

EVERGREEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

March 6, 2020

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PUBLIC HEARING AND

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

Evergreen Community Development District
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W•Boca Raton, Florida 334313
Phone: (561) 571-0010•Toll-free: (877) 276-0889•Fax: (561) 571-0013

February 28, 2020

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Board of Supervisors
Evergreen Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Evergreen Community Development District will hold a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on March 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at ZNS Engineering, 201 5th Ave., Dr. E, Bradenton, Florida 34208. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Public Hearing to Hear Public Comments and Objections to the Adoption of the Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure, Pursuant to Sections 190.11(5), 190.011 (15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes
 - A. Affidavits of Publication
 - Notice of Rule Development
 - Notice of Rulemaking
 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2020-07, Adopting Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date
4. Consideration of Resolution 2020-08, Adopting an Internal Controls Policy Consistent With Section 218.33, Florida Statutes; Providing an Effective Date
5. Ratification of ZNS Engineering, L.C., Work Authorization No. 2
6. Consideration of Evergreen of Manatee County Community Association, Inc., Facility Management, Operation, And Maintenance Services Agreement
7. Consideration of Manatee County Property Appraiser Nondisclosure Agreement for Information Exempt from Public Disclosure Under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes
8. Consideration of Manatee County Property Tax Collector Uniform Collection Agreement for District Assessments

- 9. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of January 31, 2020
- 10. Approval of December 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 11. Staff Reports
 - A. District Counsel: *Hopping Green & Sams, PA*
 - B. District Engineer: *ZNS Engineering, L.C.*
 - C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*

- NEXT MEETING: April 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

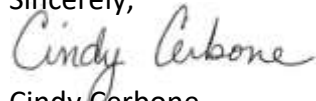
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- 12. Board Members' Comments/Requests
- 13. Public Comments
- 14. Adjournment

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming meeting. In the meantime, if you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 561-346-5294.

Sincerely,



Cindy Cerbone
 District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

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Attention: Daphne Gilyard

EVERGREEN CDD
2300 GLADES RD SUITE 140W
BOCA RATON, FL 33431

**NOTICE OF RULE
DEVELOPMENT BY THE
EVERGREEN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the Evergreen Community Development District ("District") hereby gives notice of its intention to develop Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure to govern the operations of the District.

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

The purpose and effect of the Amended and Restated 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 Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure includes sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2019). The specific laws implemented in the Amended and Restated 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 (2019).

A copy of the proposed Amended and Restated 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: (877) 276-0889. Cindy Carbone, District Manager Evergreen Community Development District

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COUNTY OF DALLAS**

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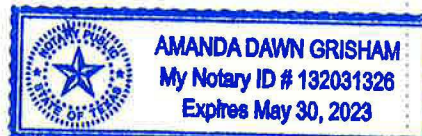
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Signed to and subscribed before me this
20th day of February in the year of 2020

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Attention: Daphne Gillyard

EVERGREEN CDD
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BOCA RATON, FL 33431

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING
REGARDING THE AMENDED
AND RESTATED RULES OF
PROCEDURE OF THE
EVERGREEN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of the Evergreen Community Development District ("District") on March 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of ZNS Engineering, 201 5th Ave. Dr. E, Bradenton, Florida 34208.

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the District hereby gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Amended and Restated 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 the Bradenton Herald on February 3, 2020.

The Amended and Restated 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.

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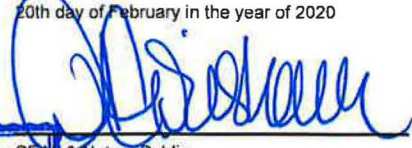
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(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
20th day of February in the year of 2020





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207.017, 207.033 and 207.004,
Florida Statutes (2019)

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ed and Restated Rules of Proce-
dure may be obtained by con-
tacting the District Manager's
Office at 2300 Glades Road,
Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida
33431, or by calling (877) 276-
0889.

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

This public hearing may be con-
tinued to a date, time, and place
to be specified on the record at
the hearing without additional
notice. If anyone chooses to
appeal any decision of the
Board with respect to any mat-
ter considered at a public hear-
ing, such person will need a re-
cord of the proceedings and
should accordingly ensure that
a verbatim record of the pro-
ceedings is made which in-
cludes the testimony and evi-
dence upon which such appeal
is to be based. At the hearing,
staff or Supervisors may partici-
pate in the public hearing by
speaker telephone.

Pursuant to the provisions of
the Americans with Disabilities
Act, any person requiring spe-
cial accommodations at this
meeting because of a disability
or physical impairment should
contact the District Manager's
Office at least forty-eight (48)
hours prior to the meeting. If
you are hearing or speech im-
paired, please contact the Flori-
da Relay Service at 1-800-955-
8771 or 1-800-955-8770 for aid
in contacting the District Office.

Evergreen Community
Development District
Cindy Corbone, District Manager
Run Date: February 4, 2020

EVERGREEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2020-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES OF PROCEDURE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Evergreen 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 Manatee County, Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, the District has previously adopted Rules of Procedure to govern the administration of the District; and

WHEREAS, to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to maintain compliance with recent changes to Florida law, the Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for immediate use and application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has complied with applicable Florida law concerning rule development and adoption.

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

SECTION 1. The attached Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure are hereby adopted pursuant to this resolution as necessary for the conduct of District business. These Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure replace all prior versions of the Rules of Procedure and shall stay in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors may amend these rules in accordance with Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*.

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 6th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

**EVERGREEN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure

EXHIBIT A:
AMENDED AND RESTATED RULES OF PROCEDURE

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
RULES OF PROCEDURE
EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 6, 2020

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Rule 1.0 General.

- (1) The Evergreen 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 (877) 276-0889. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

- (f) The following or substantially similar language: “The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record.”
- (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) Variations 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. Variations and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the following:
- (a) Variations and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person, and when application of the rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.
 - (b) A person who is subject to regulation by a District Rule may file a petition with the District, requesting a variance or waiver from the District’s Rule. Each petition shall specify:
 - (i) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested;
 - (ii) The type of action requested;
 - (iii) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner; and
 - (iv) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.
 - (c) The District shall review the petition and may request only that information needed to clarify the petition or to answer new questions

raised by or directly related to the petition. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by Rule of the District, the District shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

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

- (d) “Design-Build Contract” means a single contract with a Design-Build Firm for the design and construction of a public construction project.
- (e) “Design-Build Firm” means a partnership, corporation or other legal entity that:
 - (i) Is certified under Section 489.119 of the Florida Statutes, to engage in contracting through a certified or registered general contractor or a certified or registered building contractor as the qualifying agent; or
 - (ii) Is certified under Section 471.023 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice engineering; certified under Section 481.219 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice architecture; or certified under Section 481.319 of the Florida Statutes, to practice or to offer to practice landscape architecture.
- (f) “Design Criteria Package” means concise, performance-oriented drawings or specifications for a public construction project. The purpose of the Design Criteria Package is to furnish sufficient information to permit Design-Build Firms to prepare a bid or a response to the District’s Request for Proposals, or to permit the District to enter into a negotiated Design-Build Contract. The Design Criteria Package must specify performance-based criteria for the public construction project, including the legal description of the site, survey information concerning the site, interior space requirements, material quality standards, schematic layouts and conceptual design criteria of the project, cost or budget estimates, design and construction schedules, site development requirements, provisions for utilities, stormwater retention and disposal, and parking requirements applicable to the project. Design Criteria Packages shall require firms to submit information regarding the qualifications, availability, and past work of the firms, including the partners and members thereof.
- (g) “Design Criteria Professional” means a firm who holds a current certificate of registration under Chapter 481 of the Florida Statutes, to practice architecture or landscape architecture, or a firm who holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471 of the Florida Statutes, to practice engineering, and who is employed by or under contract to the District to provide professional architect services, landscape architect services, or engineering services in connection with the preparation of the Design Criteria Package.
- (h) “Emergency Purchase” means a purchase necessitated by a sudden unexpected turn of events (for example, acts of God, riot, fires, floods, hurricanes, accidents, or any circumstances or cause beyond the control of the Board in the normal conduct of its business), where the Board finds

that the delay incident to competitive purchase would be detrimental to the interests of the District. This includes, but is not limited to, instances where the time to competitively award the project will jeopardize the funding for the project, will materially increase the cost of the project, or will create an undue hardship on the public health, safety, or welfare.

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

- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.

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

- (q) “Responsive Bid,” “Responsive Proposal,” “Responsive Reply,” and “Responsive Response” all mean a bid, proposal, reply, or response which conforms in all material respects to the specifications and conditions in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitations to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation document and these Rules, and the cost components of which, if any, are appropriately balanced. A bid, proposal, reply or response is not responsive if the person or firm submitting it fails to meet any material requirement relating to the qualifications, financial stability, or licensing of the bidder.

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

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

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

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

- (2) Qualifying Procedures. In order to be eligible to provide Professional Services to the District, a consultant must, at the time of receipt of the firm's qualification submittal:
 - (a) Hold all required applicable state professional licenses in good standing;
 - (b) Hold all required applicable federal licenses in good standing, if any;
 - (c) Hold a current and active Florida corporate charter or be authorized to do business in the State of Florida in accordance with Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, if the consultant is a corporation; and
 - (d) Meet any qualification requirements set forth in the District's Request for Qualifications.

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

- (6) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (7) Continuing Contract. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit a Continuing Contract between a consultant and the District.
- (8) Emergency Purchase. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these Rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

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

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

responses in response to the applicable Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation.

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

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

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

(j) Notice of intent to pre-qualify, including rejection of some or all qualifications, shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, electronic mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's pre-qualification decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11; provided however, protests related to the pre-qualification criteria and procedures for construction services shall be resolved in accordance with section (2)(b) of this Rule and Section 255.20(1)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

- (a) The District, for good cause, may deny, suspend, or revoke a prequalified vendor's pre-qualified status. A suspension, revocation, or denial for good cause shall prohibit the vendor from bidding on any District construction contract for which qualification is required, shall constitute a determination of non-responsibility to bid on any other District construction or maintenance contract, and shall prohibit the vendor from acting as a material supplier or subcontractor on any District contract or project during the period of suspension, revocation, or denial. Good cause shall include the following:
- i. One of the circumstances specified under Section 337.16(2), Fla. Stat., has occurred.
 - ii. Affiliated contractors submitted more than one proposal for the same work. In this event the pre-qualified status of all of the affiliated bidders will be revoked, suspended, or denied. All bids of affiliated bidders will be rejected.
 - iii. The vendor made or submitted false, deceptive, or fraudulent statements, certifications, or materials in any claim for payment or any information required by any District contract.
 - iv. The vendor or its affiliate defaulted on any contract or a contract surety assumed control of financial responsibility for any contract of the vendor.
 - v. The vendor's qualification to bid is suspended, revoked, or denied by any other public or semi-public entity, or the vendor has been the subject of a civil enforcement proceeding or settlement involving a public or semi-public entity.
 - vi. The vendor failed to comply with contract or warranty requirements or failed to follow District direction in the performance of a contract.

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

- (c) The District shall inform the vendor in writing of its intent to deny, suspend, or revoke its pre-qualified status and inform the vendor of its right to a hearing, the procedure which must be followed, and the applicable time limits. If a hearing is requested within 10 days after the receipt of the notice of intent, the hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt by the District of the request for the hearing. The decision shall be issued within 15 days after the hearing.
- (d) Such suspension or revocation shall not affect the vendor's obligations under any preexisting contract.
- (e) In the case of contract crimes, the vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be revoked indefinitely. For all violations of Rule 3.4(3)(a) other than for the vendor's conviction for contract crimes, the revocation, denial, or suspension of a vendor's pre-qualified status under this Rule shall be for a specific period of time based on the seriousness of the deficiency.

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

Specific Authority: §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.
Law Implemented: §§ 190.033, 255.0525, 255.20, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

- (f) Bids, proposals, replies, and responses, or the portions of which that include the price, shall be publicly opened at a meeting noticed in accordance with Rule 1.3, and at which at least one district representative is present. The name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at such meeting and shall be made available upon request. Minutes should be taken at the meeting and maintained by the District. Bids, proposals, replies, and responses shall be evaluated in

accordance with the respective Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and these Rules. Minor variations in the bids, proposals, replies, or responses may be waived by the Board. A variation is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature. Mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board. Bids and proposals may not be modified or supplemented after opening; provided however, additional information may be requested and/or provided to evidence compliance, make non-material modifications, clarifications, or supplementations, and as otherwise permitted by Florida law.

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

- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase construction services or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of construction services, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct purchase of the construction services without further competitive selection processes.
- (3) Sole Source; Government. Construction services that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Construction services provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of construction services, which may include goods, supplies, or materials, that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules. A contract for construction services is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process.
- (4) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract entered into pursuant to this Rule shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.
- (5) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board Meeting.
- (6) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:
 - (a) The project is undertaken as repair or maintenance of an existing public facility;
 - (b) The funding source of the project will be diminished or lost because the time required to competitively award the project after the funds become available exceeds the time within which the funding source must be spent;
 - (c) The District has competitively awarded a project and the contractor has abandoned the project or the District has terminated the contract; or
 - (d) The District, after public notice, conducts a public meeting under Section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes, and finds by a majority vote of the Board that it is in the public's best interest to perform the project using its own services, employees, and equipment.

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

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

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

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

be considered ineligible by the District to submit a bid, response, or proposal for a District project.

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

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

Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's rankings under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.

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

Design-Build Firm available at the time. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

- (1) Scope. This Rule shall apply to contracts for the construction of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work and shall be construed in addition to terms prescribed by any other Rule that may also apply to such contracts.

- (2) Required Bond. Upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule in excess of \$200,000, the Board should require that the contractor, before commencing the work, execute and record a payment and performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price. Notwithstanding the terms of the contract or any other law, the District may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has provided to the District a certified copy of the recorded bond.

- (3) Discretionary Bond. At the discretion of the Board, upon entering into a contract for any of the services described in section (1) of this Rule for an amount not exceeding \$200,000, the contractor may be exempted from executing a payment and performance bond.

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (h) The Board shall have the right to reject all bids, proposals, replies, or responses because they exceed the amount of funds budgeted for the purchase, if there are not enough to be competitive, or if rejection is determined to be in the best interest of the District. No vendor shall be entitled to recover any costs of bid, proposal, reply, or response preparation or submittal from the District.
- (i) The Board may require bidders and proposers to furnish bid bonds, performance bonds, and/or other bonds with a responsible surety to be approved by the Board.
- (j) Notice of intent to award, including rejection of some or all bids, proposals, replies, or responses shall be provided in writing to all vendors by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's purchase of goods, supplies, and materials under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (k) If less than three (3) Responsive Bids, Proposals, Replies, or Responses are received, the District may purchase goods, supplies, or materials, or may reject the bids, proposals, replies, or responses for a lack of competitiveness. If no Responsive Bid, Proposal, Reply, or Response is received, the District may proceed with the procurement of goods, supplies, and materials, in the manner the Board determines is in the best interests of the District, which may include but is not limited to a direct

purchase of the goods, supplies, and materials without further competitive selection processes.

- (3) Goods, Supplies, and Materials included in a Construction Contract Awarded Pursuant to Rule 3.5 or 3.6. There may be occasions where the District has undergone the competitive purchase of construction services which contract may include the provision of goods, supplies, or materials. In that instance, the District may approve a change order to the contract and directly purchase the goods, supplies, and materials. Such purchase of goods, supplies, and materials deducted from a competitively purchased construction contract shall be exempt from this Rule.
- (4) Exemption. Goods, supplies, and materials that are only available from a single source are exempt from this Rule. Goods, supplies, and materials provided by governmental agencies are exempt from this Rule. A contract for goods, supplies, or materials is exempt from this Rule if state or federal law prescribes with whom the District must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriation process. This Rule shall not apply to the purchase of goods, supplies or materials that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such federal, state, or local government in a manner consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.
- (5) Renewal. Contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, and/or materials subject to this Rule may be renewed for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (6) Emergency Purchases. The District may make an Emergency Purchase without complying with these rules. The fact that an Emergency Purchase has occurred or is necessary shall be noted in the minutes of the next Board meeting.

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

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

Rule 3.9 Maintenance Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.

- (2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

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

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

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

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

(1) Filing.

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

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

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

- (d) Enter orders; and
- (e) Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

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

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

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

Rule 4.0 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective March 6, 2020, 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.

EVERGREEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2020-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING AN INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 218.33, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Evergreen 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 Manatee County, Florida; 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 EVERGREEN 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 6th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

ATTEST:

EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT "A"

EVERGREEN 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 Evergreen 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. Developing cost-justified precautions and implementing those precautions.
 - 4.1.4. Documenting the Risk assessment process and its findings.

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: [REDACTED], 2020

EVERGREEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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December 10, 2019

Board of Supervisors
Evergreen Community Development District
Manatee County, Florida

RE: Work Authorization No. 2

Board of Supervisors:

ZNS Engineering, L.C. ("ZNS") respectfully requests that the engineering services for preparation, review and processing of construction requisitions which constitute allowable costs under the District's adopted capital improvement plan described in the *Engineers Report for Infrastructure Improvements* dated February 2019 ("CIP"), be assigned to the District pursuant to this Work Authorization and governed by the terms and conditions of the *Agreement between the Evergreen Community Development District and ZNS Engineering, L.C. for Professional Engineering Services*, dated August 2, 2019 ("District Engineering Agreement").

This Work Authorization is for the cost of the engineering services required for the preparation, review and processing of construction requisitions to be billed hourly in accordance with the previously approved hourly rates, for a total amount Not to Exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) under this Work Assignment.

Respectfully submitted,
ZNS Engineering, L.C.



Jeb C. Mulock, P.E.
President

Accepted by:
Evergreen Community Development District



Signature
Ryan Zook/Chair

12/10/2019

Printed Name/Title

Date

EVERGREEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT AND EVERGREEN OF MANATEE COUNTY COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR FACILITY MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, AND
MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this 6th day of March, 2020, by and between:

Evergreen Community Development District, a local unit of special purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, whose address is, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (the “District”); and

Evergreen of Manatee County Community Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, whose address is 12602 Telecom Drive, Tampa, Florida 33637 (the “Association”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established, pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, as codified in Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes* (“Act”), by ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners in and for Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the District is authorized to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge and extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems, facilities and infrastructure in conjunction with the development of lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District presently owns and is continuing to construct and/or acquire various systems, facilities and infrastructure including those facilities identified in the attached **Exhibit A** (the “Improvements”), and as graphically depicted in the attached **Exhibit B** (hereinafter, the “District Property”) requiring inspection, operation and/or maintenance services for which the District desires to retain an independent contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Association is a Florida not-for-profit corporation owning, operating and maintaining various improvements and facilities for the community that the District serves; and

WHEREAS, for ease of administration, potential cost savings to property owners and residents, and the benefits of on-site inspection, operation and maintenance personnel, the District desires to contract with the Association to manage and maintain the District Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals, agreements, and mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the parties agree as follows:

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

SECTION 2. ASSOCIATION'S OBLIGATION.

- A. *General duties.*** The Association shall be responsible for providing, or causing to be provided, the management, operation, and maintenance of the District Property in a lawful manner. All work shall be in a neat and professional manner and in accordance with industry standards.
- B. *Inspection.*** The Association shall conduct regular inspections of all District Property. In the event the Association discovers any irregularities of, or needs of repair to, the District Property, the Association shall report same to the District Manager or its designated representative and shall promptly correct, or cause to be corrected, any such irregularities or repairs.
- C. *Repair and Maintenance.*** The Association shall make, or cause to be made, such routine repair work or normal maintenance to the District Property as may be required for the operation of the District Property, or as required under applicable government permits. The Association, in consultation with the District Engineer, shall promptly cause emergency repairs to be made when such repairs are necessary for the preservation and safety of persons and/or property, or when the repairs are required to be made to avoid the suspension of any service of the District. The Association shall immediately notify the District Engineer and District Manager, or a designated representative, concerning the need for emergency repairs.
- D. *Investigation and Report of Accidents/Claims.*** The Association shall promptly investigate and provide a written report to the District Manager as to all accidents or claims for damage relating to the management, operation, and maintenance of the District Property. Such report shall include a description of any damage or destruction of property and the estimated cost of repair. The Association shall cooperate and make any and all reports required by any insurance company in connection with any accident or claim. The Association shall not file any claims with the District's insurance company without the prior consent of the District's Board of Supervisors, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
- E. *Compliance with Government Permits, Rules, Regulations, Requirements, and Orders.*** The Association shall comply with any and all permits, rules, regulations, requirements, and orders affecting the District Property placed thereon by any governmental authority having jurisdiction. At the request of the District, and with at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Association unless an earlier time for response by the District is required by any such governmental authority having jurisdiction over the District and in any such event the Association shall respond within a timeframe such as to allow the District to

timely respond to the governmental authority, the Association shall prepare for execution and filing by the District any forms, reports or returns which may be required by law in connection with the Association's maintenance and operation of the District Property. The Association shall notify the District Manager and District Counsel in writing of any contact made with the Association relative to the District Property by any such governmental authority having jurisdiction. The Association shall specifically indemnify the District for any penalties, judgments, or orders levied or imposed against the District for failure to comply with any governmental permits, rules, regulations, requirements, and orders during the term of this Agreement that are due to Association's failure to respond to the District.

F. *Care of the Property.* The Association shall use commercially reasonable efforts to protect the District Property from damage by the Association, its employees or contractors. The Association agrees to promptly repair any damage to the District Property resulting from the Association's activities and work and to notify the District of the occurrence of such damage caused by the Association's activities within forty-eight (48) hours.

G. *Staffing and Billing.* The Association shall be solely responsible for the staffing, budgeting, financing, billing and collection of fees, assessments, service charges, etc., necessary to perform the management, operation, and maintenance responsibilities set forth in this Agreement.

H. *Liens and Claims.* The Association shall promptly and properly pay for all contractors retained, labor employed, materials purchased, and equipment hired by it to perform under this Agreement. The Association shall promptly discharge or cause to be discharged any materialmen's or mechanic's liens and claims or notices in respect to such liens and claims, which arise by reason of the Association's performance under this Agreement.

SECTION 3. COMPENSATION. The District shall pay the Association the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per year for the provision of management, operation, and maintenance services pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Association shall not be entitled, for any reason, to reimbursement or refund of any funds expended in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

SECTION 4. TERM.

A. The term of this Agreement shall commence as of the effective date of this Agreement and shall continue for a period of three (3) years unless otherwise terminated in accordance with this Agreement. Thereafter, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year periods unless either party provides at least sixty (60) days' written notice of its intent to not renew the Agreement.

- B.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time due to Association's failure to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice detailing such alleged failure of the Association; provided, however, the Association shall have the right to cure any such alleged default or failure to perform on or before the expiration of such 30-day period and in the event the Association cures such alleged default or failure to perform during the 30-day cure period, this Agreement shall not be deemed terminated and shall continue in full force and effect. The Association and the District shall both have the right to terminate this Agreement upon (45) forty-five days' written notice without cause. In the event of any termination, the Association and the District shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with one another to provide a smooth and orderly transition of responsibilities between the parties.

SECTION 5. INSURANCE. The Association shall maintain, at its own expense throughout the term of this Agreement, insurance coverage from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida. The Association shall provide the District a copy of the insurance policy, and any endorsements, prior to the commencement of the services contemplated under this Agreement. District shall also receive thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation of any such insurance policy. Policies shall have the following minimum levels of insurance:

- A.** Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida to include Employer's Liability Coverage with limits of at least \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per accident or disease.
- B.** Commercial General Liability Insurance covering the Association's legal liability for bodily injuries, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability.
- C.** Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injuries in limits of not less than \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) combined single limit bodily injury and for property damage, providing coverage for any accident arising out of or resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use by the Association of any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed.
- D.** As may be available, all policies shall name the District, and its staff and supervisors, as additional insureds. This shall be required for the Commercial General Liability Policy without exception, and based on market availability for the other policies referenced above.

SECTION 6.

- A.** The Association agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits or demands by any person, corporation or other entity for injuries, death, property

damage or harm of any nature, arising out of, or in connection with, the acts or omissions of the Association, or its officers, employees, representatives, or subcontractors, including litigation or any appellate proceedings with respect thereto, resulting from the Association's maintenance or operation activities, or lack thereof, relative to the Improvements as contemplated in this Agreement.

- B.** The District agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Association and its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits or demands by any person, corporation or other entity for injuries, death, property damage or harm of any nature, arising out of, or in connection with, the acts or omissions of the District, or its officers, employees, representatives, or subcontractors, including litigation or any appellate proceedings with respect thereto, relative to the District's obligations as contemplated in this Agreement.
- C.** Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorney fees, paralegal fees, and expert witness fees and costs (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings) as ordered.
- D.** The Association agrees to require that, by written contract, any contractor and subcontractors hired in connection with this Agreement indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits or demands by any person, corporation or other entity for injuries, death, property damage or harm of any nature, arising out of, or in connection with, the acts or omissions of such contractors and subcontractors, including litigation or any appellate proceedings with respect thereto, resulting from the contractor's maintenance or operation activities, or lack thereof, relative to the Improvements.

SECTION 7. RECOVERY OF COSTS AND FEES. In the event either the District or the Association are required to enforce this Agreement or any provision hereof by court proceedings or otherwise then, if prevailing, the District or the Association, as applicable, shall be entitled to recover from the other all fees and costs incurred, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, paralegal fees and expert witness fees and costs incurred prior to or during any litigation or other dispute resolution and including fees incurred in appellate proceedings.

SECTION 8. 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 statute, 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 under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

SECTION 9. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other.

SECTION 10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. In all matters relating to this Agreement, the Association shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Association nor employees of the Association, if there are any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any Federal or State Unemployment or Insurance Laws or Old Age Laws or otherwise. The Association agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations imposed by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of the Association, if there are any, in the performance of this Agreement. The Association shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and the Association shall have no authority to represent the District as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement.

SECTION 11. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 12. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the District and the Association relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

SECTION 13. 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 Association.

SECTION 14. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the District and the Association, both the District and the Association have complied with all the requirements of law in order to effectuate the terms of this Agreement, and both the District and the Association have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 15. 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, as follows:

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

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

B. If to the Association: Evergreen of Manatee County Community Association, Inc.

12602 Telecom Drive
Tampa, Florida 33637

Attn: _____

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 Association may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and the Association. 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 16. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the District and the Association 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 Association 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 Association and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

SECTION 17. CONTROLLING LAW; VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Manatee County, Florida.

SECTION 18. PUBLIC RECORDS.

- A. The Association understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records and shall be treated as such in accordance with Florida law.
- B. As such, the parties shall comply with any applicable laws regarding public records, including but not limited to the provisions of Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Among other requirements, the Association must:
 - i. Keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the services;
 - ii. Upon request from the District's custodian of public records, provide the District with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be

inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, or as otherwise provided by law;

- iii. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the Agreement if the Association does not transfer the records to the District; and
- iv. Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost to the District all public records in possession of the Association or keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service. If the Association transfers all public records to the District upon completion of this Agreement, the Association shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Association keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Association shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District, upon request from the District's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the District.

IF THE ASSOCIATION HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE ASSOCIATION'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, CRAIG WRATHELL, C/O WRATHELL, HUNT AND ASSOCIATES, LLC, 2300 GLADES ROAD, SUITE 410W, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431, (561) 571-0010, OR WRATHELLC@WHHASSOCIATES.COM.

SECTION 19. 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.

SECTION 20. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the District and the Association as an arm's length transaction. The District and the Association 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 any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

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

Attest:

**EVERGREEN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Name: Craig Wrathell
Title: Secretary

Name: Ryan Zook
Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**EVERGREEN OF MANATEE COUNTY
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

(Signature of Witness)

By: _____
Title: _____

(Print Name of Witness)

Exhibit A: Description of the Improvements
Exhibit B: Graphic Depiction of the District Property

EVERGREEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT
FOR INFORMATION EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
UNDER CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES**

**EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MANATEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER**

THIS NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT FOR INFORMATION EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 6th day of March, 2019, by and between Evergreen Community Development District (“District”), whose address is 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 and the Honorable Charles E. Hackney, State Constitutional Property Appraiser in and for Manatee County, an independent constitutional county officer of the State of Florida (“Property Appraiser”), whose address is 915 4th Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

**SECTION I
Findings and Determinations**

The parties find and determine:

1. The Property Appraiser has the statutory responsibility to list and appraise all real and tangible personal property in the County each year for purposes of ad valorem taxation. During the normal course of business, the Property Appraiser acquires, stores, and maintains an abundance of property and ownership information, some of which is exempt from public disclosure; and
2. In order to carry out its statutory duties and meet substantial policy needs, the District requires certain property and ownership information for all properties in the District.

**SECTION II
Applicable Law and Regulations**

1. Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, provides that any records made or received by any public agency in the course of its official business are available for inspection, unless specifically exempted by the Florida Legislature; and
2. Section 119.071, Florida Statutes, contains multiple exemptions from disclosure under the mandatory access requirement of section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. Under section 119.071(4)(d)3., Florida Statutes, an agency that is not the employer of, but is the custodian of records pertaining to, one of the persons enumerated in section 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes, is required to maintain such person’s exemption if the person or his or her employing agency submits a written request to the custodian; and

3. Section 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes, defines “Home Addresses” to mean the dwelling location at which an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing address, street address, parcel identification number, plot identification number, legal property description, neighborhood name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive property information that may reveal the home address; and
4. The Office of the Attorney General of Florida (“Attorney General”) released Advisory Legal Opinion 2017-05 on November 22, 2017 that noted a clear distinction is made between public records that are “exempt” from disclosure and records that are “confidential.” “If information is made confidential in the statutes, the information is not subject to inspection by the public and may only be released to the persons or organizations designated in the statute.... If records are not confidential but are only exempt from the Public Records Act, the exemption does not prohibit the showing of such information.” Based upon this distinction, the Attorney General concluded that when there is a statutory or substantial policy need for information that is otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, the information should be made available to the requesting agency or entity. The Attorney General also noted that there is nothing in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, indicating that an exempt address loses its exempt status by being shared with another agency.

SECTION III

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer between the Property Appraiser and the District of Home Addresses that are exempt under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, for which the Property Appraiser has received a request to withhold such Home Addresses from disclosure pursuant to Section 119.071(4)(d)3., Florida Statutes (“Exempt Home Addresses”); and
2. To ensure that Exempt Home Addresses retain their exempt status, and are withheld from disclosure in accordance with applicable law, once in District possession.

SECTION IV

Term

1. The term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution and shall continue and extend uninterrupted from year-to-year, automatically renewed for successive periods not to exceed one (1) year each; and
2. Either party has the right to terminate this Agreement by giving at least 30 days’ notice in writing to the other party to expire at the end of the initial or last renewal term.

SECTION V
Duties and Responsibilities of Property Appraiser

1. The Property Appraiser agrees to provide the District Exempt Home Addresses in the same manner that it provides the District with other non-exempt property and ownership information; and
2. The Property Appraiser agrees to clearly identify which properties contain Exempt Home Addresses. This information will be conveyed to the District using a field called IS_PROTECTED in the NAV Web Portal and a field called PAR_PROTECTD_FLAG in the three (3) main property and ownership data files that the Property Appraiser provides the District upon request; JELLY_ROLL.CSV, MCPAO_MULTOWN.CSV and MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV. The IS_PROTECTED and PAR_PROTECTD_FLAG fields will contain a "Y" if the property contains Exempt Home Addresses; and
3. The Property Appraiser agrees to clearly define what information it classifies as Exempt Home Addresses. This information is included in Exhibit A. In some cases, Exhibit A also references data sources or data file names and data field names. The data sources, data file names and data field names referenced in Exhibit A are not meant to be all inclusive. They are meant to aid in the identification of Exempt Home Addresses.

SECTION VI
Duties and Responsibilities of District

1. The District agrees that Exempt Home Addresses will retain their exempt status once in District possession; and
2. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the District agrees to withhold from public disclosure Exempt Home Addresses identified by the Property Appraiser pursuant to Section V, above.

SECTION VII
Miscellaneous

1. The parties shall perform all their obligations under this Agreement in accordance with good faith and prudent practice.
2. If either party receives any letter, action, suit or investigation from a non-party to this Agreement regarding the withholding of the Exempt Home Addresses pursuant to this Agreement, the other party shall cooperate and assist the other parties in this agreement in defending claims to such Exempt Home Addresses. The parties agree that neither party shall be entitled to any additional fees and/or compensation for their cooperation and assistance under this paragraph of the Agreement.

3. Each party, as a state agency or political subdivision as defined by Florida Statute § 768.28, shall indemnify each other party and defend and hold it harmless as to any claim, judgment or damage award whatsoever arising out of or related to that indemnifying party's own negligent or wrongful acts or omissions, to the extent permitted by law, and subject to the dollar limitations set forth in Florida Statute § 768.28. The parties understand that pursuant to Florida Statute § 768.28(19), no party is entitled to be indemnified or held harmless by another party for its own negligent or wrongful acts or omissions. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any party to which sovereign immunity may be applicable, and each party claims all of the privileges and immunities and other benefits and protections afforded by Florida Statute § 163.01(9). The parties to this Agreement do not intend that this Agreement benefit any third party, and nothing herein should be construed as consent by a state agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of this Agreement.
4. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and may not be amended, modified or rescinded, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, except in writing and signed by all the parties hereto. Should any provision of this Agreement be declared to be invalid, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, unless such provision found to be invalid alters substantially the benefits or the Agreement for either of the parties or renders the statutory and regulatory obligations unable to be performed. All prior agreements between the parties hereto, addressing the matters set forth herein, are hereby terminated and superseded by this Agreement.
5. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
6. Written notice shall be given to the parties at the following addresses, or such other place or person as each of the parties shall designate by similar notice:

As to Property Appraiser:

The Honorable Charles E. Hackney
Manatee County Property Appraiser
915 4th Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

As to District:

Evergreen Community Development District
2300 Glades Road
Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set, their hands and seals and such of them as are corporations have caused these presents to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

WITNESS

MANATEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Signature

By: _____
Charles E. Hackney

Printed Name

Date: _____

WITNESS

EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Signature

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date: _____

**NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT
FOR INFORMATION EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
UNDER CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES**

**EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
MANATEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER**

EXHIBIT A

The Property Appraiser defines Exempt Home Addresses as:

- Building and Aerial Photos
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.BLDG_C1_PHOTOPATH
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.BLDG_R1_PHOTOPATH
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.LAND_AERIAL_PATH
- Census Information
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.CENSUS_BLK
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.CENSUS_BLKGRP
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.CENSUS_FIPS
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.CENSUS_TRACT
- Parcel Legal Description
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_LEGAL1
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_LEGAL2
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_LEGAL3
- Owner's Mailing Address
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_ADDR1
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_ADDR2
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_CITY
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_CNTRYCD
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_COUNTRY
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_LABEL1
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_LABEL2
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_LABEL3
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_LABEL4
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_LABEL5
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_LABEL6
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_POSTALCD
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAIL_STATE
 - MCPAO_MULTOWN.CSV.ADDR1
 - MCPAO_MULTOWN.CSV.ADDR2
 - MCPAO_MULTOWN.CSV.ADDR3
- Owner Notes

- Map Number
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_MAP_NUMBER
- Neighborhood
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_NBHD_NAME
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_NEIGHBORHOOD
- Owner Names
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_OWNER_NAME1
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_OWNER_NAME2
 - MCPAO_MULTOWN.CSV.OWNER
- Subdivision, Condominium or Cooperative Information
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_SUBDIV_BLOCK
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_SUBDIV_LOT
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_SUBDIV_NAME
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_SUBDIV_PARENT
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PAR_SUBDIVISION
 - {all gis features}.BLOCKDESIGNATOR
 - {all gis features}.CONVEYANCEDESIGNATOR
 - {all gis features}.FLOORDESIGNATOR
 - {all gis features}.HEADERNUMBER
 - {all gis features}.LOTNUMBER
- Parcel Identification Number
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PARENT_PARID
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.PARID
 - MCPAO_MULTOWN.CSV.PARID
 - MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.PARID
 - {all gis features}.PARCELNO
- Property Sale Official Records Book and Page Numbers
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_BOOK_LAST
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_BOOK_LQ
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_BOOK_LQCY
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_BOOK_LQPY
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_BOOK_LQTY
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_PAGE_LAST
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_PAGE_LQ
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_PAGE_LQCY
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_PAGE_LQPY
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SALE_PAGE_LQTY
- Property Sale Buyer Names
- Property Sale Seller Names
- Situs/Location Address
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_ADDRESS
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_ADDRESS_NUM
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_PLACE_CODE

- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_POSTAL_CITY
- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_POSTAL_ZIP
- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_POSTAL_ZIP4
- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_POSTDIR
- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_PREDIR
- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_SECADDUNIT
- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_SECUNITDES
- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_STATE
- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_STREET_NAME
- JELLY_ROLL.CSV.SITUS_STREET_SUF
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_ADDRESS
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_ADDRESS_NUM
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_PREDIR
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_STREET_NAME
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_STREET_SUF
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_POSTDIR
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_SECUNITDES
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_SECADDUNIT
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_POSTAL_CITY
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_STATE
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_POSTAL_ZIP
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_POSTAL_ZIP4
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_PLACE_CODE
- MCPAO_MULTSITUS.CSV.SITUS_PLACE_NAME
- “Doing Business As” Name
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.TPP_DBA_NAME
- “In Care Of” Name
 - JELLY_ROLL.CSV.TPP_ICO_NAME
- Property Geographical Location Coordinates
- Permit Contractor Names
- Permit Notes

EVERGREEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**UNIFORM COLLECTION AGREEMENT
FOR EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

THIS UNIFORM COLLECTION AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 6th day of March, 2020, by and between Evergreen Community Development District ("District"), whose address is 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, the Honorable Ken Burton, Jr., State Constitutional Tax Collector in and for Manatee County, an independent constitutional county officer of the State of Florida, whose address is 819 301 Boulevard West, Bradenton, Florida 34205 ("Tax Collector") and the Honorable Charles E. Hackney, State Constitutional Property Appraiser in and for Manatee County, an independent constitutional county officer of the State of Florida, whose address is 915 4th Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205 ("Property Appraiser").

SECTION I
Findings and Determinations

The parties find and determine:

1. The District is authorized to impose and levy, and by appropriate resolutions has expressed its intent to use, the statutory uniform methodology of collection for, certain non-ad valorem special assessments ("Assessments"), as authorized by constitutional and statutory municipal home rule and by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes and Rule 12D-18, Florida Administrative Code, as amended; and
2. The term "Assessments" means those certain levies by the District, which constitute non-ad valorem special assessments pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes; and
3. The uniform statutory collection methodology is provided in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18, Florida Administrative Code ("uniform methodology"), with its enforcement provisions, including the use of tax certificates and tax deeds for enforcing against any delinquencies; and
4. The uniform methodology is more fair to the delinquent property owner than traditional lien foreclosure methodology; and
5. The uniform methodology provides for more efficiency of collection by virtue of the Assessment being on the official tax notice ("Tax Notice") issued by the Tax Collector which will produce positive economic benefits to the District and its citizens, property owners and taxpayers; and
6. The uniform methodology, through use of the Tax Notice, will tend to eliminate confusion and promote local government accountability; and

7. The Tax Collector, as a state constitutional officer for the county political subdivision, is charged by general law in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and related rules and regulations, to implement the uniform method of collecting Assessments; and
8. The sole and exclusive responsibility to determine, impose and levy the Assessments and to determine that an Assessment is a legal, constitutional and lienable non-ad valorem special assessment for improvements and related systems, facilities and services is that of the District and no other person, entity or officer.

SECTION II
Applicable Law and Regulations

1. Sections 197.3631, 197.3632, and 197.3635, Florida Statutes; Rule 12D-18, Florida Administrative Code, and all other applicable provisions of constitutional and statutory law, govern the exercise by the District of its local self-government power to render and pay for municipal services.
2. Section 1(d), Article VIII, Florida Constitution; Chapter 197, Florida Statutes; Rule 12D-13, Florida Administrative Code; Rule 12D-18, Florida Administrative Code; and other applicable provisions of constitutional and statutory law apply to the Tax Collector in his capacity as a state constitutional county officer for the purpose of collecting and enforcing non-ad valorem special assessments levied by District authorities within the boundaries of the District.
3. Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18, Florida Administrative Code, has provisions that apply to the District, the Tax Collector, the Department of Revenue and the Property Appraiser.
4. Section 200.069, Florida Statutes, requires the Property Appraiser to send to all taxpayers a notice of proposed property taxes and non-ad valorem assessments ("TRIM Notice") on behalf of the taxing authorities and local governing boards.

SECTION III
Purpose

1. The purpose of this Agreement under Rule 12D-18, Florida Administrative Code, is to meet the requirements of Section 197.3632(2), Florida Statutes, requiring the District to enter into a written agreement with the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector providing for reimbursement of necessary administrative costs related to the collection of the Assessments levied by the District. This Agreement further includes compensation by the District to the Tax Collector for actual costs of collection pursuant to Section 197.3632(8)(c), Florida Statutes; payment by District of any costs involved in separate mailings because of non-merger of any non-ad valorem special assessment roll as certified by the District, or its agent, pursuant to Section 197.3632(7), Florida Statutes; and reimbursement by District for necessary administrative costs, including, but not limited to, those costs associated with personnel, forms, supplies, data processing, computer equipment, postage

and programming which attend all of the collection and enforcement duties imposed upon the Tax Collector by the uniform methodology, as provided in Section 197.3632(2), Florida Statutes.

2. Additionally, the purpose of this Agreement under Rule 12D-18, Florida Administrative Code, is to establish the terms and conditions under which the Property Appraiser shall perform his statutory duties under Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, which include providing the District with legal descriptions of properties and the names and addresses of all property owners.

SECTION IV

Term

1. The term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution, effective for 2020 Tax Notice purposes, and shall continue and extend uninterrupted from year-to-year, automatically renewed for successive periods not to exceed one (1) year each.
2. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until terminated by the Tax Collector and/or the Property Appraiser and if not terminated by Tax Collector or Property Appraiser, the Agreement shall continue until the District informs the Tax Collector, as well as Property Appraiser and the Department of Revenue, by 10 January of the calendar year, if the District intends to discontinue to use the uniform methodology for such Assessments pursuant to Section 197.3632(6), Florida Statutes and Rule 12D-18.006(3), Florida Administrative Code, using Form DR-412 promulgated by the Florida Department of Revenue.

SECTION V

Duties and Responsibilities of District

District agrees, covenants and contracts to:

1. Compensate the Tax Collector for collection costs and reimburse administrative costs incurred pursuant to Sections 197.3632(2) and 197.3632(8)(c), Florida Statutes and Rule 12D-18.004(2), Florida Administrative Code. District agrees that an annual payment of 1.5% of the Assessments collected is an accurate estimate of the collection costs and administrative costs (which include, but are not limited to those costs associated with personnel, forms, supplies, data processing, computer equipment, postage and programming) incurred by the Tax Collector. District agrees to the Tax Collector being paid the 1.5% through deduction before the amounts are remitted.
2. Reimburse the Property Appraiser for necessary administrative costs incurred by the Property Appraiser under the uniform methodology, pursuant to Section 197.3632(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18.004(2), Florida Administrative Code, to include, but not limited to, those costs associated with personnel, forms, supplies, data processing, computer equipment, postage and programming. District and Property Appraiser agree that an annual payment of 1.5% of the Assessments collected is an accurate estimate of the administrative costs incurred by the Property Appraiser. District agrees to the Property Appraiser being paid the 1.5% through deduction before the amounts are remitted.

3. Pay for, or alternatively reimburse, the Tax Collector for any separate tax notice necessitated by the inability of the Tax Collector to merge the non-ad valorem special assessment roll certified by the District pursuant to Section 197.3632(7), Florida Statutes and Rule 12D-18.004(2) Florida Administrative Code to produce a combined notice for ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments. The parties acknowledge that the actual merger of the non-ad valorem special assessments roll in with the ad valorem assessments has been and will be a function performed by the Property Appraiser pursuant to a separate agreement between the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector to which the District is not a party. However, the combined notice shall be produced by the Tax Collector.
4. Upon being timely billed, District shall pay directly for necessary advertising relating to implementation of the uniform non-ad valorem special assessment law pursuant to Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18.004(2), Florida Administrative Code.
5. Certify its non-ad valorem assessments roll to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector after August 31st and on or before 15 September of each calendar year pursuant to Section 197.3632(5)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18.006, Florida Administrative Code using the Certify option in the Property Appraiser's NAV Web Portal; <https://nav.manateepao.com> ("NAV Web Portal"). The Certify option will produce form DR-408A and affix to it an itemized list of parcel identification numbers and associated Assessments. District shall exercise its responsibility that such non-ad valorem assessments roll is in compliance with Section 197.3632(10) and is free of errors and omissions. District agrees to use the Corrections feature in the NAV Web Portal to correct individual Assessment errors. District acknowledges that additional fees may be charged by the Tax Collector to correct an abundance of errors after roll certification. District further acknowledges that its Assessments will be zeroed out if the District fails to certify its non-ad valorem assessments roll by the 15 September statutory deadline.
6. Abide by and implement its duties under the uniform law pursuant to all the provisions of Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, or its successor of statutory provisions and all applicable rules promulgated by the Department of Revenue and their successor rules.
7. Acknowledge that the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser have no duty, authority or responsibility in the imposition and levy of any non-ad valorem special assessments, including the District's Assessment, and that it is the sole responsibility and duty of the District to follow all procedural and substantive requirements for the levy and imposition of constitutionally lienable non-ad valorem special assessments, including the Assessments.
8. Include its Assessments in the TRIM Notice pursuant to Section 200.069, Florida Statutes, and to update ("upload") or verify its Assessments in the NAV Web Portal on or before August 1st of each year to insure the Assessments that appear in the TRIM Notice closely match those that will appear in the Tax Notice. District is exempt from this requirement if its boundary does not lie wholly within Manatee County, Florida. District acknowledges that irrespective of its boundary, any and all Assessments uploaded to the NAV Web Portal on or before August 1st will appear in the TRIM Notice.
9. To the extent permitted by applicable Florida law, and specifically subject to the provisions and dollar limitations set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, the District shall indemnify and hold

harmless Tax Collector and Property Appraiser to the extent of any legal action which may be filed in local, state or federal courts against Tax Collector and/or Property Appraiser regarding the imposition, levy, roll preparation and certification of the Assessments arising from the negligence of the District or its agents, officers, or employees; District shall pay for or reimburse Tax Collector and/or Property Appraiser for fees for legal services rendered to Tax Collector and/or Property Appraiser with regard to any such legal action. Nothing herein shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or the limitations on liability provided under the Florida Constitution or general law.

SECTION VI
Duties of the Tax Collector

1. Except as provided in paragraph 5 below, the Tax Collector shall prepare a combined notice (the "Tax Notice") for both ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem special assessments for all levying authorities within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, and their successor provisions, and any applicable rules, and their successor rules, promulgated by the Department of Revenue, and in accordance with any specific ordinances or resolutions adopted by the District, so long as said ordinances and resolutions shall themselves clearly state the intent to use the uniform method for collecting such Assessments and so long as they are further not inconsistent with, or contrary to, the provisions of Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, and their successor provisions, and any applicable rules.
2. The Tax Collector shall collect the Assessments of the District as certified by the District, or its agent, to the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector no later than 15 September of each calendar year on form DR-408A with an itemized list of parcel identification numbers and associated Assessments affixed to it, and free of errors or omissions.
3. The Tax Collector agrees to cooperate with the District in implementation of the uniform methodology for collecting Assessments pursuant to Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, and any successor provisions and applicable rules. The Tax Collector shall not accept any non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Assessments of the District that is not officially, timely and legally certified to the Tax Collector pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18, Florida Administrative Code.
4. The Tax Collector agrees upon request to submit a report that contains payment information received for non-ad valorem assessments including, but not limited to, the property identification number for the parcel and the amount received.
5. If the Tax Collector discovers errors or omissions on such roll, the Tax Collector may request the District to file a corrected roll or a correction of the amount of any Assessment, and the District shall bear the cost of any such error or omission.
6. If the Tax Collector, in its discretion, determines that a separate mailing is authorized pursuant to Section 197.3632(7), Florida Statutes, and any applicable rules promulgated by the Department of Revenue, and any successor provision to said law or rules, the Tax Collector shall either mail a separate notice of the particular Assessment or shall direct the District to mail such a separate

notice. In making this decision, the Tax Collector shall consider all costs to the District and to the taxpayers of such a separate mailing as well as the adverse effect to the taxpayers of delay in multiple notices. If such a separate mailing is effected, the District shall bear all costs associated with the separate notice for the Assessment that could not be merged, upon timely billing by the Tax Collector.

SECTION VII
Duties of the Property Appraiser

1. Annually by June 1, the Property Appraiser shall provide District the information required by Section 197.3632(3)(b), Florida Statutes by the NAV Web Portal, with the legal description of the property affected by the levy, and the names and addresses of the owners of each parcel. District, or its agent, will be required to enter into a non-disclosure agreement with the Property Appraiser in order to receive information protected under Section 119, Florida Statutes.
2. The Property Appraiser shall merge the District's non-ad valorem assessments roll with the tax roll to enable the Tax Collector to prepare a combined Tax Notice for both ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem special assessments.
3. The Property Appraiser shall zero out the District's Assessments if the District fails to certify its non-ad valorem assessments roll to the Property Appraiser and the Tax Collector on or before 15 September pursuant to Section 197.3632(5)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 12D-18.006, Florida Administrative Code.
4. Upon request of a property owner, the Property Appraiser will split or combine tax parcels ("Parent Parcel"). If the parcel identification number of a Parent Parcel is individually referenced in the resolution or ordinance establishing or modifying the District boundary, the Property Appraiser shall zero out the District's Assessment on the resulting parcel or parcels ("Child Parcels"). If the parcel identification number of a Parent Parcel is not individually referenced in the resolution or ordinance establishing or modifying the District boundary, the Property Appraiser will equally apportion the District's Assessment to the resulting Child Parcels.
5. The Property Appraiser will place the District's most recently uploaded Assessments prior to August 1st on the TRIM Notices regardless of how long ago the last upload may have occurred.

SECTION VIII
Miscellaneous

1. The parties shall perform all their obligations under this Agreement in accordance with good faith and prudent practice.
2. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and may not be amended, modified or rescinded, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, except in writing and signed by all the parties hereto. Should any

provision of this Agreement be declared to be invalid, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, unless such provision found to be invalid alters substantially the benefits or the Agreement for either of the parties or renders the statutory and regulatory obligations unable to be performed. All prior agreements between the parties hereto addressing the matters set forth herein are hereby terminated and superseded by this Agreement.

3. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
4. Written notice shall be given to the parties at the following addresses, or such other place or person as each of the parties shall designate by similar notice:

- a. As to Tax Collector: The Honorable Ken Burton, Jr.
Manatee County Tax Collector
819 301 Boulevard West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

- b. As to Property Appraiser: The Honorable Charles E. Hackney
Manatee County Property Appraiser
915 Fourth Ave West
Bradenton, Florida 34205

- c. As to District: Evergreen Community Development District
2300 Glades Road
Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set, their hands and seals and such of them as are corporations have caused these presents to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

WITNESS

MANATEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

Signature

By: _____
Ken Burton, Jr.

Printed Name

Date: _____

WITNESS

MANATEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Signature

By: _____
Charles E. Hackney

Printed Name

Date: _____

As authorized for execution by the Local Governing Board of Evergreen Community Development District.

WITNESS

Evergreen Community Development District

Signature

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Date: _____

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**EVERGREEN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
JANUARY 31, 2020**

**EVERGREEN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JANUARY 31, 2020**

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 28,156	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,156
Investments				
Reserve	-	577,100	-	577,100
Capitalized interest	-	1,811	-	1,811
Construction	-	-	1,822,259	1,822,259
Undeposited funds	24,508	-	-	24,508
Total assets	<u>\$ 52,664</u>	<u>\$ 578,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,822,259</u>	<u>\$ 2,453,834</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Due to Landowner	\$ 1,732	\$ -	\$ 2,195	\$ 3,927
Landowner advance	5,500	-	-	5,500
Total liabilities	<u>7,232</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,195</u>	<u>9,427</u>
Fund balances:				
Restricted for				
Debt service	-	578,911	-	578,911
Capital projects	-	-	1,820,064	1,820,064
Unassigned	45,432	-	-	45,432
Total fund balances	<u>45,432</u>	<u>578,911</u>	<u>1,820,064</u>	<u>2,444,407</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 52,664</u>	<u>\$ 578,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,822,259</u>	<u>\$ 2,453,834</u>

**EVERGREEN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31, 2020**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
REVENUES				
Assessment levy: off-roll	\$ 24,508	\$ 73,523	\$ 98,030	75%
Landowner contribution	4,932	4,932	-	N/A
Total revenues	<u>29,440</u>	<u>78,455</u>	<u>98,030</u>	80%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Supervisors	-	2,153	6,000	36%
Management/accounting/recording	4,000	16,000	48,000	33%
Legal	1,845	3,914	20,000	20%
Engineering	-	-	1,500	0%
Audit	-	-	5,500	0%
Arbitrage rebate calculation	-	-	750	0%
Dissemination agent	83	333	1,000	33%
Trustee	-	-	5,500	0%
Telephone	16	66	200	33%
Postage	-	-	500	0%
Printing & binding	42	167	500	33%
Legal advertising	136	208	1,500	14%
Annual special district fee	-	175	175	100%
Insurance	-	5,000	5,500	91%
Contingencies/bank charges	22	97	500	19%
Website				
Hosting	-	-	705	0%
ADA compliance	-	-	200	0%
Total professional & administrative	<u>6,144</u>	<u>28,113</u>	<u>98,030</u>	29%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	23,296	50,342	-	
Fund balances - beginning	22,136	(4,910)	-	
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 45,432</u>	<u>\$ 45,432</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

**EVERGREEN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
DEBT SERVICE FUND SERIES 2019
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31, 2020**

	Current Month	Year To Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Assessment levy: off-roll	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 577,100	0%
Interest	602	3,299	-	N/A
Total revenues	<u>602</u>	<u>3,299</u>	<u>577,100</u>	1%
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service				
Interest	-	206,609	422,828	49%
Total debt service	<u>-</u>	<u>206,609</u>	<u>422,828</u>	49%
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>206,609</u>	<u>422,828</u>	49%
				N/A
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	602	(203,310)	154,272	-132%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)				
Transfer out	<u>(599)</u>	<u>(2,742)</u>	-	N/A
Total other financing sources	<u>(599)</u>	<u>(2,742)</u>	<u>-</u>	N/A
Net change in fund balances	3	(206,052)	154,272	
Fund balances - beginning	578,908	784,963	784,654	
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 578,911</u>	<u>\$ 578,911</u>	<u>\$ 938,926</u>	

**EVERGREEN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND SERIES 2019
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31, 2020**

	Current Month	Year To Date
REVENUES		
Interest	\$ 1,887	\$ 8,769
Total revenues	1,887	8,769
EXPENDITURES		
Total expenditures	-	-
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	1,887	8,769
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)		
Transfer in	599	2,742
Total other financing sources/(uses)	599	2,742
Net change in fund balances	2,486	11,511
Fund balances - beginning	1,817,578	1,808,553
Fund balances - ending	\$ 1,820,064	\$ 1,820,064

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**MINUTES OF MEETING
EVERGREEN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Evergreen Community Development District held a Regular Meeting on December 6, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of ZNS Engineering, 201 5th Ave., Dr. E, Bradenton, Florida 34208.

Present at the meeting were:

Ryan Zook	Chair
Anne Mize	Assistant Secretary
Hal Lutz	Assistant Secretary
Greg Mundell	Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Cindy Cerbone	District Manager
Tucker Mackie (via telephone)	District Counsel

**DUE TO AUDIO DIFFICULTIES, THESE MEETING
MINUTES WERE TRANSCRIBED FROM THE MEETING NOTES**

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Cerbone called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. Supervisors Zook, Mize, Lutz and Mundell were present, in person. Supervisor Snyder was not present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Ms. Cerbone noted that the Oath of Office was administered to Ms .Anne Mize after the November meeting and Management received the document.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Resolution 2020-05,
Designating a Chair, a Vice Chair, a
Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, a
Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer of the
District, and Providing for an Effective Date**

41 Mr. Lutz nominated the slate of officers, as follows:

- 42 Ryan Zook Chair
- 43 John Snyder Vice Chair
- 44 Craig Wrathell Secretary
- 45 Hal Lutz Assistant Secretary
- 46 Greg Mundell Assistant Secretary
- 47 Anne Mize Assistant Secretary
- 48 Cindy Cerbone Assistant Secretary
- 49 Craig Wrathell Treasurer
- 50 Jeff Pinder Assistant Treasurer

51 No other nominations were made.

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53 **On MOTION by Mr. Zook and seconded by Mr. Mundell, with all in favor,**
 54 **Resolution 2020-05, Designating a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, Assistant**
 55 **Secretaries, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer of the District, as**
 56 **nominated, and Providing for an Effective Date, was adopted.**

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59 **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of Resolution 2020-06, Extending the Terms of Office of All Current Supervisors to Coincide with the General Election Pursuant to Section 190.006, *Florida Statutes*; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

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Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2020-06.

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69 **On MOTION by Mr. Lutz and seconded by Mr. Zook, with all in favor,**
 70 **Resolution 2020-06, Extending the Terms of Office of All Current Supervisors to**
 71 **Coincide with the General Election Pursuant to Section 190.006, *Florida***
 72 ***Statutes*; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date, was**
 73 **adopted.**

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76 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Discussion: Updated Provisions of District's Rules of Procedure

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- 79 • Resolution 2020-04, To Designate Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing and
 80 Authorization to Publish Notice of Such Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting Amended
 81 and Restated Rules of Procedure; and Providing an Effective Date

82 Ms. Cerbone presented Resolution 2020-04.

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84 On MOTION by Mr. Lutz and seconded by Mr. Zook, with all in favor,
 85 Resolution 2020-04, To Designate Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing for
 86 March 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at ZNS Engineering, 201 5th Avenue Drive E,
 87 Bradenton, Florida 34208, and Authorization to Publish Notice of Such Hearing
 88 for the Purpose of Adopting Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure; and
 89 Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

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92 **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** Discussion/Consideration: Meeting
 93 Schedule for Remainder of Fiscal Year

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95 No changes were made to the meeting schedule.

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97 **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** Consideration of Assignment and
 98 Assumption of Agreement Regarding the
 99 Acquisition of Certain Work Product,
 100 Infrastructure and Real Property

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102 This item is presented during the Eighth Order of Business.

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104 **EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** Consideration of Assignment and
 105 Assumption of Agreement Regarding the
 106 Completion of Certain Improvements

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108 Ms. Mackie presented the documents from the Seventh and Eighth Orders of Business.

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110 On MOTION by Mr. Lutz and seconded by Mr. Zook, with all in favor, the
 111 Assignment and Assumption of Agreement Regarding the Acquisition of
 112 Certain Work Product, Infrastructure and Real Property, Assignment and
 113 Assumption of Agreement Regarding the Completion of Certain Improvements,
 114 in substantial form, subject to review by DR Horton’s Counsel, were approved.

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118 **NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Acceptance of Unaudited Financial**
119 **Statements as of October 31, 2019**

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121 Ms. Cerbone presented the Unaudited Financial Statements as of October 31, 2019.
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123 **On MOTION by Mr. Lutz and seconded by Mr. Zook, with all in favor, the**
124 **Unaudited Financial Statements as of October 31, 2019, were accepted.**

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127 **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Approval of November 1, 2019 Regular**
128 **Meeting Minutes**

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130 Ms. Cerbone presented the November 1, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.
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132 **On MOTION by Mr. Lutz and seconded by Mr. Zook, with all in favor, the**
133 **November 1, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.**

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136 **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Staff Reports**

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138 **A. District Counsel: *Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.***
139 There being nothing to report, the next item followed.

140 **B. District Engineer: *ZNS Engineering, L.C.***
141 There being nothing to report, the next item followed.

142 **C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC***
143 • **NEXT MEETING: January 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

144 ○ **QUORUM CHECK**

145 Discussion ensued regarding canceling the January and February meetings.
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147 **On MOTION by Mr. Lutz and seconded by Mr. Zook, with all in favor,**
148 **cancellation of the January 3 and February 7, 2020 meetings, was approved.**

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151 **TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Board Members' Comments/Requests**

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153 Ms. Mize presented an additional ZNS work authorization related to preparation and
154 review of construction requisitions in a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 and in accordance

155 with the established and previously approved hourly rates. This item would be presented for
156 ratification at the March 2020 meeting.

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158 **On MOTION by Mr. Lutz and seconded by Mr. Zook, with all in favor, the ZNS**
159 **work authorization related to preparation and review of construction**
160 **requisitions, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 and in accordance with the**
161 **established and previously approved hourly rates, was approved.**

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164 **THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Public Comments

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166 There being no public comments, the next item followed.

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168 **FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Adjournment

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170 There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

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172 **On MOTION by Mr. Lutz and seconded by Mr. Zook, with all in favor, the**
173 **meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.**

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[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair

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EVERGREEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 MEETING SCHEDULE****LOCATION***offices of ZNS Engineering, 201 5th Ave. Dr. E., Bradenton, Florida 34208*

DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 4, 2019	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
November 1, 2019	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
December 6, 2019	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
January 3, 2020 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
February 7, 2020 CANCELED	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
March 6, 2020	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
April 3, 2020	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
May 1, 2020	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
June 5, 2020	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
July 10, 2020*	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
August 7, 2020	Public Hearing & Regular Meeting	10:00 AM
September 4, 2020	Regular Meeting	10:00 AM

Exception

** July meeting date is one week later to accommodate Independence Day Holiday*