of such Series of Bonds, together with accrued interest, if any, thereon as set forth in a certificate of delivery and payment executed by the Chair or Vice Chair of the District.

(c) The proceeds (including accrued interest and any premium) of each Series of Bonds shall be applied as soon as practicable upon delivery thereof to the Trustee as provided by Supplemental Indenture for such Series of Bonds.

**Section 208. Mutilated, Destroyed or Lost Bonds.** If any Bonds become mutilated, destroyed or lost, the District may cause to be executed and delivered a new Bond in substitution therefor upon the cancellation of such mutilated Bond or in lieu of and in substitution for such Bond destroyed or lost, and upon payment by the Owner of the reasonable expenses and charges of the District and the Trustee in connection therewith and, in the case of a Bond destroyed or lost, upon the Owner filing with the Trustee evidence satisfactory to it that such Bond was destroyed or lost and of his or her ownership thereof, and upon furnishing the District and the Trustee with indemnity satisfactory to them.

**Section 209. Parity Obligations Under Credit Agreements.** As may be provided for or required in any Supplemental Indenture, the District may incur financial obligations under a Letter of Credit Agreement or a Liquidity Agreement payable on parity with respect to the lien on the Trust Estate pledged to a Series of Bonds issued under this Master Indenture and a Supplemental Indenture, without meeting any financial test or requirement set forth in this Master Indenture or the corresponding Supplemental Indenture, but only if the Letter of Credit Agreement or Liquidity Agreement supports a related Series of Bonds then being issued which does meet such tests or requirements.

**Section 210. Bond Anticipation Notes.** Whenever the District shall authorize the issuance of a Series of Bonds, the District may by resolution authorize the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the sale of such authorized Series of Bonds in a principal amount not exceeding the principal amount of such Series. The aggregate principal amount of Bonds of such Series and all other Bonds previously authenticated and delivered to pay the Cost of the Series Project or Series Projects for which the proceeds of the Bond Anticipation Notes will be applied shall not exceed such Cost. The interest on such Bond Anticipation Notes may be payable out of the related Series Interest Account to the extent provided in the resolution of the District authorizing such Bond Anticipation Notes. The principal of and interest on such Bond Anticipation Notes and renewals thereof shall be payable from any moneys of the District available therefor or from the proceeds of the sale of the Series of Bonds in anticipation of which such Bond Anticipation Notes are issued. The proceeds of sale of Bond Anticipation Notes shall be applied to the purposes for which the Bonds anticipated by such Bond Anticipation Notes are authorized and shall be deposited in the appropriate Fund or Account established by the Indenture for such purposes; provided, however, that the resolution or resolutions authorizing such Bond Anticipation Notes may provide for the payment of interest on such Bond Anticipation Notes from the proceeds of sale of such Bond Anticipation Notes and for the deposit, in the related Series Capitalized Interest Account. In the event that the District adopts a resolution authorizing the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes, the District will promptly furnish to the Trustee a copy of such resolution, certified by an Authorized Officer, together with such information with respect to such Bond Anticipation Notes as the Trustee may reasonably request, including, without limitation, information as to the paying agent or agents for such Bond Anticipation Notes. The Trustee shall have no duties or obligations to the holders of such Bond Anticipation Notes unless specifically so authorized by the resolution of the District authorizing the issuance of such Bond Anticipation Notes and unless the Trustee accepts in writing such duties and obligations.

**Section 211. Tax Status of Bonds.** Any Series of Bonds issued under this Master Indenture may be issued either as Tax Exempt Bonds or Taxable Bonds. The intended tax status of any Series of Bonds to be issued may be referenced in any Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds.

## ARTICLE III
## REDEMPTION OF BONDS

**Section 301. Redemption Generally.** The Bonds of any Series shall be subject to redemption, either in whole on any date or in part on any Interest Payment Date, and at such times, in the manner and at such prices, as may be provided by the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds. The District shall provide written notice to the Trustee of any optional redemption on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding the date to be fixed for such optional redemption. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Indenture, notice of optional redemption may be conditioned upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of such event or events or upon the later deposit of moneys therefor as shall be specified in such notice of optional redemption and may also be subject to rescission by the District if expressly set forth in such notice.

Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, if less than all of the Bonds of a Series shall be called for redemption, the particular Bonds of such Series to be redeemed shall be selected by lot in such reasonable manner as the Bond Registrar in its discretion may determine. The portion of any Series of Bonds to be redeemed shall be in an Authorized Denomination and, in selecting the Bonds of such Series to be redeemed, the Bond Registrar shall treat each such Bond as representing that number of Bonds of such Series which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by an Authorized Denomination (such amount being hereinafter referred to as the "unit of principal amount").

If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the units of principal amount represented by any such Bond is to be called for redemption, then upon notice of intention to redeem such unit or units of principal amount as provided below, the registered Owner of such Bond, upon surrender of such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment to such registered Owner of the Redemption Price of the unit or units of principal amount called for redemption, shall be entitled to receive a new Bond or Bonds of such Series in the aggregate principal amount of the unredeemed balance of the principal amount of such Bond. New Bonds of such Series representing the unredeemed balance of the principal amount shall be issued to the Owner thereof without any charge therefor. If the Owner of any Bond of a denomination greater than the unit of principal amount to be redeemed shall fail to present such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment in exchange as aforesaid, such Bond shall, nevertheless, become due and payable on the date fixed for redemption to the extent of the unit or units of principal amount called for redemption.

Subject to the provisions of Section 506(b) hereof, the District may purchase a Bond or Bonds of a Series in the open market at a price no higher than the highest Redemption Price

(including premium) for the Bond to be so purchased with any funds legally available therefor and any such Bonds so purchased shall be credited to the amounts otherwise required to be deposited for the payment of Bonds of such Series as provided in Section 506(b) hereof or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series.

**Section 302. Notice of Redemption; Procedure for Selection.** The District shall establish each redemption date, other than in the case of a mandatory redemption, in which case the Trustee shall establish the redemption date, and the District or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall notify the Bond Registrar in writing of such redemption date on or before the forty-fifth (45th) day next preceding the date fixed for redemption, which notice shall set forth the terms of the redemption and the aggregate principal amount of Bonds so to be redeemed. Except as provided below, notice of redemption shall be given by the Bond Registrar not less than thirty (30) nor more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to any Paying Agent for the Bonds to be redeemed and to the registered Owner of each Bond to be redeemed, at the address of such registered Owner on the registration books maintained by the Bond Registrar (and, for any Owner of $1,000,000 or more in principal amount of Bonds, to one additional address if written request therefor is provided to the Bond Registrar prior to the Record Date); and a second notice of redemption shall be sent by registered or certified mail at such address to any Owner who has not submitted his Bond to the Paying Agent for payment on or before the date sixty (60) days following the date fixed for redemption of such Bond, in each case stating: (a) the numbers of the Bonds to be redeemed, by giving the individual certificate number of each Bond to be redeemed (or stating that all Bonds between two stated certificate numbers, both inclusive, are to be redeemed or that all of the Bonds of one or more maturities have been called for redemption); (b) the CUSIP numbers of all Bonds being redeemed; (c) in the case of a partial redemption of Bonds, the principal amount of each Bond being redeemed; (d) the date of issue of each Bond as originally issued and the complete official name of the Bonds including the Series designation; (e) the rate or rates of interest borne by each Bond being redeemed; (f) the maturity date of each Bond being redeemed; (g) the place or places where amounts due upon such redemption will be payable; (h) any condition or conditions to be met prior to the redemption of the Bonds being redeemed; and (i) the notice date, redemption date, and Redemption Price. The notice shall require that such Bonds be surrendered at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent for redemption at the Redemption Price and shall state that further interest on such Bonds will not accrue from and after the redemption date; provided, however, that such presentation shall not be required while such Bonds are held in a book-entry only format. CUSIP number identification with appropriate dollar amounts for each CUSIP number also shall accompany all redemption payments.

Notice of optional redemption may be conditioned upon the occurrence or non-occurrence of such event or events or upon the later deposit of moneys therefor as shall be specified in such notice of optional redemption and may also be subject to rescission by the District if expressly set forth in such notice.

Failure to give notice by mailing to the Owner of any Bond designated for redemption or to any depository or information service shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Bond.

**Section 303. Effect of Calling for Redemption.** On the date designated for redemption of any Bonds, notice having been filed and mailed in the manner provided above, the Bonds called for redemption shall be due and payable at the Redemption Price provided for the redemption of such Bonds on such date and, moneys for payment of the Redemption Price being held in a separate account by the Paying Agent in trust for the Owners of the Bonds to be redeemed, interest on the Bonds called for redemption shall cease to be entitled to any benefit under this Master Indenture, and the Owners of such Bonds shall have no rights in respect thereof, except to receive payment of the Redemption Price thereof, and interest, if any, accrued thereon to the redemption date, and such Bonds shall no longer be deemed to be Outstanding.

**Section 304. Cancellation.** Bonds called for redemption shall be canceled upon the surrender thereof.

## ARTICLE IV
## ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION FUND

**Section 401. Acquisition and Construction Fund.** There is created and established by Section 502 hereof a fund designated as the "Acquisition and Construction Fund" which shall be held by the Trustee and there shall be deposited to the credit of the Series Acquisition and Construction Accounts the amounts specified in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds.

**Section 402. Payments from Acquisition and Construction Fund.** Payments of the Cost of constructing and acquiring a Series Project shall be made from the Acquisition and Construction Fund as herein provided. All such payments shall be subject to the provisions and restrictions set forth in this Article and in Article V hereof, and the District covenants that it will not request any sums to be paid from the Acquisition and Construction Fund except in accordance with such provisions and restrictions. Moneys in the Acquisition and Construction Fund shall be disbursed by check, voucher, order, draft, certificate or warrant signed by any one or more officers or employees of the Trustee legally authorized to sign such items or by wire transfer to an account specified by the payee upon satisfaction of the conditions for disbursement set forth in Section 503(b) hereof.

**Section 403. Cost of a Series Project.** For the purposes of this Master Indenture, the Cost of a Series Project shall include, without intending thereby to limit or to restrict or expand any proper definition of such cost under the Act, other applicable provisions of State law, or this Master Indenture, the following:

(a) *Expenses of Bond Issuance*. All expenses and fees relating to the issuance of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, initial Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility fees and costs, attorneys' fees, underwriting fees and discounts, the Trustee's acceptance fees, costs, and

Trustee's counsel fees and costs, rating agency fees, fees of financial advisors, engineer's fees and costs, administrative expenses of the District, the costs of preparing audits and engineering reports, the costs of preparing reports, surveys, and studies, and the costs of printing the Bonds and preliminary and final disclosure documents.

(b) *Accrued and Capitalized Interest*. Any interest accruing on the Bonds from their date through the first Interest Payment Date received from the proceeds of the Bonds (to be deposited into the related Series Interest Account) and Capitalized Interest (to be deposited into the related Series Interest Account or Series Capitalized Interest Account) as may be authorized or provided for by a Supplemental Indenture related to a Series of Bonds. Notwithstanding the deposit of Capitalized Interest into the related Series Capitalized Interest Account or Series Interest Account, Capitalized Interest shall also include any amount directed by the District to the Trustee in writing to be withdrawn from the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account and deposited into such Series Capitalized Interest Account or Series Interest Account, provided that such direction includes a certification that such amount represents earnings on amounts on deposit in the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account and that, after such deposit, the amount on deposit in such Series Acquisition and Construction Account, together with earnings thereon will be sufficient to complete the related Series Project which is to be funded from such Series Acquisition and Construction Account.

(c) *Acquisition Expenses*. The costs of acquiring, by purchase or condemnation, all of the land, structures, improvements, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, plans and specifications and similar items and other interests in property, whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, which themselves constitute a Series Project or which are necessary or convenient to acquire, install and construct a Series Project and payments, contributions, dedications, taxes, assessments or permit fees or costs and any other exactions required as a condition to receive any government approval or permit necessary to accomplish any District purpose.

(d) *Construction Expense*. All costs incurred including interest charges, for labor and materials, including equipment, machinery and fixtures, by contractors, builders, and materialmen in connection with the acquisition, installation and construction of a Series Project, and including without limitation costs incident to the award of contracts.

(e) Other Professional Fees and Miscellaneous Expenses.

(i) All legal, architectural, engineering survey, and consulting fees, as well as all financing charges, taxes, insurance premiums, and miscellaneous expenses, not specifically referred to in this Master Indenture that are incurred in connection with the acquisition and construction of a Series Project.

(ii) Expenses of determining the feasibility or practicality of acquisition, construction, installation, or reconstruction of a Series Project.

(iii) Costs of surveys, estimates, plans and specifications.

(iv) Costs of improvements.

(v) Financing charges.

(vi) Creation of initial reserve and debt service funds.

(vii) Working capital.

(viii) Amounts to repay Bond Anticipation Notes or loans made to finance any costs permitted under the Act.

(ix) Costs incurred to enforce remedies against contractors, subcontractors, any provider of labor, material, services or any other person for a default or breach under the corresponding contract, or in connection with any dispute.

(x) Premiums for contract bonds and insurance during construction and costs on account of personal injuries and property damage in the course of construction and insurance against the same.

(xi) Expenses of management and supervision of a Series Project.

(xii) Costs of effecting compliance with any and all governmental permits relating to a Series Project.

(xiii) Any other "cost" or expense as provided by the Act.

(f) *Refinancing Costs*. All costs described in (a) through (e) above or otherwise permitted by the Act associated with refinancing or repaying any loan or other debt obligation of the District.

**Section 404. Disposition of Balances in Acquisition and Construction Fund.** On the Date of Completion of a Series Project, the balance in the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account not reserved for the payment of any remaining part of the Cost of the Series Project shall be transferred by the Trustee to the credit of the Series Redemption Account or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture, and used for the purposes set forth for such Account in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds.

## ARTICLE V
## ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS AND APPLICATION THEREOF

**Section 501. Lien.** There is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the Bonds of each Series issued hereunder, subject only to the provisions of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture permitting the application thereof for the purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth in this Master Indenture and any such Supplemental Indenture with respect to each Series of Bonds, the Trust Estate; provided, however, that unless otherwise specifically provided herein or in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds with respect to the

Series Trust Estate securing such Series of Bonds, the Pledged Funds and Pledged Revenues securing a Series of Bonds shall secure only such Series of Bonds and shall not secure any other Bonds or Series of Bonds.

The foregoing pledge shall be valid and binding from and after the date of initial delivery of the Bonds and the proceeds of sale of the Bonds and all the moneys, securities and funds set forth in this Section 501 shall immediately be subject to the lien of the foregoing pledge, which lien is hereby created, without any physical delivery thereof or further act. Such lien shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the District or the Trustee, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. Such lien shall be prior and superior to all other liens now existing or hereafter created.

**Section 502. Establishment of Funds.** The following funds are hereby established and shall be held by the Trustee:

(a) Acquisition and Construction Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds a separate Series Acquisition and Construction Account and a separate Series Costs of Issuance Account for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder;

(b) Revenue Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds a separate Series Revenue Account for each Series of Bonds issued hereunder;

(c) Debt Service Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds a separate Series Debt Service Account and within such Series Debt Service Account,

(i) a Series Interest Account,

(ii) a Series Principal Account,

(iii) a Series Sinking Fund Account,

(iv) a Series Redemption Account and therein a Series Prepayment Subaccount and a Series Optional Redemption Subaccount, and

(v) a Series Capitalized Interest Account

for each such Series of Bonds issued hereunder;

(d) Reserve Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds a separate Series Reserve Account for each such Series of Bonds issued hereunder and any Bonds issued on a parity with any such Series of Bonds hereunder; and

(e) Rebate Fund, and within such Fund there may be established by Supplemental Indenture authorizing a Series of Bonds a separate Series Rebate Account for each such Series of Tax Exempt Bonds issued hereunder.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Supplemental Indenture authorizing any Series of Bonds may establish such other Accounts or dispense with the Accounts set forth above as shall be deemed advisable by the District in connection with such Series of Bonds.

**Section 503. Acquisition and Construction Fund.**

(a) *Deposits*. The District shall pay to the Trustee, for deposit into the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account in the Acquisition and Construction Fund, as promptly as practicable, the following amounts received by it:

(i) the amounts set forth in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds;

(ii) subject to Section 806 hereof, payments made to the District from the sale, lease or other disposition of the Series Project or any portion thereof;

(iii) the balance of insurance proceeds with respect to the loss or destruction of the Series Project or any portion thereof; and

(iv) amounts received by the District from a governmental entity pursuant to an interlocal agreement or other similar agreement between the District and such governmental entity providing for the payment by such governmental entity of a portion of the Costs of a Series Project when such costs were initially paid from the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account in the Acquisition and Construction Fund, or as otherwise required to preserve the tax-exempt status of a Series of Bonds.

Amounts in such Series Acquisition and Construction Account shall be applied to the Cost of the Series Project; provided, however, that if any amounts remain in such Series Acquisition and Construction Account after the Date of Completion, and if such amounts are not reserved for payment of any remaining part of the Cost of the Series Project, such amounts shall be applied in the manner set forth in Section 404 above.

(b) *Disbursements*. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of such Series of Bonds, payments from a Series Acquisition and Construction Account shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of this subsection (b). Before any such payment shall be made, the District shall file with the Trustee a requisition substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, signed by an Authorized Officer.

Upon receipt of each such requisition and accompanying certificate the Trustee shall promptly withdraw from the Series Acquisition and Construction Account and pay to the person, firm or corporation named in such requisition the amount designated in such requisition. The

Trustee shall have no duty to investigate the accuracy or validity of the items delivered pursuant to this Section 503(b) or to determine that the requisition is for payment of a Cost for which payment is permitted hereunder.

(c) *Inspection*. All requisitions and certificates received by the Trustee pursuant to this Article shall be retained in the possession of the Trustee, subject at all reasonable times to the inspection of the District during the normal business hours of the Trustee, the Consulting Engineer, the Owner of any Bonds of the related Series, and the agents and representatives thereof.

(d) *Completion of Series Project*. On the Date of Completion of a Series Project, the balance in the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account not reserved by the District for the payment of any remaining part of the Cost of the Series Project shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 404 hereof. The Trustee shall have no duty to determine whether the Date of Completion has occurred and the Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge that the Date of Completion has occurred until the Trustee has received the certificate of the Consulting Engineer establishing such Date of Completion as specified in the definition of Date of Completion in Section 101 hereof.

**Section 504. Revenue Fund.** The District hereby covenants and agrees that it will assess, impose, establish and collect the Pledged Revenues with respect to each Series of Bonds in amounts and at times sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Series of Bonds. The District hereby covenants and agrees to immediately deposit upon receipt of all such Pledged Revenues (except Prepayments), when received, into the related Series Revenue Account and to immediately deposit all Prepayments, when received, into the related Series Redemption Account, unless otherwise provided for in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds. The Trustee may assume that any payments made by the District are not Prepayments and are to be deposited into the applicable Series Revenue Account absent written notification to the contrary to the Trustee at the time such funds are deposited with the Trustee.

**Section 505. Debt Service Fund.**

(a) *Principal, Maturity Amount, Interest and Amortization Installments*. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, on the Business Day preceding each Interest Payment Date on the Bonds, the Trustee shall withdraw from the Series Revenue Account and, from the amount so withdrawn, shall make the following deposits in the following order of priority:

(i) to the related Series Interest Account, an amount which, together with other amounts, if any, then on deposit therein will equal the amount of interest payable on such Series of Bonds on such Interest Payment Date;

(ii) to the related Series Principal Account, an amount which, together with other amounts, if any, then on deposit therein, will equal the principal amount, if any,

payable with respect to Serial Bonds of such Series of Bonds on such Interest Payment Date;

(iii) in each Bond Year in which Term Bonds of such Series of Bonds are subject to mandatory redemption from Amortization Installments, to the related Series Sinking Fund Account, an amount which, together with other amounts, if any, then on deposit therein, will equal the Amortization Installment payable on the Term Bonds of such Series of Bonds on such Interest Payment Date;

(iv) in each Bond Year in which Capital Appreciation Bonds of such Series mature, to the related Series Principal Account, an amount which, together with other amounts, if any, then on deposit therein, will equal the Maturity Amount payable with respect to the Capital Appreciation Bonds of such Series of Bonds maturing on such Interest Payment Date;

(v) to the credit of the Series Reserve Account, an amount, if any, which, together with the amount then on deposit therein, will equal the Series Reserve Account Requirement; and

(vi) to the Series Rebate Account the Rebate Amount, if any, required to be deposited therein pursuant to the Supplemental Indenture related to such Series of Tax Exempt Bonds.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as there are moneys on deposit in the related Series Capitalized Interest Account on the date required for any transfer into the Series Interest Account as set forth above, the Trustee shall, prior to making any transfer into the related Series Interest Account from the related Series Revenue Account, transfer to the related Series Interest Account from the related Series Capitalized Interest Account, the lesser of the interest on such Series of Bonds coming due on the next succeeding Interest Payment Date or the amount remaining on deposit in the related Series Capitalized Interest Account.

(b) *Disposition of Remaining Amounts on Deposit in Series Revenue Account.* The District shall authorize the withdrawal, from time to time, from the Series Revenue Account an amount sufficient to pay the fees and charges of the Trustee, Bond Registrar, and Paying Agent, when due. Subject to the provisions of Section 604 hereof, if (i) the amount on deposit in the Series Interest Account, Series Principal Account, Series Sinking Fund Account, and Series Redemption Account in each Bond Year equals the interest payable on the Bonds of such Series in such Bond Year, the principal amount of all Serial Bonds payable in such Bond Year, the Maturity Amount of all Capital Appreciation Bonds due in such Bond Year and the Amortization Installments required to be paid into the Series Sinking Fund Account in such Bond Year, and (ii) any amounts remain in the Series Revenue Account, then such amounts shall, at the written direction of the District, be applied to pay the commissions, fees, costs and any other charges of the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser, or, if such commissions, fees, costs, or other charges have been paid by the District, then to reimburse the District for such payment upon written request of an

Authorized Officer. Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, if, after such amounts have been withdrawn, paid and provided for as provided above, any amounts remain in the Series Revenue Account, such amounts shall be disbursed to the District on written request of an Authorized Officer and used for any lawful purpose of the District. After making the payments provided for in this subsection (b), the balance, if any, remaining in the Series Revenue Account shall be retained therein or, at the written direction of an Authorized Officer to the Trustee, transferred into the Series Redemption Account.

(c) *Series Reserve Account.* Moneys held for the credit of a Series Reserve Account shall be used for the purpose of paying interest or principal or Amortization Installment or Maturity Amount on the Bonds of the related Series whenever amounts on deposit in the Series Debt Service Account shall be insufficient for such purpose and as provided in Section 905 hereof.

(d) *Series Debt Service Account.* Moneys held for the credit of a Series Interest Account, Series Principal Account and Series Sinking Fund Account in a Series Debt Service Account shall be withdrawn therefrom by the Trustee and transferred by the Trustee to the Paying Agent in amounts and at times sufficient to pay, when due, the interest on the Bonds of such Series, the principal of Serial Bonds of such Series, the Maturity Amount of Capital Appreciation Bonds of such Series and the Amortization Installments of Term Bonds of such Series, as the case may be.

(e) *Series Redemption Account.* Moneys representing Prepayments on deposit in a Series Redemption Account to the full extent of a multiple of an Authorized Denomination shall, unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds, be used by the Trustee to redeem Bonds of such Series on the earliest date on which such Bonds are permitted to be called without payment of premium by the terms hereof (including extraordinary or extraordinary mandatory redemption) and of the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds. Such redemption shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Article III hereof. The District shall pay all expenses incurred by the Trustee and Paying Agent in connection with such redemption. Moneys other than from Prepayments shall be held and applied in a Series Redemption Account as provided in Section 506(a) hereof.

(f) *Payment to the District.* When no Bonds of a Series remain Outstanding, and after all expenses and charges herein and in the related Supplemental Indenture required to be paid have been paid as certified to the Trustee in writing by an Authorized Officer, and after all amounts due and owing to the Trustee have been paid in full, the Trustee shall pay any balance in the Accounts for such Series of Bonds to the District upon the written direction of an Authorized Officer, free and clear of any lien and pledge created by this Master Indenture; provided, however, that if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing in the payment of the principal or Maturity Amount of, or interest or premium on the Bonds of any other Series, the Trustee shall pay over and apply any such excess pro rata (based upon the ratio of the aggregate principal amount of such Series of Bonds to the aggregate principal amount of all Series of Bonds then Outstanding and for which such an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) to each other Series of Bonds for which such an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

**Section 506. Optional Redemption.**

(a) *Excess Amounts in Series Redemption Account.* The Trustee shall, but only at the written direction of an Authorized Officer on or prior to the forty-fifth (45th) day preceding the date of redemption, call for redemption on each Interest Payment Date on which Bonds are subject to optional redemption, from moneys on deposit in a Series Redemption Account such amount of Authorized Denominations of Bonds of such Series then subject to optional redemption as, with the redemption premium, if any, will exhaust such amount as nearly as may be practicable. Such redemption shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Article III hereof. The District shall pay all expenses incurred by the Trustee and Paying Agent in connection with such redemption.

(b) *Purchase of Bonds of a Series.* The District may purchase Bonds of a Series then Outstanding at any time, whether or not such Bonds shall then be subject to redemption, at the most advantageous price obtainable with reasonable diligence, having regard to maturity, option to redeem, rate and price, such price not to exceed the principal of such Bonds plus the amount of the premium, if any, which would be payable on the next redemption date to the Owners of such Bonds under the provisions of this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture pursuant to which such Series of Bonds was issued if such Bonds were called for redemption on such date. Before making each such purchase, the District shall file with the Trustee a statement in writing directing the Trustee to pay the purchase price of the Bonds of such Series so purchased upon their delivery and cancellation, which statement shall set forth a description of such Bonds, the purchase price to be paid therefor, the name of the seller and the place of delivery of the Bonds. The Trustee shall pay the interest accrued on such Bonds to the date of delivery thereof from the related Series Interest Account and the principal portion of the purchase price of Serial Bonds from the related Series Principal Account, but no such purchase shall be made after the Record Date in any Bond Year in which Bonds have been called for redemption. To the extent that insufficient moneys are on deposit in a related Series Interest Account to pay the accrued interest portion of the purchase price of any Bonds or in a related Series Principal Account to pay the principal amount of the purchase price of any Serial Bond, the Trustee shall transfer into such Accounts from the related Series Revenue Account sufficient moneys to pay such respective amounts. In the event that there are insufficient moneys on deposit in the related Series Principal Account with which to pay the principal portion of the purchase price of any Term Bonds, the Trustee may, at the written direction of the District, transfer moneys into such related Series Principal Account from the related Series Revenue Account to pay the principal amount of such purchase price, but only in an amount no greater than the Amortization Installment related to such Series of Bonds coming due in the current Bond Year calculated after giving effect to any other purchases of Term Bonds during such Bond Year. The Trustee may pay the principal portion of the purchase price of Bonds from the related Series Redemption Account, but only upon delivery of written instructions from an Authorized Officer of the District to the Trustee accompanied by a certificate of an Authorized Officer: (A) stating that sufficient moneys are on deposit in the Series Redemption Account to pay the purchase price of such Bonds; (B) setting forth the amounts and maturities of Bonds of such Series which are to be redeemed from such amounts; and (C) containing cash flows which demonstrate that, after giving effect to the

purchase of Bonds in the amounts and maturities set forth in clause (B) above, the Pledged Revenues to be received by the District in the current and each succeeding Bond Year will be sufficient to pay the principal, Maturity Amount and Amortization Installments of and interest on all Bonds of such Series. The Trustee may pay the principal portion of the purchase price of any Term Bonds from the related Series Principal Account, but only Term Bonds of a maturity having Amortization Installments in the current Bond Year and in the principal amount no greater than the Amortization Installment related to such Series of Bonds coming due in the current Bond Year (calculated after giving effect to any other purchases of Term Bonds during such Bond Year). The Trustee may pay the principal portion of the purchase price of Term Bonds having maturities different from or in amounts greater than set forth in the next preceding sentence from amounts on deposit in the related Series Principal Account and the Trustee may transfer moneys from the related Series Revenue Account to the related Series Principal Account for such purpose, but only upon delivery of written instructions from an Authorized Officer to the Trustee accompanied by a certificate of an Authorized Officer: (x) stating that sufficient moneys are on deposit in the Series Principal Account, after giving effect to any transfers from the related Series Revenue Account, to pay the principal portion of the purchase price of such Term Bonds; (y) setting forth the amounts and maturities of Term Bonds of such Series which are to be redeemed from such amounts and the Amortization Installments against which the principal amount of such purchases are to be credited; and (z) containing cash flows which demonstrate that, after giving effect to the purchase of Term Bonds in the amounts and having the maturities and with the credits against Amortization Installments set forth in clause (y) above and any transfers from the related Series Revenue Account, the Pledged Revenues to be received by the District in the current and in each succeeding Bond Year will be sufficient to pay the principal, Maturity Amount and Amortization Installments of and interest on all Bonds of such Series. If any Bonds are purchased pursuant to this subsection (b), the principal amount of the Bonds so purchased shall be credited as follows:

(i) if the Bonds are to be purchased from amounts on deposit in the Prepayment Subaccount of a Series Redemption Account, against the principal coming due or Amortization Installments set forth in the certificate of the Authorized Officer accompanying the direction of the District to effect such purchase; or

(ii) if the Bonds are Term Bonds of a Series, against the Amortization Installments for Bonds of such Series first coming due in the current Bond Year, or, if such Term Bonds so purchased are to be credited against Amortization Installments coming due in any succeeding Bond Year, against the Amortization Installments on Term Bonds of such Series maturing on the same date and designated in the certificate of the Authorized Officer accompanying the direction of the District to effect such purchase; or

(iii) against the principal or Maturity Amount of Serial Bonds coming due on the maturity date of such Serial Bonds.

**Section 507. Rebate Fund.**

(a) *Creation*. There is created and established by Section 502 hereof a Rebate Fund, and within the Rebate Fund a Series Rebate Account for each Series of Tax Exempt Bonds. Moneys deposited and held in the Rebate Fund shall not be subject to the pledge of this Master Indenture.

(b) *Payment to United States*. The Trustee shall pay to the District upon written request of the District, the Rebate Amount required to be paid to the United States at the times, in the manner and as calculated in accordance with the Supplemental Indenture related to a Series of Tax Exempt Bonds. The Trustee shall have no responsibility for computation of the Rebate Amount and instead the District shall cause the Rebate Amount to be calculated by the Rebate Analyst and shall cause the Rebate Analyst to deliver such computation to the Trustee as provided in the Supplemental Indenture related to a Series of Tax Exempt Bonds but before the date of any required payment of the Rebate Amount to the Internal Revenue Service. The fees of, and expenses incurred by, the Rebate Analyst in computing the Rebate Amount shall be paid by the District, which amount shall be treated as administrative and operating expenses of the District payable or reimbursable from the Series Revenue Account in accordance with Section 505(b) hereof.

(c) *Deficiencies*. If the Trustee does not have on deposit in the Series Rebate Account sufficient amounts to make the payments required by this Section 507, the District shall pay, from any legally available source, the amount of any such deficiency to the United States as provided in paragraph (b) above. The Trustee shall have no duty to pay any such deficiency from its own funds.

(d) *Survival*. The covenants and agreements of the District in this Section 507, Section 809, and any additional covenants related to compliance with provisions necessary in order to preserve the exclusion of interest on the Tax Exempt Bonds of a Series from gross income for federal income tax purposes shall survive the defeasance of the Bonds of such Series in accordance with Article XII hereof.

**Section 508. Investment of Funds and Accounts.** Unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing the issuance of a Series of Bonds, moneys held for the credit of the Accounts for such Series of Bonds shall be invested as hereinafter in this Section 508.

(a) *Series Acquisition and Construction Account, Series Revenue Account and Series Debt Service Account*. Moneys held for the credit of a Series Acquisition and Construction Account, a Series Revenue Account, and a Series Debt Service Account shall, as nearly as may be practicable, be continuously invested and reinvested by the Trustee in Investment Obligations as directed in writing by an Authorized Officer, which Investment Obligations shall mature, or shall be subject to redemption by the holder thereof at the option of such holder, not later than the respective dates, as estimated by an Authorized Officer, when moneys held for the credit of each such Account will be required for the purposes intended.

(b) *Series Reserve Account*. Moneys held for the credit of a Series Reserve Account shall be continuously invested and reinvested by the Trustee in Investment Obligations as directed in writing by an Authorized Officer.

(c) *Investment Obligations as a Part of Funds and Accounts*. Investment Obligations purchased as an investment of moneys in any Fund or Account shall be deemed at all times to be a part of such Fund or Account, and the interest accruing thereon and profit realized from such investment shall be credited as provided in Section 510 hereof. Any loss resulting from such investment shall be charged to such Fund or Account. The foregoing notwithstanding, for purposes of investment and to the extent permitted by law, amounts on deposit in any Fund or Account may be commingled for purposes of investment, provided adequate care is taken to account for such amounts in accordance with the prior sentence. The Trustee may, upon the written direction of an Authorized Officer, transfer investments within such Funds or Accounts without being required to sell such investments. The Trustee shall, to the extent permitted by law, sell at the best price obtainable or present for redemption any obligations so purchased whenever it shall be necessary to do so in order to provide moneys to meet any payment or transfer from any such Fund or Account. The Trustee shall not be liable or responsible for any loss resulting from any such investment or for failure to make an investment (except failure to make an investment in accordance with the written direction of an Authorized Officer) or for failure to achieve the maximum possible earnings on investments. The Trustee shall have no obligation to invest funds without written direction from an Authorized Officer.

(d) *Valuation*. In computing the value of the assets of any Fund or Account, investments and earnings thereon shall be deemed a part thereof. Unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture related to a Series of Bonds, the Trustee shall value the assets in each of the Funds and Accounts established hereunder as of September 30 of each Fiscal Year, and as soon as practicable after each such valuation date (but no later than ten (10) days after each such valuation date) shall provide the District a report of the status of each Fund and Account as of the valuation date. For the purpose of determining the amount on deposit to the credit of any Fund or Account established hereunder, with the exception of a Series Reserve Account, obligations in which money in such Fund or Account shall have been invested shall be valued at the market value or the amortized cost thereof, whichever is lower, or at the Redemption Price thereof, to the extent that any such obligation is then redeemable at the option of the holder. For the purpose of determining the amount on deposit to the credit of a Series Reserve Account, obligations in which money in such Account shall have been invested shall be valued at par, if purchased at par, or at amortized cost, if purchased at other than par, plus, in each case, accrued interest. Amortized cost, when used with respect to an obligation purchased at a premium above or a discount below par, means the value as of any given time obtained by dividing the total premium or discount at which such obligation was purchased by the number of days remaining to maturity on such obligation at the date of such purchase and by multiplying the amount thus calculated by the number of days having passed since such purchase; and (1) in the case of an obligation purchased at a premium by deducting the product thus obtained from the purchase price, and (2) in the case of an obligation purchased at a discount by adding the product thus obtained to the purchase price.

**Section 509. Deficiencies and Surpluses in Funds and Accounts.** For purposes of this Section 509: (a) a "deficiency" shall mean, in the case of a Series Reserve Account, that the amount on deposit therein is less than the Series Reserve Account Requirement (but only after the Bond Year in which the amount on deposit therein first equals the Series Reserve Account Requirement), and (b) a "surplus" shall mean in the case of a Series Reserve Account, that the amount on deposit therein is in excess of the applicable Series Reserve Account Requirement.

At the time of any withdrawal from a Series Reserve Account that results in a deficiency therein, the Trustee shall promptly notify the District of the amount of any such deficiency and the Trustee shall withdraw the amount of such deficiency from the related Series Revenue Account, and, if amounts on deposit therein are insufficient therefor, the District shall pay the amount of such deficiency to the Trustee, for deposit in such Series Reserve Account, from the first legally available sources of the District.

The Trustee, as of the close of business on the last Business Day in each Bond Year, after taking into account all payments and transfers made as of such date, shall compute, in the manner set forth in Section 508(d), the value of the Series Reserve Account and shall promptly notify the District of the amount of any deficiency or surplus as of such date in such Series Reserve Account. The District shall immediately pay the amount of any deficiency to the Trustee, for deposit in the Series Reserve Account, from any legally available sources of the District. The Trustee, as soon as practicable after such computation, shall deposit any surplus, at the written direction of an Authorized Officer, to the credit of the Series Redemption Account or the Series Principal Account or as otherwise provided in the related Supplemental Indenture.

**Section 510. Investment Income.** Unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, earnings on Investments in a Series Acquisition and Construction Account, a Series Interest Account and a Series Revenue Account shall be deposited, as realized, to the credit of such Account and used for the purpose of such Account. Unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, earnings on investments in a Series Principal Account and Series Redemption Account shall be deposited, as realized, to the credit of such Series Interest Account and used for the purpose of such Account.

Earnings on investments in a Series Reserve Account shall, unless otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture relating to a Series of Bonds, be disposed of as follows:

(a) if there was no deficiency (as defined in Section 509 above) in the Series Reserve Account as of the most recent date on which amounts on deposit in the Series Reserve Account were valued by the Trustee, and if no withdrawals have been made from the Series Reserve Account since such date, then earnings on investments in the Series Reserve Account shall be deposited to the Series Revenue Account.

(b) if as of the last date on which amounts on deposit in the Series Reserve Account were valued by the Trustee there was a deficiency (as defined in Section 509 above) in the Series Reserve Account, or if after such date withdrawals have been made from the Series Reserve

Account and have created such a deficiency, then earnings on investments in the Series Reserve Account shall be deposited to the Series Reserve Account until the amount on deposit therein equals the Series Reserve Account Requirement and thereafter shall be deposited to the Series Revenue Account.

**Section 511. Cancellation of Bonds.** All Bonds paid, redeemed or purchased, either at or before maturity, shall be canceled upon the payment, redemption or purchase of such Bonds. All Bonds canceled under any of the provisions of this Master Indenture shall be destroyed by the Paying Agent, which shall, upon request of the District, execute a certificate in duplicate describing the Bonds so destroyed. One executed certificate shall be filed with the Trustee and the other executed certificate shall be retained by the Paying Agent.

## ARTICLE VI
## CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

**Section 601. Acceptance of Trust.** The Trustee accepts and agrees to execute the trusts hereby created, but only upon the additional terms set forth in this Article, to all of which the parties hereto and the Owners agree. The Trustee shall have only those duties and obligations expressly set forth herein, and no duties or obligations shall be implied against the Trustee.

**Section 602. No Responsibility for Recitals.** The recitals, statements and representations in this Master Indenture, in any Supplemental Indenture or in the Bonds, save only the Trustee's authentication certificate, if any, upon the Bonds, have been made by the District and not by the Trustee, and the Trustee shall be under no responsibility for the correctness thereof.

**Section 603. Trustee May Act Through Agents; Answerable Only for Willful Misconduct or Gross Negligence.** The Trustee may execute any powers hereunder and perform any duties required of it through attorneys, agents, officers or employees, and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all questions hereunder, and the Trustee shall not be answerable for the negligence or misconduct of any attorney, agent or employee selected by it with reasonable care. In performance of its duties hereunder, the Trustee may conclusively rely on the advice of counsel and shall not be held liable for actions taken in reliance on the advice of counsel. The Trustee shall not be answerable for the exercise of any discretion or power under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture nor for anything whatsoever in connection with the trust hereunder, except only its own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

**Section 604. Compensation and Indemnity.** The District shall pay the Trustee reasonable compensation for its services hereunder, and also all its reasonable expenses and disbursements, including the reasonable fees and expenses of Trustee's counsel, and, to the extent permitted under State law, and without waiving any limitations of liability set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law, shall indemnify the Trustee and hold the Trustee harmless against any liabilities which it may incur in the exercise and performance of its powers and duties hereunder except with respect to the Trustee's own negligence or misconduct. The

Trustee shall have no duty in connection with its responsibilities hereunder to advance its own funds nor shall the Trustee have any duty to take any action hereunder without first having received indemnification satisfactory to it. If the District defaults in respect of the foregoing obligations, the Trustee may deduct the amount owing to it from any moneys received or held by the Trustee under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture and payable to the District other than moneys from a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility. This provision shall survive termination of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture, and as to any Trustee, its resignation or removal thereof. As security for the foregoing, the District hereby grants to the Trustee a security interest in and to the amounts of deposit in all Series Funds and Accounts (other than the Rebate Fund) thereby, in effect, granting the Trustee a first charge against these moneys following an Event of Default for its fees and expenses (including legal counsel and default administration costs and expenses), subordinate and inferior to the security interest granted to the Owners of the Bonds from time to time secured thereby, but nevertheless payable in the order of priority as set forth in Section 905(a) or (b) hereof, as the case may be, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnification provided by this Section 604 shall not be applicable in cases of the Trustee's gross negligence or willful misconduct, and shall not cause the District to waive any limitations of liability as may be set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law.

**Section 605. No Duty to Renew Insurance.** The Trustee shall be under no duty to effect or to renew any insurance policy nor shall it incur any liability for the failure of the District to require or effect or renew insurance or to report or file claims of loss thereunder.

**Section 606. Notice of Default; Right to Investigate.** The Trustee shall give written notice, as soon as practicable, by first-class mail to registered Owners of Bonds of all defaults of which the Trustee has actual knowledge, unless such defaults have been remedied (the term "defaults" for purposes of this Section 606 and Section 607 being defined to include the events specified as "Events of Default" in Section 902 hereof, but not including any notice or periods of grace provided for therein) or if the Trustee, based upon the advice of counsel upon which the Trustee is entitled to conclusively rely, determines that the giving of such notice is not in the best interests of the Owners of the Bonds. The Trustee will be deemed to have actual knowledge of any payment default under this Master Indenture or under any Supplemental Indenture and, after receipt of written notice thereof by a Credit Facility issuer or a Liquidity Facility issuer of a default under its respective reimbursement agreement, but shall not be deemed to have actual knowledge of any other default unless notified in writing of such default by the Owners of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding affected by such default. The Trustee may, however, at any time require of the District full information as to the performance of any covenant hereunder; and if information satisfactory to it is not forthcoming, the Trustee may make or cause to be made, at the expense of the District, an investigation into the affairs of the District.

**Section 607. Obligation to Act on Default.** Before taking any action under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture in respect of an Event of Default, the Trustee may require that a satisfactory indemnity bond be furnished for the reimbursement of all expenses to

which it may be put and to protect it against all liability, except liability resulting from its own gross negligence or willful misconduct in connection with any such action.

**Section 608. Reliance by Trustee.** The Trustee may conclusively rely upon in acting on any requisition, resolution, notice, telegram, request, consent, waiver, opinion, certificate, statement, affidavit, voucher, bond, or other paper or document or telephone message which it in good faith believes to be genuine and to have been passed, signed or given by the proper persons or to have been prepared and furnished pursuant to any of the provisions of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, and the Trustee shall be under no duty to make any investigation as to any statement contained in any such instrument, but may accept the same as conclusive evidence of the accuracy of such statement.

**Section 609. Trustee May Deal in Bonds.** The Trustee may in good faith buy, sell, own, hold and deal in any of the Bonds and may join in any action which any Owners may be entitled to take with like effect as if the Trustee were not a party to this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture. The Trustee may also engage in or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the District.

**Section 610. Construction of Ambiguous Provision.** The Trustee may construe any ambiguous or inconsistent provisions of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture and any construction by the Trustee shall be binding upon the Owners. The Trustee shall give prompt written notice to the District of any intention to make such construal.

**Section 611. Resignation of Trustee.** The Trustee may resign and be discharged of the trusts created by this Master Indenture by written resignation filed with the Secretary of the District not less than sixty (60) days before the date when such resignation is to take effect; provided that notice of such resignation shall be sent by first-class mail to each Owner as its name and address appears on the Bond Register and to any Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer, at least sixty (60) days before the resignation is to take effect. Such resignation shall take effect on the day specified in the Trustee's notice of resignation unless a successor Trustee has already been appointed, in which event the resignation shall take effect immediately on the appointment of such successor; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing such resignation shall not take effect until a successor Trustee has been appointed. If a successor Trustee has not been appointed within sixty (60) days after the Trustee has given its notice of resignation, the Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a temporary successor Trustee to serve as Trustee until a successor Trustee has been duly appointed.

**Section 612. Removal of Trustee.** Any Trustee hereunder may be removed at any time upon thirty (30) days' notice, with or without cause, by a written instrument appointing a successor to the Trustee so removed, upon application of the District; provided, however, that if an Event of Default has occurred hereunder and is continuing with respect to a Series of Bonds, then the Trustee hereunder may be removed only by an instrument appointing a successor to the

Trustee so removed executed by the Majority Owners of the Series of Bonds as to which such Event of Default exists and filed with the Trustee and the District.

The Trustee may also be removed at any time for any breach of trust or for acting or proceeding in violation of, or for failing to act or proceed in accordance with, any material provision of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture with respect to the duties and obligations of the Trustee, by any court of competent jurisdiction upon the application of the District; provided that no Event of Default has occurred hereunder and is continuing, or upon the application of the Owners of not less than 20% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding.

**Section 613. Appointment of Successor Trustee.** If the Trustee or any successor Trustee resigns or is removed or dissolved, or if its property or business is taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body, a vacancy shall forthwith exist in the office of the Trustee, and the District shall appoint a successor and shall mail notice of such appointment, including the name and address of the applicable corporate trust office of the successor Trustee, by first-class mail to each Owner as its name and address appears on the Bond Register, and to the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer; provided, however, that the District shall not appoint a successor Trustee if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, unless the District shall have received the prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, of any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer, to the appointment of such successor Trustee. If an Event of Default has occurred hereunder and is continuing and the Trustee or any successor Trustee resigns or is removed or dissolved, or if its property or business is taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body, a vacancy shall forthwith exist in the office of the Trustee, and a successor may be appointed by any court of competent jurisdiction upon the application of the Owners of not less than twenty percent (20%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding and such successor Trustee shall mail notice of its appointment, including the name and address of the applicable corporate trust office of the successor Trustee, by first-class mail to each Owner as its name and address appears on the Bond Registrar, and to the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer.

**Section 614. Qualification of Successor Trustee.** A successor Trustee shall be a national bank with trust powers or a bank or trust company with trust powers, having a combined net capital and surplus of at least $50,000,000.

**Section 615. Instruments of Succession.** Except as provided in Section 616 hereof, any successor Trustee shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the District an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder and certifying that it is qualified to serve as successor Trustee hereunder, and thereupon such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed, or conveyance, shall become fully vested with all the estates, properties, rights, powers, trusts, duties and obligations of its predecessor in trust hereunder, with like effect as if originally named Trustee herein. After withholding from the funds on hand any amounts owed to itself hereunder, the Trustee ceasing to act hereunder shall pay over to the successor Trustee all moneys held by it

hereunder; and the Trustee ceasing to act and the District shall execute and deliver an instrument or instruments transferring to the successor Trustee all the estates, properties, rights, powers and trusts hereunder of the Trustee ceasing to act except for the rights granted under Section 604 hereof. The successor Trustee shall mail notice of its appointment, including the name and address of the applicable corporate trust office of the successor Trustee, by first-class mail to each Owner as its name and address appears on the Bond Registrar, and to the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, any Credit Facility issuer and any Liquidity Facility issuer.

**Section 616. Merger of Trustee.** Any corporation, entity or purchaser into which any Trustee hereunder may be merged or with which it may be consolidated or sold or into which all or substantially all of its corporate trust assets shall be sold or its operations conveyed, or any corporation, entity or purchaser resulting from any merger or consolidation or sale to which any Trustee hereunder shall be a party, shall be the successor Trustee under this Master Indenture, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties thereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that any such successor corporation, entity or purchaser continuing to act as Trustee hereunder shall meet the requirements of Section 614 hereof, and if such corporation, entity or purchaser does not meet the aforesaid requirements, a successor Trustee shall be appointed pursuant to this Article VI.

**Section 617. Resignation of Paying Agent or Bond Registrar.** The Paying Agent or Bond Registrar may resign and be discharged of the duties created by this Master Indenture by executing an instrument in writing resigning such duties and specifying the date when such resignation shall take effect, and filing the same with the District and the Trustee not less than sixty (60) days before the date specified in such instrument when such resignation shall take effect, and by giving written notice of such resignation mailed not less than sixty (60) days prior to such resignation date to each Owner as its name and address appear on the registration books of the District maintained by the Bond Registrar. Such resignation shall take effect on the date specified in such notice, unless a successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar is previously appointed in which event such resignation shall take effect immediately upon the appointment of such successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar. If the successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall not have been appointed within a period of sixty (60) days following the giving of notice, then the Trustee may appoint a successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar as provided in Section 619 hereof.

**Section 618. Removal of Paying Agent or Bond Registrar.** The Paying Agent or Bond Registrar may be removed at any time prior to any Event of Default by the District by filing with the Paying Agent or Bond Registrar to be removed and the Trustee, an instrument or instruments in writing executed by an Authorized Officer appointing a successor. Such removal shall be effective thirty (30) days after delivery of the instrument (or such longer period as may be set forth in such instrument); provided, however, that no such removal shall be effective until the successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar appointed hereunder shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the District an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder.

**Section 619. Appointment of Successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar.** In case at any time the Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall be removed, or be dissolved, or if its property or affairs shall be taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body because of insolvency or bankruptcy, or for any other reason, then a vacancy shall forthwith and ipso facto exist in the office of the Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, as the case may be, and a successor shall be appointed by the District; and in case at any time the Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall resign, then a successor shall be appointed by the District. Upon any such appointment, the District shall give written notice of such appointment to the predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, the successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, the Trustee and all Owners. Any new Paying Agent or Bond Registrar so appointed shall immediately and without further act supersede the predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar.

**Section 620. Qualifications of Successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar.** Every successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall be a commercial bank or trust company (a) duly organized under the laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof, authorized by law to perform all the duties imposed upon it by this Master Indenture, and capable of meeting its obligations hereunder, and (b) have a combined net capital and surplus of at least $50,000,000.

**Section 621. Acceptance of Duties by Successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar.** Except as provided in Section 622 hereof, any successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar appointed hereunder shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the District an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and thereupon such successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become duly vested with all the estates, property, rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named Paying Agent or Bond Registrar herein. Upon request of such Paying Agent or Bond Registrar, such predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar and the District shall execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar all the estates, property, rights and powers hereunder of such predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar and such predecessor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar shall pay over and deliver to the successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar all moneys and other assets at the time held by it hereunder.

**Section 622. Successor by Merger or Consolidation.** Any corporation, entity or purchaser into which any Paying Agent or Bond Registrar hereunder may be merged or converted or sold or with which it may be consolidated or into which substantially all of its corporate trust assets shall be sold or otherwise conveyed, or any corporation, entity or purchaser resulting from any merger, sale or consolidation or purchase to which any Paying Agent or Bond Registrar hereunder shall be a party, shall be the successor Paying Agent or Bond Registrar under this Master Indenture without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties hereto, anything in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding.

**Section 623. Brokerage Statements.** The District acknowledges that to the extent regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency or other applicable regulatory entity grant the District the right to receive individual confirmations of security transactions at no additional cost,

as they occur, the District specifically waives receipt of such confirmations to the extent permitted by law. The Trustee will furnish or otherwise make available to the District periodic cash transaction statements that include detail for all investment transactions made by the Trustee hereunder.

**Section 624. Patriot Act Requirements of the Trustee.** To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, a charity, a trust, or other legal entity, the Trustee will ask for documentation to verify such non-individual person's formation and existence as a legal entity. The Trustee may also ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation.

## ARTICLE VII
## FUNDS CONSTITUTE TRUST FUNDS

**Section 701. Trust Funds.** Subject to the provisions of Section 604 and Section 905(a) hereof, all amounts on deposit in Funds or Accounts for the benefit of a Series of Bonds shall:

(a) be used only for the purposes and in the manner herein and in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds provided and, pending such application, be held by the Trustee in trust for the benefit of the Owners of such Series of Bonds;

(b) be irrevocably pledged to the payment of such Series of Bonds, except for amounts on deposit in the Series Rebate Account in the Rebate Fund;

(c) be held and accounted for separate and apart from all other Funds and Accounts, including Accounts for other Series of Bonds, and other funds and accounts of the Trustee and the District;

(d) until applied for the purposes provided herein, be subject to a first lien in favor of the Owners of such Series of Bonds and any parity obligations to issuers of Credit Facilities or Liquidity Facilities with respect to such Series of Bonds, which lien is hereby created, prior and superior to all other liens now existing or hereafter created, and to a second lien in favor of the Trustee as security for the reasonable compensation for the services of the Trustee hereunder, and also all its reasonable expenses and disbursements, including the reasonable fees and expenses of Trustee's counsel, subordinate and inferior to the security interest granted to the Owners of such Series of Bonds and any parity obligations to issuers of Credit Facilities or Liquidity Facilities with respect to such Series of Bonds, but nevertheless payable in the order of priority as set forth in Section 905(a) or (b) hereof, as applicable, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default; and

(e) shall not be subject to lien or attachment by any creditor of the Trustee or any creditor of the District or any other Series of Bonds other than the Owners of such Series of Bonds and the issuers of Credit Facilities or Liquidity Facilities with respect to such Series of Bonds.

## ARTICLE VIII
## COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT

**Section 801. Payment of Bonds.** The District shall duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid, but only from the Series Trust Estate with respect to each Series of Bonds, Debt Service on the dates, at the places, and in the amounts stated herein, in any Supplemental Indenture, and in the Bonds of such Series.

**Section 802. Extension of Payment of Bonds.** Except as provided in Section 901 hereof, the District shall not directly or indirectly extend the time for payment of the interest on any Bonds. The time for payment of Bonds of any Series shall be the time prescribed in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds.

**Section 803. Further Assurance.** At any and all times the District shall, so far as it may be authorized by law, pass, make, do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, all and every such further resolutions, acts, deeds, conveyances, assignments, transfers and assurances as may be necessary or desirable for the better assuring, conveying, granting, assigning and confirming all and singular the rights, moneys, securities and funds hereby pledged or assigned, or intended so to be, or which the District may become bound to pledge or assign after the date of execution of this Master Indenture; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as a pledge of the full faith and credit of the District or a general obligation of the District.

**Section 804. Power to Issue Bonds and Create a Lien.** The District hereby represents to the Trustee and to the Owners that it is and will be duly authorized under all applicable laws to issue the Bonds of each Series, to execute this Master Indenture, to adopt Supplemental Indentures, and to pledge its moneys, securities and funds in the manner and to the extent provided herein. Except as provided herein, the District hereby represents that such moneys, securities and funds of the District are and will be free and clear of any pledge, lien, charge or encumbrance thereon and all action on the part of the District to that end has been and will be duly and validly taken. The Bonds of each Series, this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture are and will be the valid and legally enforceable obligations of the District, enforceable in accordance with their terms except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be subject to bankruptcy and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally. The District shall at all times, to the extent permitted by law, but without intending to waive any limitations on liability set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law, defend, preserve and protect the pledge and lien created by this Master Indenture and all the rights of the Owners hereunder against all claims and demands of all other persons whomsoever.

**Section 805. Power to Undertake Series Projects and to Collect Pledged Revenues.** The District has or will have upon the date of issuance of each Series of Bonds, and will have so long as any Bonds are Outstanding, good right and lawful power: (a) to undertake the Series Projects, or it will take such action on its part required which it deems reasonable in order to obtain licenses, orders, permits or other authorizations, if any, from any agency or regulatory

body having lawful jurisdiction which must be obtained in order to undertake such Series Project; and (b) to fix, levy and collect or cause to be collected any and all Pledged Revenues.

**Section 806. Sale of Series Projects.** The District covenants that, until such time as there are no Bonds of a Series Outstanding, it will not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of or encumber the related Series Project or any part thereof other than as provided herein. The District may, however, from time to time, sell any machinery, fixtures, apparatus, tools, instruments, or other movable property acquired by the District in connection with a Series Project, or any materials used in connection therewith, if the District shall determine that such articles are no longer needed or are no longer useful in connection with the acquisition, construction, operation or maintenance of a Series Project, and the proceeds thereof may be applied to the replacement of the properties so sold or disposed of and, if not so applied, shall be deposited to the credit of the related Series Acquisition and Construction Account or, after the Date of Completion of the Series Project, applied as provided in the corresponding Supplemental Indenture. The District may from time to time sell or lease such other property forming part of a Series Project which it may determine is not needed or serves no useful purpose in connection with the maintenance and operation of such Series Project, if the Consulting Engineer shall in writing approve such sale or lease; the proceeds of any such sale shall be disposed of as hereinabove provided for the proceeds of the sale or disposal of movable property. The proceeds of any lease as described above shall be applied as provided in the corresponding Supplemental Indenture.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District may: (a) dispose of all or any part of a Series Project, other than a Series Project the revenues to be derived from the operation of which are pledged to a Series of Bonds, by gift or dedication thereof to any unit of local government, or to the State or any agency or instrumentality of either of the foregoing or the United States Government; and/or (b) impose, declare or grant title to or interests in the Series Project or a portion or portions thereof in order to create ingress and egress rights and public and private utility easements as the District may deem necessary or desirable for the development, use and occupancy of the property within the District; and/or (c) impose or declare covenants, conditions and restrictions pertaining to the use, occupancy and operation of the Series Projects.

**Section 807. Completion and Maintenance of Series Projects.** The District shall complete the acquisition and construction of a Series Project with all practical dispatch and in a sound and economical manner. So long as any Series Project is owned by the District, the District shall maintain, preserve and keep the same or cause the same to be maintained, preserved and kept, with the appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof, in good repair, working order and condition, and shall from time to time make, or cause to be made, all necessary and proper repairs, replacements and renewals so that at all times the operation thereof may be properly and advantageously conducted.

**Section 808. Accounts and Reports.**

(a) *Accounts Report.* The Trustee shall, within ninety (90) days after the close of each Fiscal Year so long as any Bonds are Outstanding, file with or otherwise make available to the

District a summary with respect to each Fund and Account of the deposits thereto and disbursements therefrom during such Fiscal Year and the amounts held therein at the end of such Fiscal Year, or at the option of the Trustee, such summary can be made on a monthly basis. For purposes of the foregoing, the term "Requesting Owner" shall mean the Owner (or Beneficial Owner in the case of book-entry Bonds) of more than $1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of any Series of Bonds who requests such information from the District in writing to the District.

(b) *Inspection.* The reports, statements and other documents required to be furnished by the District to the Trustee and by the Trustee to the District pursuant to any provisions hereof shall be available for inspection by any Owner at the designated corporate trust office of the Trustee upon the giving of at least five (5) days advance written notice to the Trustee.

(c) *Reports Pursuant to Uniform Special District Accountability Act of 1989.* The District covenants and agrees that it will comply with the provisions of Chapter 189, Florida Statutes, as amended, the Uniform Special District Accountability Act of 1989, to the extent applicable to the District, including any reporting requirements contained therein which are applicable to the District. The District may contract with a service provider selected by the District to ensure such compliance.

**Section 809. Arbitrage and Other Tax Covenants.** The District hereby covenants that it will not take any action, and will not fail to take any action, which action or failure would cause the Tax Exempt Bonds to become "arbitrage bonds" as defined in Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The District further covenants that it will take all such actions after delivery of any Tax Exempt Bonds as may be required in order for interest on such Tax Exempt Bonds to remain excludable from gross income (as defined in Section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) of the Owners. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the District hereby covenants that it will, to the extent not remitted by the Trustee from funds held in a Series Rebate Account, remit to the United States the Rebate Amount at the time and place required by this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture, and the Tax Regulatory Covenants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing shall require the District to impose additional assessments, taxes, or other similar amounts, the imposition of which would require an action of the Governing Body.

**Section 810. Enforcement of Payment of Assessments.** The District will assess, levy, collect or cause to be collected and enforce the payment of Assessments and/or any other sources which constitute Pledged Revenues for the payment of any Series of Bonds in the manner prescribed by this Master Indenture, any Supplemental Indenture and all resolutions, ordinances or laws thereunto appertaining at times and in amounts as shall be necessary in order to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Series of Bonds to which such Pledged Revenues are pledged; and to pay or cause to be paid the proceeds of such Assessments as received to the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof.

**Section 811. Method of Collection of Assessments.** The District shall levy and collect Assessments in accordance with applicable State law, including the Act.

**Section 812. Delinquent Assessments.** If the owner of any lot or parcel of land shall be delinquent in the payment of any Assessment pledged to a Series of Bonds, then such Assessment shall be enforced in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Chapters 170 and/or 197, Florida Statutes, as amended, including but not limited to the sale of tax certificates and tax deeds as regards such Delinquent Assessment. In the event the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, are inapplicable or unavailable, then upon the delinquency of any Assessment, the District, either on its own behalf or through the actions of the Trustee, may, and shall, if so directed in writing by the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, declare the entire unpaid balance of such Assessment to be in default and, at its own expense, cause such delinquent property to be foreclosed in the same method now or hereafter provided by law for the foreclosure of mortgages on real estate, or pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 173, and Sections 190.026 and/or 170.10, Florida Statutes, or otherwise as provided by law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the District shall be entitled to recover from any foreclosure or other enforcement action before such proceeds are applied to the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds, all fees and costs expended in connection with such foreclosure, regardless of whether such fees and costs are included as part of the Assessments or Pledged Revenues. The foregoing is not intended and does not create a right for the District to be paid prior to the Trustee's right as provided in Section 905 hereof.

**Section 813. Deposit of Proceeds from Sale of Tax Certificates.** If any tax certificates relating to Delinquent Assessments which are pledged to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on a Series of Bonds are sold by the Tax Collector pursuant to the provisions of Section 197.432, Florida Statutes, or if any such tax certificates are not sold but are later redeemed, the proceeds of such sale or redemption (to the extent that such proceeds relate to the Delinquent Assessments), less any commission or other charges retained by the Tax Collector, shall, if paid by the Tax Collector to the District, be paid by the District to the Trustee not later than five (5) Business Days following receipt of such proceeds by the District and shall be deposited by the Trustee to the credit of the related Series Revenue Account.

**Section 814. Sale of Tax Deed or Foreclosure of Assessment Lien.** If any property shall be offered for sale for the nonpayment of any Assessment, which is pledged to a Series of Bonds, and no person or persons shall purchase such property for an amount greater than or equal to the full amount due on the Assessments (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), the property may, but is not required to, then be purchased by the District for an amount equal to or less than the balance due on the Assessments (principal, interest, penalties and costs, plus attorneys' fees, if any), from any legally available funds of the District and the District shall receive in its corporate name or in the name of a special purpose entity title to the property for the benefit of the Owners of the Series of Bonds to which such Assessments were pledged; provided that the Trustee shall have the right, acting at the written direction of the Majority Owners of the applicable Series of Bonds secured by such Assessment, but shall not be obligated, to direct the District with respect to any action taken pursuant to this paragraph. The District, either through its own actions or actions caused to be taken through the Trustee, shall have the power to lease or sell such property and deposit all of the net proceeds of any such lease or sale

into the related Series Revenue Account. Not less than ten (10) days prior to the filing of any foreclosure action as herein provided, the District shall cause written notice thereof to be mailed to any designated agents of the Owners of the related Series of Bonds. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed sale of any lot or tract of land acquired by foreclosure by the District, it shall give written notice thereof to such representatives. The District, either through its own actions or actions caused to be taken through the Trustee, agrees that it shall be required to take the measures provided by law for the listing for sale of property acquired by it as trustee for the benefit of the Owners of the related Series of Bonds within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the request therefor signed by the Majority Owners or the Trustee, acting at the written request of such Majority Owners, of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding.

**Section 815. Other Obligations Payable from Assessments.** Except as otherwise provided in a Supplemental Indenture, the District will not issue or incur any obligations payable from the proceeds of Assessments securing a Series of Bonds nor voluntarily create or cause to be created any debt, lien, pledge, assignment, encumbrance or other charge upon such Assessments except for fees, commissions, costs, and other charges payable to the Property Appraiser or to the Tax Collector pursuant to State law.

**Section 816. Re-Assessments.** If any Assessment shall be either in whole or in part annulled, vacated or set aside by the judgment of any court, or the District shall be satisfied that any such Assessment is so irregular or defective that it cannot be enforced or collected, or if the District shall have omitted to make such Assessment when it might have done so, the District shall either: (a) take all necessary steps to cause a new Assessment to be made for the whole or any part of such improvement or against any property benefited by such improvement; or (b) in its sole discretion, make up the amount of such Assessment from legally available moneys, which moneys shall be deposited into the related Series Revenue Account. In case any such subsequent Assessment shall also be annulled, the District shall obtain and make other Assessments until a valid Assessment shall be made.

**Section 817. General.** The District shall do and perform or cause to be done and performed all acts and things required to be done or performed by or on behalf of the District under law and this Master Indenture, in accordance with the terms of such provisions.

Upon the date of issuance of each Series of Bonds, all conditions, acts and things required by law and this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of such Series of Bonds shall exist, have happened and have been performed and upon issuance, such Series of Bonds shall be within every debt and other limit prescribed by the laws of the State applicable to the District.

The District shall not enter into any contract or take any action by which the rights of the Trustee or the Owners may be impaired and shall, from time to time, execute and deliver such further instruments and take such further action as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture. For so long as any Bonds are Outstanding hereunder, unless otherwise provided by the Act, the District shall maintain its

corporate existence as a local unit of special purpose government under the Act and shall provide for or otherwise require all Series Projects, and all parts thereof owned by the District to be (a) continuously operated, repaired, improved and maintained as shall be necessary to provide adequate service to the lands benefited thereby; and (b) in compliance with all valid and applicable laws, acts, rules, regulations, permits, orders, requirements and directions of any competent public authority.

## ARTICLE IX
## EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

**Section 901. Extension of Interest Payment.** If the time for payment of interest of a Bond of any Series shall be extended, whether or not such extension be by or with the consent of the District, such interest so extended shall not be entitled, in case of a default hereunder, to the benefit or security of this Master Indenture unless the aggregate principal amount of and all accrued interest on all Bonds then Outstanding, the time for payment of which shall not have been extended, shall have previously been paid in full.

**Section 902. Events of Default.** Each of the following events is hereby declared an Event of Default with respect to a Series of Bonds, but no other Series of Bonds unless otherwise provided in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series:

(a) Any payment of Debt Service on such Series of Bonds is not made when due;

(b) The District shall for any reason be rendered incapable of fulfilling its obligations hereunder or under the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds;

(c) The District admits in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or files a petition in bankruptcy or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or consents to the appointment of a receiver or trustee for itself or for the whole or any part of a related Series Project;

(d) The District is adjudged insolvent by a court of competent jurisdiction, or is adjudged bankrupt on a petition in bankruptcy filed against the District, or an order, judgment or decree be entered by any court of competent jurisdiction appointing, without the consent of the District, a receiver or trustee of the District or of the whole or any part of its property and if the aforesaid adjudications, orders, judgments or decrees shall not be vacated or set aside or stayed within ninety (90) days from the date of entry thereof;

(e) The District shall file a petition or answer seeking reorganization or any arrangement under the federal bankruptcy laws or any other applicable law or statute of the United States of America or any state thereof;

(f) Under the provisions of any other law for the relief or aid of debtors, any court of competent jurisdiction shall assume custody or control of the District's assets or any part thereof,

and such custody or control shall not be terminated within ninety (90) days from the date of assumption of such custody or control;

(g) Any portion of the Assessments pledged to a Series of Bonds shall have become Delinquent Assessments and, as the result thereof, the Trustee has withdrawn funds in an amount greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount on deposit in a Series Reserve Account to pay Debt Service on the corresponding Series of Bonds;

(h) More than twenty percent (20%) of the Operation and Maintenance Assessments levied by the District on tax parcels subject to Assessments pledged to a Series of Bonds are not paid by the date such are due and payable, and such default continues for sixty (60) days after the date when due; and

(i) The District shall default in the due and punctual performance of any of the material covenants, conditions, agreements and provisions contained in the Bonds of such Series or in this Master Indenture or in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds on the part of the District to be performed (other than a default in the payment of Debt Service on the related Series of Bonds when due, which is an Event of Default under subsection (a) above) and such default shall continue for thirty (30) days after written notice specifying such default and requiring the same to be remedied shall have been given to the District by the Trustee or, if the Trustee is unwilling or unable to act, by Owners of not less than ten percent (10%) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding and affected by such default; provided, however, that if such performance requires work to be done, actions to be taken, or conditions to be remedied, which by their nature cannot reasonably be done, taken or remedied, as the case may be, within such thirty (30) day period, no Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred or exist if, and so long as, the District shall commence such performance within such thirty (30) day period and shall diligently and continuously prosecute the same to completion.

**Section 903. Acceleration of Maturities of Bonds of a Series Under Certain Circumstances.** Upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default specified in clauses (a) through (i) of Section 902 above with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Trustee shall, upon written direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, by a notice in writing to the District, declare the aggregate principal amount of all of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding (if not then due and payable) to be due and payable immediately and, upon such declaration, the same shall become and be immediately due and payable, anything contained in the Bonds of such Series or in this Master Indenture or in the Supplemental Indenture authorizing such Series to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, however, that no such declaration of acceleration shall occur in the case of Bonds of a Series secured by Assessments, except to the extent that the Assessments have been accelerated and are currently due and payable in accordance with applicable law; and provided further, however, that if at any time after the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of any Series then Outstanding shall have been so declared to be due and payable, and before the entry of final judgment or decree in any suit, action or proceeding instituted on account of such default, or before the completion of the

enforcement of any other remedy under this Master Indenture or the related Supplemental Indenture, moneys shall have accumulated in the related Series Revenue Account sufficient to pay the principal of all matured Bonds of such Series and all arrears of interest, if any, upon all Bonds of such Series then Outstanding (except the aggregate principal amount of any Bonds of such Series then Outstanding that is only due because of a declaration under this Section 903, and except for the interest accrued on the Bonds of such Series since the last Interest Payment Date), and all amounts then payable by the District hereunder shall have been paid or a sum sufficient to pay the same shall have been deposited with the Paying Agent, and every other default (other than a default in the payment of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding that is due only because of a declaration under this Section 903) shall have been remedied, then the Trustee or, if the Trustee is unable or unwilling to act, the Majority Owners of such Series of Bonds then Outstanding not then due except by virtue of a declaration under this Section 903, may, by written notice to the District, rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences, but no such rescission or annulment shall extend to or affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

**Section 904. Enforcement of Remedies.** Upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default specified in Section 902 above with respect to a Series of Bonds, the Trustee may protect and enforce the rights of the Owners of the Bonds of such Series under State law, and under this Master Indenture, the related Supplemental Indenture and the Bonds of such Series, by such proceedings in equity or at law, either for the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained herein or in aid or execution of any power herein or in the related Supplemental Indenture granted or for the enforcement of any proper legal or equitable remedy, as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce such rights.

The Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding shall, subject to the requirements of Section 607 hereof, have the right, by an instrument or instruments in writing executed and delivered to the Trustee, to direct the method and place of conducting all remedial proceedings by the Trustee hereunder, provided that such directions shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or this Master Indenture and that the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction which in the opinion of the Trustee would be unduly prejudicial to the rights of the Owners of such Series of Bonds not parties to such direction or would subject the Trustee to personal liability or expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee shall have the right to select and retain legal counsel of its choosing to represent it in any such proceedings. The Trustee may take any other action which is not inconsistent with any direction under this second paragraph of this Section 904.

No Owner of such Series of Bonds shall have any right to pursue any other remedy under this Master Indenture or such Series of Bonds unless: (a) an Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing; (b) the Majority Owners of such Series of Bonds then Outstanding have requested the Trustee, in writing, to exercise the powers granted in the first paragraph of this Section 904 or to pursue such remedy in its or their name or names; (c) the Trustee has been offered indemnity satisfactory to it against costs, expenses and liabilities reasonably anticipated to be incurred; (d) the Trustee has declined to comply with such request, or has failed to do so,

within sixty (60) days after its receipt of such written request and offer of indemnity; and (e) no direction inconsistent with such request has been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding. The provisions of the immediately preceding sentence of this Section 904 are conditions precedent to the exercise by any Owner of such Series of Bonds of any remedy hereunder. The exercise of such rights is further subject to the provisions of Sections 907, 909, 910 and the second paragraph of this Section 904. No Owner or Owners of such Series of Bonds shall have any right in any manner whatsoever to enforce any right under this Master Indenture, except in the manner herein provided.

The District covenants and agrees that upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, it will take such actions to enforce the remedial provisions of the Indenture, the provisions for the collection of Delinquent Assessments, the provisions for the foreclosure of liens of Delinquent Assessments, and will take such other appropriate remedial actions as shall be directed by the Trustee acting at the direction of, and on behalf of, the Majority Owners, from time to time, of the Bonds of a Series. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, and unless otherwise directed by the Majority Owners of the Bonds of a Series and allowed pursuant to federal or State law, the District acknowledges and agrees that (i) upon failure of any property owner to pay an installment of Assessments collected directly by the District when due, that the entire Assessment on the tax parcel as to which such Delinquent Assessment appertains, with interest and penalties thereon, shall immediately become due and payable as provided by applicable law and the District shall promptly, but in any event within one hundred twenty (120) days, cause to be brought the necessary legal proceedings for the foreclosure of liens of Delinquent Assessments, including interest and penalties with respect to such tax parcel and (ii) the foreclosure proceedings shall be prosecuted to a sale and conveyance of the property involved in said proceedings as now provided by law in suits to foreclose mortgages.

**Section 905. Pro Rata Application of Funds Among Owners of a Series of Bonds.** Anything in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, if at any time the moneys in the Series Funds and Accounts shall not be sufficient to pay Debt Service on the related Series of Bonds when due, such moneys together with any moneys then available or thereafter becoming available for such purpose, whether through the exercise of the remedies provided for in this Article or otherwise, shall be applied as follows:

(a) Unless the aggregate principal amount of all the Bonds of such Series shall have become due and payable or shall have been declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 of this Article, all such moneys shall be applied:

FIRST: to the payment of any then-due fees and expenses of the Trustee, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses, to the extent not otherwise paid;

SECOND: to payment to the persons entitled thereto of all installments of interest then due and payable on the Bonds of such Series, in the order in which such installments become due and payable and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full any particular installment, then to the payment ratably, according to the amounts due on such installment, to

the persons entitled thereto, without any discrimination or preference except as to any difference in the rates of interest specified in the Bonds of such Series; and

THIRD: to the payment to the persons entitled thereto of the unpaid principal of any of the Bonds of such Series which shall have become due (other than Bonds of such Series called for redemption for the payment of which sufficient moneys are held pursuant to this Master Indenture), in the order of their due dates, with interest upon the Bonds of such Series at the rates specified therein from the dates upon which they become due to their payment date, and, if the amount available shall not be sufficient to pay in full the principal of Bonds of such Series due on any particular date, together with such interest, then to the payment first of such interest, ratably according to the amount of such interest due on such date, and then to the payment of such principal, ratably according to the amount of such principal due on such date, to the Owners of the Bonds of such Series entitled thereto without any discrimination or preference except as to any difference in the foregoing rates of interest.

(b) If the aggregate principal amount of all the Bonds of a Series shall have become due and payable in accordance with their terms or shall have been declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 of this Article, all such moneys shall be applied first to the payment of any fees and expenses of the Trustee, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses, to the extent not otherwise paid, and, then the payment of the whole amount of principal and interest then due and unpaid upon the Bonds of such Series, without preference or priority of principal or of interest or of any installment of interest over any other, or of any Bond over any other Bond of such Series, ratably, according to the amounts due respectively for principal and interest, to the persons entitled thereto without any discrimination or preference except as to any difference in the respective rates of interest specified in the Bonds of such Series.

(c) If the principal of all the Bonds of a Series shall have been declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 of this Article, and if such declaration shall thereafter have been rescinded and annulled pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 of this Article, then, if the aggregate principal amount of all of the Bonds of such Series shall later become due or be declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions of Section 903 of this Article, the moneys remaining in and thereafter accruing to the related Series Revenue Fund shall be applied in accordance with subsection (b) above.

The provisions of this Section 905 are in all respects subject to the provisions of Section 901 of this Article.

Whenever moneys are to be applied pursuant to this Section 905, such moneys shall be applied by the Trustee at such times as the Trustee in its sole discretion shall determine, having due regard to the amount of such moneys available for application and the likelihood of additional moneys becoming available for such application. The deposit of such moneys with the Paying Agent shall constitute proper application by the Trustee, and the Trustee shall incur no liability whatsoever to any Owner or to any other person for any delay in applying any such funds, so long as the Trustee acts with reasonable diligence, having due regard to the

circumstances, and ultimately applies such moneys in accordance with such provisions of this Master Indenture as may be applicable at the time of application. Whenever the Trustee shall exercise such discretion in applying such funds, it shall fix the date upon which such application is to be made and upon such date interest on the amounts of principal to be paid on such date shall cease to accrue. The Trustee shall give such notice as it may deem appropriate of the fixing of any such date, and shall not be required to make payment to any Owner until such Bond shall be surrendered to him for appropriate endorsement.

**Section 906. Effect of Discontinuance of Proceedings.** If any proceeding taken by the Trustee or any Owner on account of any default shall have been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, then the District and the Owner shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively, and all rights and remedies of the Owners shall continue as though no such proceeding had been taken.

**Section 907. Restriction on Individual Owner Actions.** Except as provided in Section 910 below, no Owner of any of the Bonds shall have any right in any manner whatsoever to affect, disturb or prejudice the security of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture, or to enforce any right hereunder or thereunder except in the manner herein or therein provided, and all proceedings at law or in equity shall be instituted and maintained for the benefit of all Owners of the Bonds of such Series.

**Section 908. No Remedy Exclusive.** No remedy conferred upon the Trustee or the Owners is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy herein or in any Supplemental Indenture provided, and each such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or thereunder.

**Section 909. Delay Not a Waiver.** No delay or omission of the Trustee or any Owner to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given to the Trustee and the Owners may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

**Section 910. Right to Enforce Payment of Bonds.** Nothing in this Article shall affect or impair the right of any Owner to enforce the payment of Debt Service on the Bond of which such person is the registered Owner, or the obligation of the District to pay Debt Service to the Owner at the time and place specified in such Bond.

**Section 911. No Cross Default Among Series.** The occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder or under any Supplemental Indenture with respect to any Series of Bonds shall not constitute an Event of Default with respect to any other Series of Bonds, unless the event giving rise to the Event of Default also constitutes an Event of Default hereunder or under the Supplemental Indenture with respect to such other Series of Bonds.

**Section 912. Indemnification.** Other than to make proper draws under a Credit Facility, the Trustee shall be under no obligation to institute any suit or to take any remedial

proceeding under this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture or to enter any appearance or in any way defend in any suit in which it may be made defendant, or to advance its own money, or to take any steps in the execution of the trusts hereby created or in the enforcement of any rights and powers hereunder, until it shall be indemnified to its satisfaction against any and all costs and expenses, outlays and counsel fees and other reasonable disbursements, and against all liability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnification provided by this Section 912 shall not be applicable in cases of the Trustee's gross negligence or willful misconduct. In the case of an indemnity from the District, such indemnity may only be provided by the District to the extent permitted by State law, and shall not cause the District to waive any limitations of liability as may be set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or other applicable law.

**Section 913. Provisions Relating to Bankruptcy or Insolvency of Landowner.**

(a) The provisions of this Section 913 shall be applicable both before and after the commencement, whether voluntary or involuntary, of any case, proceeding or other action by or against any owner of any tax parcel, or tax parcels which are in the aggregate, subject to at least three percent (3%) of the Assessments pledged to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding (an "Insolvent Taxpayer") under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, assignment for the benefit of creditors, or relief of debtors (a "Proceeding").

(b) The District acknowledges and agrees that, although the Bonds of a Series were issued by the District, the Owners of the Bonds of a Series are categorically the party with the ultimate financial stake in the transaction and, consequently, the party with a vested and pecuniary interest in a Proceeding. In the event of any Proceeding involving an Insolvent Taxpayer:

(i) the District hereby agrees that it shall seek to secure the written consent of the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, prior to making any election, giving any consent, commencing any action or filing any motion, claim, obligation, notice or application or in taking any other action or position in any Proceeding or in any action related to a Proceeding that affects, either directly or indirectly, the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding or any rights of the Trustee under the Indenture (provided, however, the Majority Owners of the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed action if the District does not receive a written response from the Majority Owners or the Trustee, acting at the direction of such Majority Owners, within sixty (60) days following delivery to the Majority Owners and the Trustee of a written request for consent);

(ii) the District hereby agrees that it shall not make any election, give any consent, commence any action or file any motion, claim, obligation, notice or application or take any other action or position in any Proceeding or in any action related to a

Proceeding that affects, either directly or indirectly, the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding or any rights of the Trustee under the Indenture that are inconsistent with any written consent received (or deemed received) from the Trustee or the Majority Owners;

(iii) the District hereby agrees that it shall seek the written consent of the Trustee prior to filing and voting in any such Proceeding (provided, however, the Majority Owners of the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding shall be deemed to have consented to the proposed action if the District does not receive a written response from the Majority Owners and the Trustee within sixty (60) days following delivery to the Majority Owners and the Trustee of a written request for consent);

(iv) the Trustee shall have the right, by interpleader or otherwise, to seek or oppose any relief in any such Proceeding that the District, as claimant with respect to the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding would have the right to pursue, and, if the Trustee chooses to exercise any such rights, the District shall not oppose the Trustee in seeking to exercise any and all rights and taking any and all actions available to the District in connection with any Proceeding of any Insolvent Taxpayer, including without limitation, the right to file and/or prosecute and/or defend any claims and proofs of claims, to vote to accept or reject a plan, to seek dismissal of the Proceeding, to seek stay relief to commence or continue foreclosure or pursue any other available remedies as to the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, to seek substantive consolidation, to seek to shorten the Insolvent Taxpayer's exclusivity periods or to oppose any motion to extend such exclusivity periods, to oppose any motion for use of cash collateral or for authority to obtain financing, to oppose any sale procedures motion or any sale motion, to propose a competing plan of reorganization or liquidation, or to make any election under Section 1111(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; and

(v) the District shall not challenge the validity or amount of any claim submitted in good faith in such Proceeding by the Trustee or any valuations of the lands owned by any Insolvent Taxpayer submitted in good faith by the Trustee in such Proceeding or take any other action in such Proceeding which is adverse to the Trustee's enforcement of the District's claim and rights with respect to the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding or receipt of adequate protection (as that term is defined in the Bankruptcy Code). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the District agrees that the Trustee shall have the right to (A) file a proof of claim with respect to the Assessments pledged to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding, (B) deliver to the District a copy thereof, together with evidence of the filing with the appropriate court or other authority, and (C) defend any objection filed to said proof of claim.

The District acknowledges and agrees that it shall not be a defense to a breach of the foregoing covenants that it has acted on advice of counsel in not complying with the foregoing covenants.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraphs, nothing in this Section 913 shall preclude the District from becoming a party to a Proceeding in order to enforce a claim for Operation and Maintenance Assessments, and the District shall be free to pursue such a claim for Operation and Maintenance Assessments in such manner as it shall deem appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion; provided, however, that such claim shall not affirmatively seek to reduce the amount or receipt of Assessments. Any actions taken by the District in pursuance of its claim for Operation and Maintenance Assessments in any Proceeding shall not be considered an action adverse or inconsistent with the Trustee's rights or consents with respect to the Assessments relating to the Bonds of a Series then Outstanding whether such claim is pursued by the District or the Trustee; provided, however, that the District shall not oppose any relief sought by the Trustee under the authority granted to the Trustee in clause (b)(iv) above.

## ARTICLE X
## EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS BY OWNERS AND PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF BONDS

**Section 1001. Execution of Instruments by Owners and Proof of Ownership of Bonds.** Any request, direction, consent or other instrument in writing required or permitted by this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture to be signed or executed by Owners may be in any number of concurrent instruments of similar tenor and may be signed or executed by Owners or their attorneys or legal representatives. Proof of the execution of any such instrument shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Master Indenture and shall be conclusive in favor of the District with regard to any action taken by it under such instrument if verified by any officer in any jurisdiction who, by the laws thereof, has power to take affidavits within such jurisdiction, to the effect that such instrument was subscribed and sworn to before him, or by an affidavit of a witness to such execution. Where such execution is on behalf of a person other than an individual such verification or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of the authority of the signer thereof.

Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as limiting the Trustee to such proof, it being intended that the Trustee may accept any other evidence of the matters herein stated which it may deem sufficient. Any request or consent of the Owner of any Bond shall bind every future owner of the same Bond in respect of anything done by the Trustee or the District in pursuance of such request or consent.

**Section 1002. Deposit of Bonds.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the District nor the Trustee shall be required to recognize any person as an Owner of any Bond or to take any action at his request unless such Bond shall be deposited with the Trustee.

## ARTICLE XI
## SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

**Section 1101. Supplemental Indentures Without Owners' Consent.** The Governing Body from time to time may authorize such indentures supplemental hereto or amendatory hereof as shall not be inconsistent with the terms and provisions hereof (which supplemental indenture shall thereafter form a part hereof), without the consent of the Owners, for the following purposes:

(a) to provide for the initial issuance of a Series of Bonds or Refunding Bonds; or

(b) to make any change whatsoever to the terms and provisions of this Master Indenture, but only as such change relates to a Series of Bonds upon the original issuance thereof (or upon the original issuance of Refunding Bonds which defease and discharge the Supplemental Indenture of the Series of Bonds to be refunded) under and pursuant to the terms of the Supplemental Indenture effecting such change; or

(c) to cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission or to correct any inconsistent provisions in this Master Indenture; or

(d) to grant to the Owners or to the Trustee on behalf of the Owners any additional rights or security that may lawfully be granted; or

(e) to add to the covenants and agreements of the District in this Master Indenture other covenants and agreements thereafter to be observed by the District to the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds then Outstanding; or

(f) to make such changes as may be necessary in order to reflect amendments to Chapters 170, 189, 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, or any other Florida Statutes, so long as, in the opinion of counsel to the District, such changes either: (i) do not have a material adverse effect on the Owners of each Series of Bonds to which such changes relate; or (ii) if such changes do have a material adverse effect, that they nevertheless are required to be made as a result of such amendments; or

(g) to modify the provisions of this Master Indenture or any Supplemental Indenture provided that such modification does not, in the written opinion of Bond Counsel, materially adversely affect the interests of the Owners of the Bonds then Outstanding, upon which opinion the Trustee may conclusively rely.

**Section 1102. Supplemental Indentures With Owner Consent.**

(a) Subject to the provisions contained in this Section 1102, and not otherwise, the Majority Owners of Bonds then Outstanding shall have the right, from time to time, anything contained in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, to consent to and approve the adoption of such indentures supplemental hereto or amendatory hereof as shall be deemed

desirable by the District for the purpose of modifying, altering, amending, adding to or rescinding, in any particular, any of the provisions of this Master Indenture; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall permit, or be construed as permitting, without the consent of all Owners of Bonds then Outstanding and affected by such supplement or amendment,

(i) an extension of the maturity of, or an extension of the Interest Payment Date on, any Bond;

(ii) a reduction in the principal, premium, or interest on any Bond;

(iii) a preference or priority of any Bond over any other Bond; or

(iv) a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds required for consent to such Supplemental Indenture.

(b) In addition to the foregoing, the Majority Owners of any Series then Outstanding shall have the right, from time to time, anything contained in this Master Indenture or in the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds to the contrary notwithstanding, to consent to and approve the adoption of such indentures supplemental to the Supplemental Indenture relating to such Series of Bonds or amendatory thereof, but not hereof, as shall be deemed desirable by the District for the purpose of modifying, altering, amending, adding to or rescinding, in any particular, any of the provisions of such Supplemental Indenture or of any indenture supplemental thereto; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall permit, or be construed as permitting, without the consent of all Owners of Bonds of such Series then Outstanding and affected by such amendment,

(i) an extension of the maturity of, or an extension of the Interest Payment Date on, any Bond of such Series;

(ii) a reduction in the principal, premium, or interest on any Bond of such Series;

(iii) a preference or priority of any Bond of such Series over any other Bond of such Series;

(iv) a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of such Series required for consent to such indenture supplemental to the Supplemental Indenture; or

(v) any amendments to this Article XI.

(c) If at any time the District shall determine that it is desirable to approve any Supplemental Indenture pursuant to this Section 1102, the District shall cause the Trustee to mail, at the expense of the District, notice of the proposed approval to the Owners whose approval is required. Such notice shall be prepared by the District and shall briefly set forth the nature of the proposed Supplemental Indenture or indenture supplemental to a Supplemental Indenture and

shall state that copies thereof are on file with the Secretary for inspection by all affected Owners. The District shall not, however, be subject to any liability to any Owner by reason of its failure to cause the notice required by this Section 1102 to be mailed and any such failure shall not affect the validity of such Supplemental Indenture or indenture supplemental to a Supplemental Indenture when consented to and approved as provided in this Section 1102.

(d) Whenever, at any time within one (1) year after the date of the first mailing of such notice, there shall be delivered to the District an instrument or instruments in writing purporting to be executed by the Owners of the requisite principal amount of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding, which instrument or instruments shall refer to the proposed Supplemental Indenture or indenture supplemental to a Supplemental Indenture described in such notice and shall specifically consent to and approve the execution thereof in substantially the form of the copy thereof referred to in such notice, thereupon, but not otherwise, the Governing Body and the Trustee may approve such Supplemental Indenture and cause it to be executed, in substantially such form, without liability or responsibility to any Owner.

**Section 1103. Opinion of Bond Counsel With Respect to Supplemental Indenture.** In addition to the other requirements herein set forth with respect to Supplemental Indentures or indentures supplemental to a Supplemental Indenture, no such indentures shall be effective unless and until there shall have been delivered to the Trustee the opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such indenture is permitted pursuant to this Master Indenture and that such indenture is the valid and binding obligation of the District enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or general equitable principles, upon which opinion the Trustee may conclusively rely. In addition, if such indenture relates to a Series of Tax Exempt Bonds, such opinion shall also state that such indenture will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the related Series of Bonds. The opinions required by the foregoing shall be obtained at the expense of the District.

**Section 1104. Supplemental Indenture Part of Indenture.** Any supplemental indenture executed in accordance with this Article and approved as to legality by counsel to the District shall thereafter, except as otherwise provided therein, form a part of this Master Indenture. Except as applicable only to Bonds of a Series, all of the terms and conditions contained in any such supplemental indenture amendatory of this Master Indenture shall be part of the terms and conditions hereof.

**Section 1105. Insurer or Issuer of a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility as Owner of Bonds.**

(a) As long as a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility securing all or a portion of the Bonds of a Series Outstanding is in effect and the issuer thereof is not in default of any of its obligations under such Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility, as the case may be, the issuer of the Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility or the Insurer, to the extent so authorized in the applicable Supplemental Indenture, will be deemed to be the Owner of the Bonds of such Series secured by

the Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility: (i) at all times for the purpose of the execution and delivery of a supplemental indenture or of any amendment, change or modification of the Master Indenture or the applicable Supplemental Indenture or the initiation by Owners of any action to be undertaken by the Trustee at the Owner's written request, which under the Master Indenture or the applicable Supplemental Indenture requires the written approval or consent of or can be initiated by the Majority Owners of the Bonds of such Series then Outstanding; (ii) at all times for the purpose of the mailing of any notice to Owners under the Master Indenture or the applicable Supplemental Indenture; and (iii) following an Event of Default for all other purposes.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither an Insurer nor the issuer of a Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility with respect to a Series of Bonds will be deemed to be an Owner of the Bonds of such Series with respect to any such Supplemental Indenture or of any amendment, change or modification of the Master Indenture which would have the effect of permitting: (i) a change in the terms of redemption or maturity of any Bonds of a Series then Outstanding or of any installment of interest thereon; or (ii) a reduction in the principal amount or the Redemption Price thereof or in rate of interest thereon; or (iii) reducing the percentage or otherwise affecting the classes of Bonds the consent of the Owners of which is required to effect any such modification or amendment; or (iv) creating any preference or priority of any Bond of a Series over any other Bond of such Series.

## ARTICLE XII
## DEFEASANCE

**Section 1201. Defeasance and Discharge of the Lien of this Master Indenture and Supplemental Indentures.**

(a) If the District pays or causes to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid, to the Owners of all Bonds the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due or to become due thereon and the obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and any Liquidity Agreement, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in this Master Indenture and any Letter of Credit Agreement and any Liquidity Agreement and pays or causes to be paid all other moneys owing hereunder and under any Supplemental Indenture (including, without limitation the fees and expenses of the Trustee, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses), then the lien of this Master Indenture and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the District to the Owners and the issuer of any Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility shall thereupon cease, terminate and become void and be discharged and satisfied. In such event, the Trustee upon the written request of the District shall execute and deliver to the District all such instruments as may be desirable to evidence such discharge and satisfaction, and the Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver, as directed in writing by the District, all moneys or securities held by them pursuant to this Master Indenture which are not required for the payment of principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, on Bonds not theretofore surrendered for such payment or redemption or for payment of obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and any Liquidity Agreement. If the District pays or causes to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid, to the Owners of all Bonds then Outstanding or of a particular maturity, of a particular

Series or of any part of a particular maturity or Series the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due or to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in this Master Indenture, such Bonds shall cease to be entitled to any lien, benefit or security under this Master Indenture, and all covenants, agreements and obligations of the District to the Owners of such Bonds shall thereupon cease, terminate and become void and be discharged and satisfied. Anything to the contrary in this Section 1201 notwithstanding, this Master Indenture shall not be discharged nor shall any Bonds with respect to which moneys or Federal Securities have been deposited in accordance with the provisions of this Section 1201 cease to be entitled to the lien, benefit or security under this Master Indenture, except to the extent that the lien, benefit and security of this Master Indenture and the obligations of the District hereunder shall be limited solely to and such Bonds shall be secured solely by and be payable solely from the moneys or Federal Securities so deposited.

(b) Bonds or interest installments for the payment or redemption of which moneys shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust by the Trustee (through deposit pursuant to this Master Indenture of funds for such payment or redemption or otherwise) at the maturity or redemption date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed in this Section 1201. All Bonds of any particular maturity or Series then Outstanding shall, prior to the maturity or redemption date thereof, be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed in subsection (a) of this Section 1201 if: (i) in case any of such Bonds are to be redeemed on any date prior to their maturity, the District shall have given to the Trustee or the Bond Registrar irrevocable instructions accepted in writing by the Trustee or the Bond Registrar to mail as provided in Article III notice of redemption of such Bonds on such date; (ii) there shall have been deposited with the Trustee either moneys in an amount which shall be sufficient, or Federal Securities, the principal of and the interest on which when due shall, as demonstrated in an Accountant's Certificate, provide moneys which, together with the moneys, if any, deposited with the Trustee at the same time, shall be sufficient to pay when due the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due and to become due on said Bonds on or prior to the redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may be; (iii) the District shall have given the Trustee or the Bond Registrar in form satisfactory to it irrevocable instructions to mail, postage prepaid, to each registered Owner of Bonds then Outstanding at the address, if any, appearing upon the registration books of the District, a notice to the registered Owners of such Bonds and to the Bond Registrar that the deposit required by (ii) above has been made with the Trustee and that such Bonds are deemed to have been paid in accordance with this Section 1201 and stating such maturity or redemption date upon which moneys are to be available for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, on such Bonds; and (iv) an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such defeasance is permitted under this Master Indenture and the Supplemental Indenture relating to the Series of Bonds so defeased and that, in the case of Tax Exempt Bonds, such defeasance will not adversely affect the tax exempt status of such Series of Bonds.

(c) Neither Federal Securities nor moneys deposited with the Trustee pursuant to this Section 1201 nor principal or interest payments on any such Federal Securities shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than, and shall be held in trust for, the payment of the principal or

Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest on such Bonds; provided that any cash received from such principal or interest payments on such Federal Securities deposited with the Trustee: (i) to the extent such cash shall not be required at any time for such purpose as evidenced by an Accountant's Certificate or, and to the extent all obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and/or any Liquidity Agreement are satisfied, as determined by an Insurer or an issuer of any Credit Facility and/or any Liquidity Facility securing the Bonds with respect to which such Federal Securities have been so deposited, shall be paid over upon the direction of the District as received by the Trustee, free and clear of any trust, lien, pledge or assignment securing such Bonds or otherwise existing under this Master Indenture; and (ii) to the extent such cash shall be required for such purpose at a later date, shall, to the extent practicable, be reinvested in Federal Securities maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when due the principal or Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest to become due on such Bonds, or obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and/or any Liquidity Agreement, on or prior to such redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may be, and interest earned from such reinvestments shall be paid over as received by the Trustee to the District, free and clear of any lien, pledge or security interest securing such Bonds or otherwise existing under this Master Indenture. For the purposes of this provision, Federal Securities means and includes only such securities which shall not be subject to redemption prior to their maturity other than at the option of the holder thereof.

(d) As to any Variable Rate Bonds, whether discharged and satisfied under the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) above, the amount required for the interest thereon shall be calculated at the maximum rate permitted by the terms of the provisions which authorized the issuance of such Variable Rate Bonds; provided, however, that if on any date, as a result of such Variable Rate Bonds having borne interest at less than such maximum rate for any period, the total amount of moneys and Investment Obligations on deposit for the payment of interest on such Variable Rate Bonds is in excess of the total amount which would have been required to be deposited on such date in respect of such Variable Rate Bonds in order to fully discharge and satisfy such Bonds and obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and/or any Liquidity Agreement pursuant to the provisions of this Section 1201, the District may use the amount of such excess free and clear of any trust, lien, security interest, pledge or assignment securing said Variable Rate Bonds or otherwise existing under this Master Indenture, any Letter of Credit Agreement and/or any Liquidity Agreement.

(e) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Master Indenture to the contrary, Option Bonds may only be fully discharged and satisfied either pursuant to subsection (a) above or by depositing in the Series Interest Account, the Series Principal Account, the Series Sinking Fund Account and the Series Redemption Account, or in such other accounts which are irrevocably pledged to the payment of the Option Bonds, as the District may create and establish by Supplemental Indenture, moneys which together with other moneys lawfully available therefor shall be sufficient at the time of such deposit to pay when due the maximum amount of principal of and Redemption Price, if any, and interest on such Option Bonds which could become payable to the Owners of such Bonds upon the exercise of any options provided to the Owners of such Bonds; provided however, that if, at the time a deposit is made pursuant to this subsection (e), the options originally exercisable by the Owner of an Option Bond are no longer exercisable,

such Bond shall not be considered an Option Bond for purposes of this subsection (e). If any portion of the moneys deposited for the payment of the principal of and Redemption Price, if any, and interest on Option Bonds is not required for such purpose and is not needed to reimburse an Insurer or an issuer of any Credit Facility and/or Liquidity Facility, for obligations under any Letter of Credit Agreement and/or any Liquidity Agreement, the District may use the amount of such excess free and clear of any trust, lien, security interest, pledge or assignment securing such Option Bonds or otherwise existing under this Master Indenture, any Letter of Credit Agreement and/or any Liquidity Agreement.

(f) Anything in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, any moneys held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the payment and discharge of any of the Bonds which remain unclaimed for two (2) years after the date when such Bonds have become due and payable, either at their stated maturity dates or by call for earlier redemption, if such moneys were held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent at such date, or for two (2) years after the date of deposit of such moneys if deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent after the date when such Bonds became due and payable, shall, at the written request of the District, be repaid by the Trustee or Paying Agent to the District as its absolute property and free from trust, and the Trustee or Paying Agent shall thereupon be released and discharged with respect thereto and the Owners shall look only to the District for the payment of such Bonds; provided, however, that before being required to make any such payment to the District, the Trustee or Paying Agent shall, at the expense of the District, cause to be mailed, postage prepaid, to any Insurer or any issuer of any Credit Facility or Liquidity Facility, and to each registered Owner of Bonds then Outstanding at the address, if any, appearing upon the registration books of the District, a notice that such moneys remain unclaimed and that, after a date named in such notice, which date shall be not less than thirty (30) days after the date of the mailing of such notice, the balance of such moneys then unclaimed shall be returned to the District.

(g) In the event that the principal and Redemption Price, if applicable, and interest due on the Bonds shall be paid by the Insurer pursuant to a municipal bond insurance policy, the assignment and pledge and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the District to the Owners of such Bonds shall continue to exist and the Insurer shall be subrogated to the rights of such Owners.

(h) Anything in this Master Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, the provisions of the foregoing subsections (b) through (g) shall apply to the discharge of Bonds of a Series and to the discharge of the lien of any Supplemental Indenture securing such Series of Bonds as though each reference to the "Master Indenture" were a reference to such "Supplemental Indenture" and as though each reference to "Bonds then Outstanding" were a reference to the "Bonds of such Series then Outstanding."

**Section 1202. Moneys Held in Trust.** All moneys and obligations held by an escrow or paying agent or trustee pursuant to this Section 1202 shall be held in trust and the principal and interest of said obligations when received, and said moneys, shall be applied to the payment,

when due, of the principal, interest and premium, if any, of the Bonds to be paid or to be called for redemption.

## ARTICLE XIII
## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**Section 1301. Effect of Covenant.** All covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the District contained in this Master Indenture shall be deemed to be covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements of the District and of the Governing Body of the District to the full extent authorized or permitted by law and all such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall bind or inure to the benefit of the successor or successors thereof from time to time and any officer, board, body or commission to whom or to which any power or duty affecting such covenants, stipulations, obligations and agreements shall be transferred by or in accordance with law.

Except as otherwise provided herein, all rights, powers and privileges conferred, and duties and liabilities imposed, upon the District or upon the Governing Body by this Master Indenture shall be exercised or performed by the Governing Body, or by such other officers, board, body or commission as may be required by law to exercise such powers or to perform such duties.

No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement herein contained shall be deemed to be a covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any member, agent or employee of the Governing Body in his or her individual capacity, and neither the members of the Governing Body nor any official executing the Bonds shall be liable personally on the Bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

**Section 1302. Manner of Giving Notice to the District and the Trustee.** Any notice, demand, direction, consent, request or other communication or instrument authorized or required by this Master Indenture to be given to or filed with the District or the Governing Body or the Trustee shall be provided in writing (provided that any communication sent to the Trustee hereunder must be in the form of a document that is signed manually or by way of a digital signature provider agreed to in writing by the Trustee and the District) and shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or filed for all purposes of this Master Indenture if and when sent by overnight delivery, certified mail, return receipt requested, first-class mail or e-mail:

To the District, addressed to:

Starling Community Development District
c/o Wrathall, Hunt & Associates, LLC, as district manager
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Email: wrathallc@whhassociates.com

To the Trustee, addressed to:

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association
500 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 460
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
Attention: Corporate Trust Department
Email: amanda.kumar@usbank.com

or to such other address as shall be provided to the other party hereto in writing. Subject to Sections 604 and 912 herein, the District agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of digital signatures and electronic methods to submit communications to the Trustee, including, without limitation, the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

All documents received by the District and the Trustee under this Master Indenture shall be retained in their possession, subject at all reasonable times to the inspection of any Owner and the agents and representatives thereof.

**Section 1303. Manner of Giving Notice to the Owners.** Any notice, demand, direction, request, or other instrument authorized or required by this Master Indenture to be mailed to the Owners shall be deemed to have been sufficiently mailed if mailed by first class mail, postage pre-paid, to the Owners at their addresses as they appear at the time of mailing on the registration books maintained by the Bond Registrar.

**Section 1304. Successorship of District Officers.** If the offices of Chair or Secretary shall be abolished or any two or more of such offices shall be merged or consolidated, or in the event of a vacancy in any such office by reason of death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise, or in the event any such officer shall become incapable of performing the duties of his office by reason of sickness, absence from the District or otherwise, all powers conferred and all obligations and duties imposed upon such officer shall be performed by the officer succeeding to the principal functions thereof or by the officer upon whom such powers, obligations and duties shall be imposed by law.

**Section 1305. Inconsistent Provisions.** All provisions of any resolutions, and parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Master Indenture are hereby declared to be inapplicable to this Master Indenture.

**Section 1306. Further Acts; Counterparts.** The officers and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed to do all the acts and things required of them by the Bonds and this Master Indenture, for the full, punctual and complete performance of all of the terms, covenants, provisions and agreements contained in the Bonds and this Master Indenture.

This Master Indenture and any Supplemental Indenture may be executed in duplicate counterparts each of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.

**Section 1307. Headings Not Part of Indenture.** Any headings preceding the texts of the several Articles and Sections hereof and any table of contents, marginal notes or footnotes appended to copies hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference, and shall not constitute a part of this Master Indenture, nor shall they affect its meaning, construction or effect.

**Section 1308. Effect of Partial Invalidity.** In case any one or more of the provisions of this Master Indenture or of any Bonds shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Master Indenture or of the Bonds, but this Master Indenture and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained therein. The Bonds are issued and this Master Indenture is adopted with the intent that the laws of the State shall govern their construction.

**Section 1309. Attorneys' Fees.** Any reference herein to the term "attorneys' fees" or "legal fees" or words of like import shall include but not be limited to fees of legal assistants and paralegals and fees incurred in any and all legal proceedings, including any trial or appellate level proceedings, and any sales tax thereon.

**Section 1310. Effective Date.** This Master Indenture shall be effective as of the date first above-written.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Starling Community Development District has caused this Master Indenture to be executed by the [Chair/Vice Chair] of its Board and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, attested by the [Secretary/Assistant Secretary] of its Board and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association has caused this Master Indenture to be executed by one of its corporate officers, all as of the day and year first above written.

(SEAL)

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Attest:

_____
[Chair/Vice Chair], Board of Supervisors

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[Secretary/Assistant Secretary]

[Signature Page | Master Trust Indenture]

**U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, as Trustee

_____

Amanda Kumar, Vice President

[Signature Page | Master Trust Indenture]

**EXHIBIT A**
**FORM OF REQUISITION**

The undersigned, an Authorized Officer of Starling Community Development District (the "District") hereby submits the following requisition for disbursement under and pursuant to the terms of the Master Trust Indenture between the District and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as trustee (the "Trustee"), dated as of _____ 1, 2024 (the "Master Indenture"), as amended and supplemented by the [_____] Supplemental Trust Indenture between the District and the Trustee, dated as of [_____] (the Master Indenture as amended and supplemented is hereinafter referred to as the "Indenture") (all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Indenture):

(A) Requisition Number:

(B) Name of Payee:

(C) Amount Payable:

(D) Purpose for which paid or incurred (refer also to specific contract if amount is due and payable pursuant to a contract involving progress payments, or, state Costs of Issuance, if applicable):

(E) Fund, Account and/or subaccount from which disbursement is to be made:

The undersigned hereby certifies that [obligations in the stated amount set forth above have been incurred by the District, that each disbursement set forth above is a proper charge against the [ ] Acquisition and Construction Account and the subaccount, if any, referenced above, that each disbursement set forth above was incurred in connection with the acquisition and construction of the [ ] Project and each represents a Cost of the [ ] Project, and has not previously been paid] OR [this requisition is for Costs of Issuance payable from the Costs of Issuance Account that has not previously been paid].

The undersigned hereby further certifies that there has not been filed with or served upon the District notice of any lien, right to lien, or attachment upon, or claim affecting the right to receive payment of, any of the moneys payable to the Payee set forth above, which has not been released or will not be released simultaneously with the payment hereof.

The undersigned hereby further certifies that such requisition contains no item representing payment on account of any retained percentage which the District is at the date of such certificate entitled to retain.

Originals or copies of the invoice(s) from the vendor of the property acquired or services rendered with respect to which disbursement is hereby requested are on file with the District.

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Authorized Officer

**CONSULTING ENGINEER'S APPROVAL FOR NON-COST OF ISSUANCE REQUESTS ONLY**

If this requisition is for a disbursement from other than the Costs of Issuance Account, the undersigned Consulting Engineer hereby certifies that this disbursement is for a Cost of the [ ] Project and is consistent with: (i) the applicable acquisition or construction contract; (ii) the plans and specifications for the portion of the [ ] Project with respect to which such disbursement is being made; and (iii) the report of the Consulting Engineer attached as an Exhibit to the [ ] Supplemental Indenture, as such report shall have been amended or modified on the date hereof.

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Consulting Engineer

# STARLING

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**ACQUISITION AGREEMENT**

**THIS ACQUISITION AGREEMENT** ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into, by and between:

**TAYLOR MORRISON OF FLORIDA, INC.,** a Florida Corporation, with an address of 28100 Bonita Grand Drive, Suite 102, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135-6220 ("**Developer**"), and

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, whose address is c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**District**").

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the District was established by ordinance enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes,* as amended ("**Act**"), and is validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes the District to issue bonds for the purpose, among others, of planning, financing, constructing, and acquiring certain infrastructure, roadways, stormwater management, utilities (water & sewer), offsite improvements, landscaping/lighting, and other infrastructure within or without the boundaries of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer is the owner of lands within the boundaries of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the District presently intends to finance the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and installation of certain infrastructure improvements, facilities, and services known as the "**Project**" and as detailed in the District's *Master Engineer's Report,* dated January 2024, revised April 2024 **(**"**Engineer's Report**"), attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit A**; and

**WHEREAS**, the District intends to finance all or a portion of the Project through the use of proceeds from future special assessment bonds ("**Bonds**"); and

**WHEREAS,** the District has not had sufficient monies on hand to allow the District to contract directly for: (i) the preparation of the surveys, testing, reports, drawings, plans, permits, specifications, and related documents necessary to complete the Project ("**Work Product**"); or (ii) construction and/or installation of the improvements comprising the Project ("**Improvements**"); and

**WHEREAS,** the District acknowledges the Developer's need to commence development of the lands within the District in an expeditious and timely manner; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to avoid a delay in the commencement of the development of the Work Product and/or the Improvements, the Developer has advanced, funded, commenced, and completed and/or will complete certain of the Work Product and/or Improvements; and

**WHEREAS,** the Developer and the District are entering into this Agreement to set forth the process by which the District may acquire the Work Product, the Improvements, and any related real

property interests ("**Real Property**") and in order to ensure the timely provision of the infrastructure and development.

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

**1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** The recitals stated above are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated as a material part of this Agreement.

**2. ADVANCED FUNDING.** Prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Developer may elect to make available to the District such monies as are necessary to enable the District to proceed with, and expedite, the design, engineering, and construction of the Project. The funds ("**Advanced Funds**") shall be placed in the District's depository as determined by the District, and shall be repaid to the Developer solely from available proceeds of the Bonds, subject to the terms of this Agreement. The District shall individually account for costs incurred and Advanced Funds expended in connection with the Project.

**3. WORK PRODUCT AND IMPROVEMENTS.** The parties agree to cooperate and use good faith and best efforts to undertake and complete the acquisition process contemplated by this Agreement on such date or dates as the parties may jointly agree upon (each, an "**Acquisition Date**"). Subject to any applicable legal requirements (e.g., but not limited to, those laws governing the use of proceeds from tax exempt bonds), and the requirements of this Agreement, the District agrees to acquire completed Work Product and Improvements that are part of the Project.

a. ***Request for Conveyance and Supporting Documentation*** **–** When Work Product or Improvements are ready for conveyance by the Developer to the District, the Developer shall notify the District in writing, describing the nature of the Work Product and/or Improvement and estimated cost. Additionally, Developer agrees to provide, at or prior to the applicable Acquisition Date, the following: (i) documentation of actual costs paid, (ii) instruments of conveyance such as bills of sale or such other instruments as may be requested by the District, and (iii) any other releases, warranties, indemnifications or documentation as may be reasonably requested by the District.

b. ***Costs*** **–** Subject to any applicable legal requirements (e.g., but not limited to, those laws governing the use of proceeds from tax exempt bonds), the availability of proceeds from the Bonds, and the requirements of this Agreement, the District shall pay the lesser of (i) the actual cost of creation/construction of the Work Product or Improvements, and (ii) the fair market value of the Work Product or Improvements. The Developer shall provide copies of any and all invoices, bills, receipts, or other evidence of costs incurred by the Developer for any Work Product and/or Improvements. The District Engineer shall review all evidence of cost and shall certify to the District's Board of Supervisors (**"Board"**) whether the cost being paid is the lesser of (i) the actual cost of creation/construction of the Work Product or Improvements, and (ii) the fair market value of the Work Product or Improvements. The District Engineer's opinion as to cost shall be set forth in an Engineer's Certificate which shall accompany the requisition for the funds from the District's Trustee for the Bonds ("**Trustee**").

c. ***Conveyances on "As Is" Basis.*** Unless otherwise agreed, all conveyances of Work Product and/or Improvements shall be on an "as is" basis. That said, the Developer agrees to assign, transfer and convey to the District any and all rights the Developer may have against any and all firms or entities which may have caused any latent or patent defects, including, but not limited to, any and all warranties and other forms of indemnification.

d. ***Right to Rely on Work Product and Releases –*** The Developer agrees to release to the District all right, title, and interest which the Developer may have in and to any Work Product conveyed hereunder, as well as all common law, statutory, and other reserved rights, including all warranties and copyrights in the Work Product and extensions and renewals thereof under United States law and throughout the world, and all publication rights and all subsidiary rights and other rights in and to the Work Product in all forms, mediums, and media, now known or hereinafter devised. To the extent determined necessary by the District, the Developer shall reasonably obtain all releases from any professional providing services in connection with the Work Product to enable the District to use and rely upon the Work Product. The District agrees to allow the Developer access to and use of the Work Product without the payment of any fee by the Developer. However, to the extent the Developer's access to and use of the Work Product causes the District to incur any cost or expense, such as copying costs, the Developer agrees to pay such cost or expense.

e. ***Transfers to Third Party Governments; Payment for Transferred Property –*** If any item acquired is to be conveyed to a third-party governmental body, then the Developer agrees to cooperate and provide such certifications, documents, bonds, warranties, and/or forms of security as may be required by that governmental body, if any. Further, the Developer shall make reasonable efforts to first transfer such Work Product and/or Improvements to the District pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and prior to the transfer of such Work Product and/or Improvements to the third-party governmental entity. Regardless, and subject to the terms of this Agreement, any transfer, dedication, conveyance or assignment of such Work Product and/or Improvements directly to a third-party governmental entity prior to the District's acquisition of the Work Product and/or Improvements shall be deemed a transfer to the District of such Work Product and/or Improvements and then a re-transfer to the third party governmental entity.

f. ***Permits –*** The Developer agrees to cooperate fully in the transfer of any permits to the District or a governmental entity with maintenance obligations for any Improvements conveyed pursuant to this Agreement.

g. ***Engineer's Certification*** – The District shall accept any completed Work Product and/or Improvements where the District Engineer (or other consulting engineer reasonably acceptable to the District), in his/her professional opinion, is able to certify that, in addition to any other requirements of law: (i) the Work Product and/or Improvements are part of the Project; (ii) the price for such Work Product and/or Improvements did not exceed the lesser of the cost of creating the Work Product and/or Improvements or the fair market value of the Work Product and/or

Improvements; (iii) as to Work Product, the Work Product is capable of being used for the purposes intended by the District, and, as to any Improvements, the Improvements were installed in accordance with their specifications, and are capable of performing the functions for which they were intended; and (iv) as to any Improvements, all known plans, permits and specifications necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Improvements are complete and on file with the District, and have been transferred, or are capable of being transferred, to the District for operations and maintenance responsibilities.

**4. CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY.** The Developer agrees that it will convey to the District at or prior to the applicable Acquisition Date as determined solely by the District, by a special warranty deed or other instrument acceptable to the Board together with a metes and bounds or other description, the Real Property upon which any Improvements are constructed or which are necessary for the operation and maintenance of, and access to, the Improvements.

**a.** ***Cost.*** The parties agree that all Real Property shall be provided to the District at no cost, unless (i) the costs for the Real Property are expressly included as part of the Project, as described in the Engineer's Report, and (ii) the purchase price for the Real Property is the lesser of the appraised value of the Real Property, based on an appraisal obtained by the District for this purpose, or the cost basis of the Real Property to the Developer.

**b.** ***Fee Title and Other Interests –*** The District may determine in its reasonable discretion that fee title for Real Property is not necessary and in such cases shall accept such other interest in the lands upon which the Improvements are constructed as the District deems acceptable.

**c.** ***Developer Reservation –*** Any conveyance of Real Property hereunder by special warranty deed or other instrument shall be subject to a reservation by Developer of its right and privilege to use the area conveyed to construct any Improvements and any future improvements to such area for any related purposes (including, but not limited to, construction traffic relating to the construction of the Development) not inconsistent with the District's use, occupation or enjoyment thereof.

**d.** ***Fees, Taxes, Title Insurance –*** The Developer shall pay the cost for recording fees and documentary stamps required, if any, for the conveyance of the lands upon which the Improvements are constructed. The Developer shall be responsible for all taxes and assessments levied on the lands upon which the Improvements are constructed until such time as the Developer conveys all said lands to the District. At the time of conveyance, the Developer shall provide, at its expense, an owner's title insurance policy or other evidence of title in a form satisfactory to the District.

**e.** ***Boundary Adjustments –*** Developer and the District agree that reasonable future boundary adjustments may be made as deemed necessary by both parties in order to accurately describe lands conveyed to the District and lands which remain in Developer's ownership. The parties agree that any land transfers made to accommodate such adjustments shall be accomplished by donation. However, the party requesting such adjustment shall pay any transaction costs resulting from the

adjustment, including but not limited to taxes, title insurance, recording fees or other costs. Developer agrees that if a court or other governmental entity determines that a re-platting of the lands within the District is necessary, Developer shall pay all costs and expenses associated with such actions.

**5. TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, AND COSTS.**

**a.** ***Taxes and Assessments on Property Being Acquired***. The District is an exempt governmental unit acquiring property pursuant to this Agreement for use exclusively for public purposes. Accordingly, in accordance with Florida law, the Developer agrees to place in escrow with the County tax collector an amount equal to the current ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments (with the exception of those ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments levied by the District) prorated to the date of transfer of title, based upon the expected assessment and millage rates giving effect to the greatest discount available for early payment.

**i.** If and only to the extent the property acquired by the District is subject to ad valorem taxes or non-ad valorem assessments, the Developer agrees to reimburse the District for payment, or pay on its behalf, any and all ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments imposed during the calendar year in which each parcel of property is conveyed.

**ii.** Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the District from asserting any rights to challenge any taxes or assessments imposed, if any, on any property of the District.

**b.** ***Notice.*** The parties agree to provide notice to the other within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of any notice of potential or actual taxes, assessments, or costs, as a result of any transaction pursuant to this Agreement, or notice of any other taxes, assessments, or costs imposed on the property acquired by the District as described in subsection a. above. The Developer covenants to make any payments due hereunder in a timely manner in accord with Florida law. In the event that the Developer fails to make timely payment of any such taxes, assessments, or costs, the Developer acknowledges the District's right to make such payment. If the District makes such payment, the Developer agrees to reimburse the District within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notice of such payment, and to include in such reimbursement any fees, costs, penalties, or other expenses which accrued to the District as a result of making such a payment, including interest at the maximum rate allowed by law from the date of the payment made by the District.

**c.** ***Tax liability not created.*** Nothing herein is intended to create or shall create any new or additional tax liability on behalf of the Developer or the District. Furthermore, the parties reserve all respective rights to challenge, pay under protest, contest or litigate the imposition of any tax, assessment, or cost in good faith they believe is unlawfully or inequitably imposed and agree to cooperate in good faith in the challenge of any such imposition.

**6. ACQUISITIONS AND BOND PROCEEDS.** The District may in the future, and in its sole discretion, elect to issue Bonds that may be used to finance portions of work acquired hereunder, as well as reimburse Advanced Funds. In the event that the District issues the Bonds and has bond proceeds available to pay for any portion of the Project acquired by the District, or any Advanced Funds, and subject to the terms of the applicable documents relating to the Bonds, then the District shall promptly make payment for any such acquired Work Product, Improvements or Real Property, or reimbursable Advanced Funds, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, that no such obligation shall exist where the Developer is in default on the payment of any debt service assessments due on any property owned by the Developer, or is in default under any agreements between the Developer and the District, or, further, in the event the District's bond counsel determines that any such acquisitions or payments for Advanced Funds are not properly compensable for any reason, including, but not limited to federal tax restrictions imposed on tax-exempt financing. Interest shall not accrue on any amounts owed for any prior acquisitions, or Advanced Funds. Unless otherwise provided in an applicable trust indenture, and in the event the District does not or cannot issue sufficient bonds within five (5) years from the date of this Agreement to pay for all acquisitions hereunder, and reimburse Advanced Funds, and, thus does not make payment to the Developer for any unfunded acquisitions, or any unreimbursed Advanced Funds, then the parties agree that the District shall have no payment or reimbursement obligation whatsoever for those unfunded acquisitions, or unreimbursed Advanced Funds. The Developer acknowledges that the District may convey some or all of the Work Product and/or Improvements described in the Engineer's Report to a general purpose unit of local government (e.g., the County) and consents to the District's conveyance of such Work Product and/or Improvements prior to any payment being made by the District.

**7. CONTRIBUTIONS.** In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District will levy debt service special assessments to secure the repayment of Bonds. As described in more detail in the District's applicable assessment reports ("**Assessment Report**"), and prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Developer may request that such debt service special assessments be reduced for certain product types. To accomplish any such requested reduction, and pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Developer agrees to provide a contribution of Improvements, Work Product and/or Real Property based on appraised value, comprising a portion of the Project and to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Assessment Report, if any. Any such contributions shall not be eligible for payment by the District hereunder.

**8. IMPACT FEE CREDITS.** In connection with the District's capital improvement plan, the District may finance certain infrastructure that may generate impact fee credits. As set forth in the District's assessment proceedings, and in recognition of the uncertain market for such credits, and limited value, and as consideration for the District and the Developer undertaking the transactions involved with the District's Project and financing arrangements, the District and the Developer agree that the Developer may retain any such impact fee credits, provided that the Developer contributes a corresponding amount of Improvements, Work Product and/or Real Property based on appraised value as part of the District's capital improvement plan, and/or reduces the cost of such Improvements, Work Product or Real Property to be acquired by the District by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits, and/or prepays debt assessments on all applicable lands (as determined by the District in coordination with the District's Assessment Consultant) by a corresponding amount of such impact fee credits. Alternatively, the Developer may provide the proceeds of the impact fee credits to the District for deposit into the applicable acquisition and construction account for the Bonds, and for use in acquiring and/or constructing the Project.

**9. UTILITY CONNECTION FEES.** As part of the Project, the District may elect to fund certain "**Utility Connection Fees**" for the planned residential units related to the Project. The District will pay such Utility Connection Fees as part of the Project. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Developer in turn will: (i) serve, at no cost to the District, as the District's administrator with respect to the distribution of any "**Utility Connection Fee Credits,**" which will be available from the County due to the District's funding of the Utility Connection Fees for the Project; (ii) collect cash payments ("**Builder Credit Payments**") from the builders of the planned residential units, in exchange for providing to such builders a corresponding amount of Utility Connection Fee Credits; and (iii) either remit all Builder Credit Payments to the District for deposit into the District's applicable Acquisition and Construction Account related to the Project and established in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, or may retain any such Builder Credit Payments, provided that the Developer contributes a corresponding amount of Work Product, Improvements or Real Property (based on appraised value) as part of the District's Project or reduces the cost of such Improvements, Work Product or Real Property to be acquired by the District by a mutually agreed amount. In order to accomplish the foregoing, the Developer shall be entitled to file applications or other appropriate documentation from time to time with the applicable local general purpose unit of government to obtain Utility Connection Fee Credits associated with the District-funded Utility Connection Fees, without any further action of the District. In the event of any shortfall between the amount of Utility Connection Fees paid by the District, and the amount of Builder Credit Payments collected from builders, the Developer shall make a cash payment to the District in the amount of such shortfall.

**10. DEFAULT.** A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of damages and/or specific performance. Any default under an applicable trust indenture for the Bonds caused by the Developer and/or its affiliates shall be a default hereunder, and the District shall have no obligation to fund the Project in the event of such a default. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the District nor the Developer shall be liable for any consequential, special, indirect or punitive damages due to a default hereunder. Prior to commencing any action for a default hereunder, the party seeking to commence such action shall first provide written notice to the defaulting party of the default and an opportunity to cure such default within 30 days.

**11. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS.** 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 fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

**12. 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 the District and the Developer.

**13. AUTHORIZATION.** The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the District and the Developer; both the District and the Developer have complied with all the requirements of law; and both the District and the Developer have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

**14. NOTICES.** All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("**Notices**") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, at the addresses first set forth above. Except as

otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. 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 District and counsel for the Developer may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and the Developer, respectively. 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.

**15. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the District and the Developer as an arm's length transaction. Both parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement and received the advice of counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, both parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against either the District or the Developer.

**16. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the District and the Developer and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the District and the Developer any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the District and the Developer and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds, shall have the right to directly enforce the provisions of this Agreement. The Trustee shall not be deemed to have assumed any obligations under this Agreement. This Agreement may not be assigned or materially amended, and the Project may not be materially amended, without the written consent of the Trustee, acting at the direction of the Majority Owners of the Bonds, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**17. ASSIGNMENT.** Neither the District nor the Developer may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other.

**18. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE.** 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 that the venue for any litigation arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in the County in which the District is located.

**19. PUBLIC RECORDS.** The Developer understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records and treated as such in accordance with Florida law.

**20. SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

**21. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY.** Nothing in this Agreement 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 law, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred by sovereign immunity or by other operation of law.

**22. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY.** The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

**23. COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgment pages, if any, may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this document to physically form one document.

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**WHEREFORE,** the parties below execute the *Acquisition Agreement* to be effective as of the ___ day of _____, 2024.

**STARLING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

_____
By: _____
Its: Chairperson

**TAYLOR MORRISON OF FLORIDA, INC.**

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By: _____
Its: _____

**Exhibit A:** *Master Engineer's Report,* dated January 2024, revised April 2024