



**ARBORWOOD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT**

**LEE COUNTY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2020
9:00 A.M.**

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Bonita Springs, FL 33134

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AGENDA
ARBORWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Amenity Center Community Room
Somerset at the Plantation
10401 Dartington Drive
Fort Myers, Florida, 33913
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2020
9:00 a.m.

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NOTICE OF MEETING ARBORWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT The Board of Supervisors of the Arborwood Community Development District will hold a Board Meeting on February 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Amenity Center Community Room located at Somerset at The Plantation, 10401 Dartington Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33913. The Board Meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meeting may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record. A copy of the agenda for the meeting may be obtained from the District's website or by contacting the District Manager, Special District Services, located at 27499 Riverview Center Blvd., #253, Bonita Springs, Florida 34134. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this Board Meeting is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting by contacting the District Manager at (239) 444-5790. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770, who can aid you in contacting the District Office. A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice. Kathleen Dailey District Manager Arborwood Community Development District www.arborwoodcdd.org AD#4035839 2/7/2020

**ARBORWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2020**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The January 13, 2020, Regular Board Meeting of the Arborwood Community Development District was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Amenity Center Community Room at Somerset at the Plantation located at 10401 Dartington Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

B. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Proof of publication was presented that notice of the Regular Board Meeting had been published in the *Fort Myers News-Press* on January 3, 2020, as legally required.

C. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

It was determined that the attendance of the following Supervisors constituted a quorum and it was in order to proceed with the meeting:

Chairman	Terry Hammond (via phone)	Present
Vice Chairman	Gary Franz	Present
Supervisor	Jack Aycock	Present
Supervisor	Joan Pattison	Present
Supervisor	Lawrence Carr	Present

Staff members in attendance were:

District Manager	Kathleen Dailey	Special District Services, Inc.
General Counsel	Wes Haber (via phone)	Hopping Green & Sams, P.A.
District Engineer	Josh Evans	JR Evans Engineering
Field Inspector	Bohdan Hirniak	

Others present were: Mike Myers of Passarella & Associates; and the following residents: Chris Anderson, Roger Bosworth, Ed Thomas, Jerry Strohmenger, Sylvester Jones and Helen Shorey

D. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public for items not on the agenda.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 18, 2019, Regular Board Meeting

The November 18, 2019, Regular Board Meeting minutes were presented for consideration.

Mr. Aycock requested that his first name indicate “Jack” not “Jay.”

Ms. Shorey noted that her last name is “Shorey” not “Shoney.”

A **motion** was then made by Mrs. Pattison, seconded by Mr. Carr and passed unanimously approving the November 18, 2019, Regular Board Meeting minutes, as amended.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update Regarding Street Lighting Project

Mr. Evans noted that the project was nearing completion on Commerce and Plantation and there were a few to be installed on Treeline. Mr. Hammond stated that once the City completes their final inspection, the District will then need to request that the City take it over. Mr. Aycock stated that no lights had been installed on Treeline at Marina Bay. Mr. Evans indicated that the conduit had to be installed and that the lights would be installed by the end of January.

2. Update on Lake Bank Repairs and Slope Issue

Mr. Evans distributed a proposal from Dragonfly to fix the repairs needed from the regular annual maintenance report. The repairs totaled \$34,200.

A **motion** was made by Mrs. Pattison, seconded by Mr. Aycock and passed unanimously approving the agreement, in substantial form, subject to the attorney’s review and execution by the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

Regarding the slope where the lank bank is too steep, Mr. Evans stated that the engineer had certified that the bank was consistent with as-builts, but the bank is at a 2:1 slope instead of a 4:1 slope. He handed out the specifications and gave alternatives and costs to repair. Mr. Aycock advised that he had gone out to review the area with the Somerset folks and indicated that it does not meet the specs. Ms. Shorey stated that the HOA was working on a list of repairs Pulte needs to address before the turnover and that this particular bank is on the list. Mr. Evans added that Pulte suggested getting a repair alternative approved by the District Board and bring it back to them. There was general discussion that litigation could be expensive and the repair alternative would be about \$50,000-\$80,000.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Aycock and passed unanimously authorizing Mr. Evans to advise Pulte of the acceptable fix and that they will accept the deed once completed.

a. Consider Conveyance of Somerset Lake Tracts

This item was covered above.

3. Consider Agreement for Somerset Fountains

This item was tabled.

4. Consider Planting Plan on Arborwood Preserve

Mr. Myers recapped the history of the non-compliance issue at the preserve and the corrective actions submitted to South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in December. The plan received no objections from the SFWMD and consisted of exotic maintenance in April/May and plantings in June/July at a cost of \$3,427 to Woods & Wetlands.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Regarding Plantation Monument Sign

Mr. Haber reminded the Board that an agreement had been successfully negotiated, but Pulte had not yet signed it. Ms. Shorey pointed out the sign was in bad shape and needed repair. Mr. Haber stated that the CDD's position is that they do not need the signs and can remove them. He suggested that if Pulte is not interested in maintaining the signs, it could be offered to another property developer. Upon discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to give Pulte 30 days to sign the agreement on maintenance or the sign will be marketed to WCI or someone else, and for Mr. Evans to discuss this with Pulte during his conversations with them regarding the lake bank.

2. Consider Updated Agreement with Clarke Aquatic Services

Ms. Dailey stated there had not been a formal agreement for 13 months. Mr. Haber stated that the terms and conditions continue to apply in those circumstances on a month to month basis. Ms. Dailey also stated that she had received a proposal from another vendor that the Board could review.

A **motion** was made by Mrs. Pattison, seconded by Mr. Franz and passed unanimously to bring back a formal agreement with terms from before that allows for extensions with Clarke Aquatic Services to be on the next agenda along with the 2nd proposal.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Manager's Report

Financials – Ms. Dailey briefly went over the financials.

Ms. Dailey reminded the Board that their next meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2020.

2. Engineer's Report

There was no Engineer's Report at this time.

3. Field Inspector's Report

Mr. Hirniak noted that he continues to inspect the lakes and has found no degradation. He indicated that they are operating, as designed, for stormwater. He further pointed out that the plant and animal life were good.

J. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Discussion Regarding Obtaining Fort Myers Police Records – Larry Carr

Mr. Carr indicated that an accident on Treeline resulted in a streetlight being knocked down and he wanted to obtain the police report, but would have to go in person and wondered if the procedure with the police could be simplified. Mr. Hammond noted when this happened previously he obtained the report, which was not

difficult. Mr. Hammond noted that he would get a copy of it in February, when he returned, if no one was able to go down to the police station. Discussion ensued and Mr. Franz stated he would get the report, if necessary.

2. Discussion on the Process for Obtaining Lake Studies – Jack Aycock

Mr. Aycock asked what the protocol was for obtaining studies. Mr. Evans went over how the annual inspection was done and how each community does their repairs.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a **motion** was made by Mrs. Pattison, seconded by Mr. Carr and passed unanimously to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice-Chair

Proposal Date: January 3, 2020

Kathleen Dailey
Arborwood Community Development District

Dear Kathleen:

Per our discussion please find the attached renewal agreement for Arborwood CDD. This is our new agreement implemented as of January 1, 2020. There is no price increase along with no service changes. Please review the agreement below, check box for payment option and return one signed copy. I have also included a client information page to help us better service your account and maintaining our records. If any account information has changed from what we currently have please make the changes and return with the signed agreement.

For further clarification or modifications, please contact me.

We appreciate your business and look forward to continuing our relationship in caring for the pond's within the Somerset Community.

Best Regards,

Lori Clemence
Clarke Aquatic Services
Control Consultant
lclemence@clarke.com (941) 685-0453

CLARKE AQUATIC SERVICES, INC.

Aquatic Professional Services Agreement

Proposal Date: January 3, 2020

Arborwood Community Development District

Thank you for choosing Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc. ("Clarke") for your aquatic management needs. Arborwood's customized water solutions management program will include customized, targeted services and solutions provided by Clarke. The term of this contract is for the fiscal year January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020. The following professional aquatic management program is recommended for Arborwood's 36 water bodies.

AQUATIC WEED AND ALGAE CONTROL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

☐ **Core Treatment Program: \$46,068.00**

Core Treatment Program Scope of Services:

- Monthly inspections and treatments, as necessary as often as necessary for control of algae and invasive aquatic weeds. Inspections and treatments will begin January 1, 2020 and run through December 31, 2020. Clarke will determine the proper treatment program at the time of inspection based on environmental conditions. Reports will be available to customers through the Clarke service portal.
- Clarke will monitor water quality including dissolved oxygen levels, pH, and temperature.
- Any aquatic plants beneficial to an ecologically balanced aquatic system will be preserved. In the event of uniquely problematic vegetation requiring specialized services to control, additional fees may be requested.
- Should any banks become exposed due to water level drawdowns throughout the service program, Clarke will 'spot treat' for exposed nuisance vegetation at no additional cost.
- Standard program does not include removal of plant material. Clarke is also not responsible for lawn or bank maintenance including cutting, or removing grasses or other vegetation above the existing waterline.
- All weed and algae control products used are EPA registered, labeled for aquatic use and applied per label requirements. Weed & algae control products exclude bacteria, phosphorous binders and dyes. All applicators are licensed, state certified aquatic applicators.

Additional Water Management Options: (a proposal will be provided by request only)

- ☐ ****IMPORTANT** Please check box if any water bodies are used for irrigation.**
- ☐ ****IMPORTANT** Please check box if site is located within a managed conservation area.**
- ☐ ****IMPORTANT** Please check box if site is subject to permitting requirements of any other party or conservation/lake management protocols directed by any government agency.**

ADDITIONAL SERVICE OPTIONS

Please check other services of interest and your account manager will contact you with more information.

Aquatic Services

- ☐ New Fountain Design, Sales & Install
- ☐ New Bottom Diffuser/Aeration System Design, Sales & Install
- ☐ Aeration/Fountain Repair/Service Call
- ☐ Bathymetric Surveys & Mapping
- ☐ Littoral Planting Services
- ☐ Fish Stocking Services
- ☐ Complete Water Quality Monitoring Program
- ☐ Phosphorus Management Program

Mosquito/Midge Control Services:

- ☐ Season Long Control Programs

Payment Plan Schedule

Total Annual Cost of Treatment Plan: \$46,068/Year

can choose to pay in a lump sum payment for annual services, or pay monthly. Invoices will be submitted pursuant to the schedule below. All invoices are to be paid within thirty days of receipt.

- ☐ **Annual Payment:** WEED & ALGAE: \$46,068
- ☐ **Monthly Payments:** \$3,839.00/Month

Clarke Standard Terms

1. **TERM AND TERMINATION:** This Agreement has an automatic Renewal Clause. The term of the Agreement shall commence on the date when both parties have executed this Agreement and shall continue for a period ending on **December 31, 2020** (the "Initial Term"). Unless either party hereto provides the other party with written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the Initial Term or any subsequent renewal term, this Agreement shall automatically renew for subsequent additional terms, with each subsequent term having a duration equal to the Initial Term. If a party hereto fails to comply with a provision of this Agreement, then the other party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement if it gives written notice of the default to the defaulting party and the defaulting party fails to cure the default within sixty (60) days of receipt of said notice; provided that for payment related defaults the defaulting party must cure such default within five (5) days of receipt of a notice of default.
2. **Price Increase:** The first day of the month following the initial term (a "Price Increase Date"), the price can be increased by a percentage which shall not exceed the greater of the percentage increase of the consumer price index during the year which immediately precedes the Price Increase Date or five percent (5%). Clarke may petition Customer at any time for an additional rate adjustment on the basis of extraordinary and unusual changes in the cost of operations that could not be reasonably foreseen by a prudent operator. New areas to be covered will be pro-rated to the program cost at the rates in effect at the time.
3. **Property Damage/Limitation on Claims:** Allegations of property damage resulting from the services rendered by Clarke must be submitted in a written report with pictures included, filed directly with respective Account Manager within fifteen (15) days. Clarke will review the report, determine a fair and equitable resolution, and respond within a timely manner. Customer agrees that any claims Customer has against Clarke must be filed within one (1) year from the date of termination of this Agreement.

4. **Confidentiality:** For purposes of this Agreement, confidential information ("Confidential Information") shall mean all proprietary, secret or confidential information or data relating to Clarke and its operations, employees, services, and customers. Customer acknowledges that Clarke may disclose Confidential Information to Customer in connection with this Agreement. If Customer receives Confidential Information it shall: (a) maintain the Confidential Information in strict confidence; (b) use at least the same degree of care in maintaining the secrecy of the Confidential Information as Customer uses in maintaining the secrecy of its own proprietary, secret or confidential information, but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care; and (c) return or destroy all documents, copies, notes or other materials containing any portion of the Confidential Information upon request by Clarke. Confidential Information shall not include any information which: (a) was known to Customer before receipt, directly or indirectly, from Clarke; (b) is lawfully obtained, directly or indirectly, by Customer, from a person or entity other than Clarke, under no obligation of confidentiality; (c) is or becomes publicly available other than as a result of an act or failure to act by Customer. To the extent Confidential Information is required to be disclosed by Customer by applicable law or legal process, Customer shall promptly notify Clarke to allow Clarke to contest such disclosure.
5. **NPDES Permit:** A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is necessary for the execution of the work for aquatic control services effective October 31, 2011. Clarke will maintain all required licenses and permits and fulfill reporting requirements, including those under the new NPDES permit, for the duration of the term of the Agreement. Any additional/unforeseen costs associated with activities and/or services that may be required by Clarke in order to comply with an NPDES permit are not included in this proposal.
6. **Limitation of Liability:**
 - a. Neither party will be liable to the other party for any special, indirect, consequential or incidental damages of any kind, including, without limitation, any loss of profit, loss of use, or business interruption, based on any claim under this agreement, even if such party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.
 - b. To the extent permitted by applicable law, in no event shall the liability for damages hereunder of Clarke exceed the amounts actually paid to Clarke by customer.
7. **Governing Law/Venue:** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and shall be governed by and enforced under the laws of the State of Illinois, United States of America, without regard to its conflict of laws principles. All cases or controversies arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be filed exclusively with any court within the County of Kane, Illinois, United States of America, with respect to any state court action, and within the City of Chicago, Illinois, United States of America, with respect to any federal court action; provided, however, that each Party shall have the right to file documents in other courts to enforce a judgment obtained in the Illinois courts. Each Party hereto consents to the jurisdiction of the Illinois courts and waives any argument that the Illinois courts are not convenient.
8. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement constitutes the complete understanding between the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings whether written or oral between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

SIGNING AND RETURNING this document authorizes Clarke to perform the services stipulated within this Agreement. By signing this document, I acknowledge I have the authority to authorize Clarke to perform the services for **Arborwood CDD**.

PRINT CUSTOMER NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLARKE SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

ARBORWOOD CDD
CLIENT INFORMATION

PLEASE ASSIST US IN MAINTAINING OUR RECORDS BY COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING:

BILLING ADDRESS:

Name: _____

Property Management Company (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Accounts Payable E-Mail: _____ Accounts Payable Contact _____

****To be more sustainable, we ask you provide an Email address the invoices should be sent to****

***TREATMENT ADDRESS (if different from above):**

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

CONTACT PERSON FOR CUSTOMER:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON FOR CUSTOMER:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

WATER BODIES USED FOR IRRIGATION:

Numbers/Names: _____

Please sign and return a copy of all pages of this completed Agreement to:

Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc.

Attention: Lori Clemence

Phone: (941) 685-0453 EMAIL: lclemence@clarke.com

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARBORWOOD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND CLARKE AQUATIC SERVICES,
INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF AQUATIC MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

This First Amendment (“Amendment”) is made and entered into this ____ day of February, 2020, by and between:

Arborwood Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, located in Lee County, Florida and whose mailing address is 27499 Riverview Center Boulevard, Suite #253, Bonita Springs, Florida 34134 (the “District”); and

Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc. an Illinois corporation, whose local address is 3036 Michigan Avenue, Kissimmee, Florida 34744 (the “Contractor”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District and Contractor previously entered into an agreement for the provision of aquatic maintenance services, dated January 8, 2018, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the Services Agreement as set forth in more detail in in Section 2 below and in Contractor’s proposal dated January 3, 2020, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, each of the parties hereto has the authority to execute this Amendment and to perform its obligations and duties hereunder, and each party has satisfied all conditions precedent to the execution of this Amendment so that this Amendment constitutes a legal and binding obligation of each party hereto.

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

SECTION 1. The Services Agreement is hereby affirmed and, as set forth in more detail herein, continues to constitute a valid and binding agreement between the parties. Except as described in Section 2 of this Amendment, nothing herein shall modify the rights and obligations of the parties under the Services Agreement. All of the remaining provisions, including, but not limited to, the engagement of services, indemnification and sovereign immunity provisions, remain in full effect and fully enforceable.

SECTION 2. The Services Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

- A.** The term of the Services Agreement is hereby renewed in accordance with **Exhibit B** through December 31, 2020. The Services Agreement shall automatically renew for subsequent one year terms unless terminated earlier in

accordance with Section 19 of the Agreement. Notwithstanding the date on which this Amendment is executed, the Amendment shall be effective as of January 1, 2019, such that the complete term of the Services Agreement shall be a single, continuous, term, and the provisions of the Services Agreement shall remain in force during the full term of the Services Agreement.

B. To the extent that any terms or conditions found in **Exhibit B** conflict with the terms of the Services Agreement or this Amendment, the Services Agreement and this Amendment control and shall prevail.

SECTION 3. All remaining terms and conditions of the Services Agreement, without limitation, are hereby adopted, reaffirmed and incorporated as if restated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed this Amendment to the Services Agreement on the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:

**ARBORWOOD COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman

Print Name

ATTEST:

CLARKE AQUATIC SERVICES, INC.

By: _____
Print: _____
Its: _____

Exhibit A: Services Agreement
Exhibit B: Renewal Proposal

Exhibit A to First Amendment

AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARBORWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND CLARKE AQUATIC SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF AQUATIC MAINTENANCE SERVICES

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the 8th day of January, 2018, by and between:

Arborwood Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, located in Lee County, Florida and whose mailing address is 27499 Riverview Center Boulevard, Suite #253, Bonita Springs, Florida 34134 (the "District"); and

Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc. an Illinois corporation, whose local address is 3036 Michigan Avenue, Kissimmee, Florida 34744 (the "Contractor").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was established to plan, construct, install, acquire, finance, manage, and operate public improvements and community facilities pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the District has a need to retain an independent contractor to provide aquatic maintenance services for certain stormwater management ponds within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted a proposal and represents that it is qualified to serve as an aquatic maintenance contractor and provide such services to the District.

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. MANNER OF CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE.

- A.** The Contractor shall provide the specific aquatic maintenance services as shown in **Exhibit A**, attached and incorporated herein (the "Services") within the stormwater management ponds within the District as identified in **Exhibit B**, attached and incorporated herein.
- B.** Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District and in accordance with this Agreement. Contractor shall use industry best practices and procedures when carrying out the Services including the Florida Friendly green industry standards of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Any

additional compensation for additional services shall be paid only as negotiated between the parties and upon the written authorization of the District.

1. At no time shall the Contractor utilize any products, compounds, or materials that contain copper in any form in any of the water bodies within the project area unless such products, compounds, or materials are specifically approved for usage in water bodies by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Florida. Usage of such products, compounds, or materials must also be in compliance with applicable Southwest Florida Water Management District ("SWFWMD") rules and any and all SWFWMD permits issued to the District.
 2. Contractor shall ensure that employees who work with registered and restricted-use herbicides are certified as to qualifications for handling and applying material safely and correctly in accordance with the Florida Pesticide Law administered by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Due to the presence of wetlands, such employees shall possess a Florida Aquatic Pesticide License and other applicable certifications. The Contractor shall also be familiar with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Chapter 68F-20: Aquatic Plant Management Permits. Prior to the utilization of herbicides on site, the Contractor will furnish to the District, copies of all required licenses and applicable permits for treatment and/or removal of aquatic plants in waters of the State. The Contractor shall at all times abide by each herbicide label.
- C. This Agreement grants to Contractor the right to enter the lands that are subject to this Agreement, for those purposes described in this Agreement, and Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances and regulations affecting the provision of the Services.
- D. The Contractor shall report directly to the District's Designee who shall be the District Manager and the District's Field Inspector. Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the District, its residents and landowners from damage and shall follow and be responsible for the Services set forth in **Exhibit A**. Contractor agrees to repair any damage resulting from Contractor's activities and work within twenty-four (24) hours.

SECTION 3. COMPENSATION; TERM.

- A. As compensation for the Services described in this Agreement and **Exhibit A**, the District shall pay Contractor Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$3,839.00) per month, which amount includes all tools, labor, and materials necessary to complete the Services. The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

- A. If the District should desire additional work or services not provided in **Exhibit A**, the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiations, the parties shall agree in writing to a work order, addendum, addenda, or change order to this Agreement as set forth in Section 4 herein.
- B. The District may require, as a condition precedent to making any payment to the Contractor that all subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers be paid and require evidence, in the form of Lien Releases or partial Waivers of Lien, to be submitted to the District by those subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers, and further require that the Contractor provide an Affidavit relating to the payment of said indebtedness. Further, the District shall have the right to require, as a condition precedent to making any payment, evidence from the Contractor, in a form satisfactory to the District, that any indebtedness of the Contractor, as to services to the District, has been paid and that the Contractor has met all of the obligations with regard to the withholding and payment of taxes, Social Security payments, Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation contributions, and similar payroll deductions from the wages of employees.
- C. The Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices. Further, the Contractor agrees to render an invoice to the District, in writing, which shall be delivered or mailed to the District by the fifth (5th) day of the next succeeding month. This invoice is due and payable within forty-five (45) days of receipt by the District, or in accordance with Florida's Prompt Payment Act, whichever is sooner. The invoice shall include such supporting information as the District may reasonably require the Contractor to provide.

SECTION 4. CHANGE ORDERS. Contractor understands that the Services may be reduced, enlarged or otherwise modified in scope. If any additional Services are proposed beyond those identified in this Agreement, Contractor shall perform them but only after receiving a written change order from the District. Contractor shall cooperate with and assist the District in preparing and determining the scope of any change order. In the event the service represents a unit price set forth in this Agreement, Contractor's compensation shall be adjusted for the added or deducted services proposed by the change order in accordance with the unit prices established in the Agreement. In the event the service is not represented by a lump sum or unit price set forth in this Agreement, Contractor's compensation shall be adjusted for the added or deducted services proposed by the change order as reasonably determined by the District in conference with the Contractor.

SECTION 5. INSURANCE. Contractor shall, at its own expense, maintain insurance during the performance of the Services under this Agreement, with limits of liability not less than the following:

Workers Compensation	statutory
General Liability	
<i>Bodily Injury (including contractual)</i>	\$1,000,000

<i>Property Damage (including contractual)</i>	\$1,000,000
Automobile Liability (if applicable)	
<i>Bodily Injury and Property Damage</i>	\$1,000,000
Pollution Liability	\$1,000,000
Herbicide/Pesticide Applicators Coverage	\$1,000,000

Contractor shall provide the District with a certificate naming the District, its officers, agents and employees as an additional insured. At no time shall Contractor be without insurance in the above amounts. No policy may be canceled during the term of this Agreement without at least thirty (30) days written notice to the District. An insurance certificate evidencing compliance with this section shall be sent to the District prior to the commencement of any performance under this Agreement.

SECTION 6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. It is understood and agreed that at all times the relationship of Contractor and its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor to the District is the relationship of an independent contractor and not that of an employee, agent, joint venturer or partner of the District. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between the District and Contractor or any of its employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor. The parties acknowledge that Contractor is not an employee for state or federal tax purposes. Contractor shall hire and pay all of Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor, all of whom shall be employees of Contractor and not employees of District and at all times entirely under Contractor's supervision, direction and control.

In particular, District will not: i) Withhold FICA (Social Security) from Contractor's payments; ii) Make state or federal unemployment insurance contributions on Contractor's behalf; iii) Withhold state or federal income tax from payment to Contractor; iv) Make disability insurance contributions on behalf of Contractor; or v) Obtain workers' compensation insurance on behalf of Contractor.

SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS. The Contractor shall keep, observe, and perform all requirements of applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. If the Contractor fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation or an alleged violation, made by any local, State, or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any action of the Contractor or any of its agents, servants, employees, or materialmen, or with respect to terms, wages, hours, conditions of employment, safety appliances, or any other requirements applicable to provision of services, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within five (5) days after receipt of any such notice, order, request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 8. DEFAULT AND PROTECTION AGAINST THIRD PARTY INTERFERENCE. A default by either party under this Agreement shall entitle the other to all remedies available at law or in equity, which may include, but not be limited to, the right of actual damages and/or specific performance. The District shall be solely responsible for enforcing its rights under this Agreement against any interfering third party. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall limit or impair the District's right to protect its rights from interference by a third party to this Agreement.

SECTION 9. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. In the event that either party is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the parties agree that the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees, paralegal fees, expert witness fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 10. 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 Contractor.

SECTION 11. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the District and the Contractor, both the District and the Contractor have complied with all the requirements of law, and both the District and the Contractor have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this instrument.

SECTION 12. 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 District: Arborwood Community Development District
27499 Riverview Center Boulevard, Suite #253
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134
Attn: District Manager

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

B. If to Contractor: Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc.
3036 Michigan Avenue
Kissimmee, Florida 34744
Attn: Lori Clemence

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 Contractor may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and the Contractor. 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 13. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the District and the Contractor as an arm's length transaction. Both parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement and received the advice of counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, both parties are deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and the doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against either the District or the Contractor.

SECTION 14. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the District and the Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

SECTION 15. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor the Contractor may assign this Agreement or any monies to become due hereunder without the prior written approval of the other.

SECTION 16. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Lee County, Florida.

SECTION 17. INDEMNIFICATION.

- A. Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify the District and its supervisors, officers, staff, employees, representatives and agents against any claims, damages, liabilities, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the acts or omissions of Contractor, and other persons employed or utilized by Contractor in the performance of this Agreement or the Services performed hereunder.
- B. 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 (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings) as ordered.

SECTION 18. 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 19. TERMINATION. The District agrees that the Contractor may terminate this Agreement for cause by providing thirty (30) days written notice of termination to the District; provided, however, that the District shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing written notice of termination to the Contractor. The District shall provide thirty (30) days written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all Services rendered up until the effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or offsets the District may have against the Contractor as the sole means of recovery for termination.

SECTION 20. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS. All rights in and title to all plans, drawings, specifications, ideas, concepts, designs, sketches, models, programs, software, creation, inventions, reports, or other tangible work product originally developed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of the District when developed and shall be considered work for hire.

SECTION 21. COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS. Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is **Kathleen Dailey** ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Contractor, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or

confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (941) 875-4195, KDAILEY@SDSINC.ORG, 27499 RIVERVIEW CENTER BOULEVARD, SUITE #253, BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34134.

SECTION 22. 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.

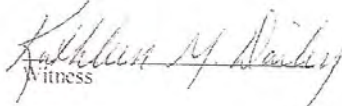
SECTION 23. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of the agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

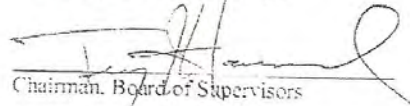
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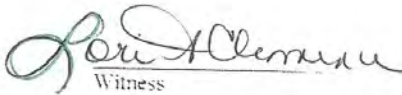
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

ATTEST:


Witness

ARBORWOOD COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT


Chairman, Board of Supervisors


Witness

CLARKE AQUATIC SERVICES, INC.

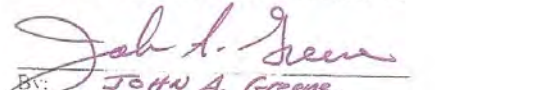

By: JOHN A. GREENE
Its: FL Region Sales Manager (Clarke)
1-8-2017

Exhibit A: Proposal Scope of Services
Exhibit B: Map of Ponds

Exhibit A
Proposal/Scope of Services

Arborwood CDD
Renewal January 2018 - December 2018

1. Specifications

The following services are provided:

- Minimum of 12 inspections and treatments to each pond, as necessary, for control and prevention of algae and noxious aquatic weeds. Number of visits to the site will range depending on season and treatments needed. We visit the site 3-5 times per month typically.
- Additional treatments as deemed necessary by Clarke at no additional charge to the customer.
- Control of exotic nuisance weeds to water's edge.
- All water management services to be provided under the supervision of a state certified aquatics applicator.
- Preservation of certain aquatic plants to maintain an ecologically balanced aquatic system.
- The use of all available approved and effective herbicides and algaecides in strict compliance with state and federal guidelines.
- Water testing to determine dissolved oxygen levels prior to treatment to determine if the level is high enough to safely treat.
- Monthly service reports and aquatic consulting. Lori Clemence and Rob Krueger are available to answer questions or look into any concerns that may arise.
- Complete standard insurance coverage including liability, automotive and workmen's compensation.
- Pretreatment notification upon request. Proposal does not include removal of plant material and excludes any fluridone resistant Hydrilla and copper resistant algae.

Lake Management Services

\$3,839.00/Month

A. Chemicals and Substances Used

All listed invasive aquatic weeds in the bid specifications and others deemed detrimental to Arborwood CDD's stormwater ponds will be controlled by EPA registered and Florida approved chemicals, or other means as deemed necessary throughout the treatments.

All work performed in the designated ponds is performed by, or under the direct supervision of, a Florida state licensed aquatics applicator. At Clarke, we make sure that we adjust the rates within what's allowed by law on the label, for maximum effect on the target plant, while minimizing or eliminating any effect on non-targets.

In compliance with State of Florida regulations, chemicals and substances used in the performance of this contract will be accompanied by Safety Data Sheets (SDS). The SDS will include the following information:

- The chemical name and the common name of the toxic substance.
- The proper precautions, handling practices, necessary personal protective equipment, and other safety precautions in the use of or exposure to the toxic substances, including the appropriate emergency treatment in case of overexposure.
- The emergency procedure for spills, fire, disposal, and first aid.
- Description in lay terms of the known specific potential health risks posed by the toxic substance intended to alert any person reading this information.
- The year and month, if available, that the information was compiled and the name, address, and emergency telephone number of the manufacturer responsible for preparing the information.
- The hazards or other risks in the use of the toxic substance, including:
 - The potential for fire, explosion, corrosivity, and reactivity;
 - The known acute and chronic health effects of risks from exposure, including the medical conditions which are generally recognized as being aggravated by exposure to the toxic substance; and
 - The primary routes of entry and symptoms of overexposure
- Reporting and Quality Control

2. Licenses and Permits

Clarke will continue to adhere to all local, County, State, and Federal regulations and permits in the execution of the work to be performed under this contract.

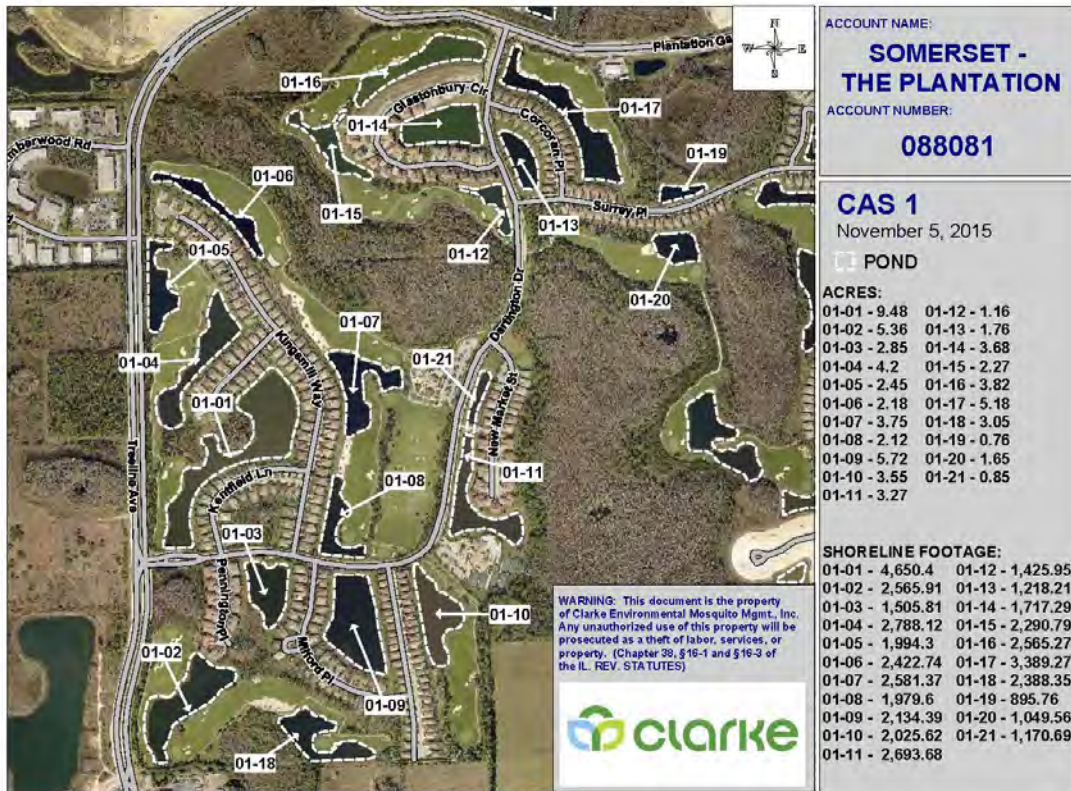


IMPORTANT Please check box if these waters are used for irrigation.

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1. NPDES Permit: An NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit may be necessary for the execution of the work for aquatic services. Any costs associated with such a permit are not included in this proposal. Also, since final regulation requirements were not finalized when this proposal was presented, any additional and/or incremental activities or services that may be required by the applicator in order to comply with an NPDES permit are not included in this proposal.

Exhibit B
Map of Ponds



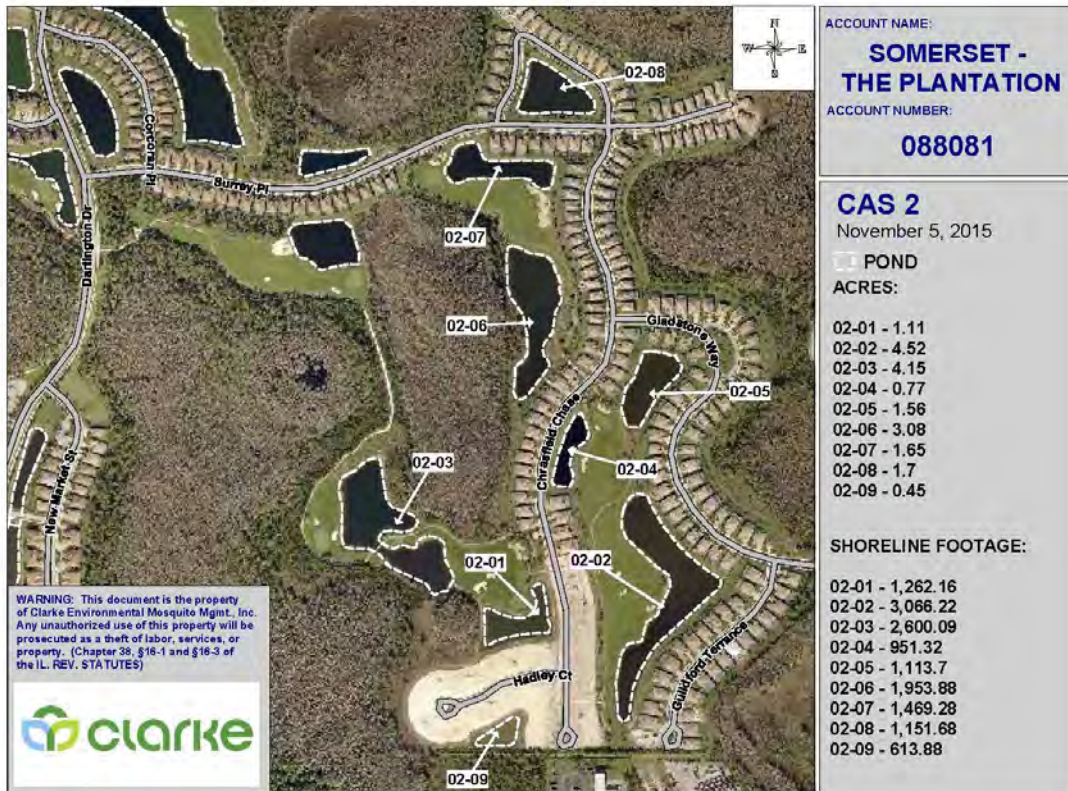


Exhibit B to First Amendment



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Proposal Date: January 3, 2020

Kathleen Dailey
Arborwood Community Development District

Dear Kathleen:

Per our discussion please find the attached renewal agreement for Arborwood CDD. This is our new agreement implemented as of January 1, 2020. There is no price increase along with no service changes. Please review the agreement below, check box for payment option and return one signed copy. I have also included a client information page to help us better service your account and maintaining our records. If any account information has changed from what we currently have please make the changes and return with the signed agreement.

For further clarification or modifications, please contact me.

We appreciate your business and look forward to continuing our relationship in caring for the pond's within the Somerset Community.

Best Regards,

Lori Clemence
Clarke Aquatic Services
Control Consultant
lclemence@clarke.com (941) 685-0453

CLARKE AQUATIC SERVICES, INC.

Aquatic Professional Services Agreement

Proposal Date: January 3, 2020

Arborwood Community Development District

Thank you for choosing Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc. ("Clarke") for your aquatic management needs. Arborwood's customized water solutions management program will include customized, targeted services and solutions provided by Clarke. The term of this contract is for the fiscal year January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020. The following professional aquatic management program is recommended for Arborwood's 36 water bodies.

AQUATIC WEED AND ALGAE CONTROL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

☐ **Core Treatment Program: \$46,068.00**

Core Treatment Program Scope of Services:

- Monthly inspections and treatments, as necessary as often as necessary for control of algae and invasive aquatic weeds. Inspections and treatments will begin January 1, 2020 and run through December 31, 2020. Clarke will determine the proper treatment program at the time of inspection based on environmental conditions. Reports will be available to customers through the Clarke service portal.
- Clarke will monitor water quality including dissolved oxygen levels, pH, and temperature.
- Any aquatic plants beneficial to an ecologically balanced aquatic system will be preserved. In the event of uniquely problematic vegetation requiring specialized services to control, additional fees may be requested.
- Should any banks become exposed due to water level drawdowns throughout the service program, Clarke will 'spot treat' for exposed nuisance vegetation at no additional cost.
- Standard program does not include removal of plant material. Clarke is also not responsible for lawn or bank maintenance including cutting, or removing grasses or other vegetation above the existing waterline.
- All weed and algae control products used are EPA registered, labeled for aquatic use and applied per label requirements. Weed & algae control products exclude bacteria, phosphorous binders and dyes. All applicators are licensed, state certified aquatic applicators.

Additional Water Management Options: (a proposal will be provided by request only)

- ☐ ****IMPORTANT** Please check box if any water bodies are used for irrigation.**
- ☐ ****IMPORTANT** Please check box if site is located within a managed conservation area.**
- ☐ ****IMPORTANT** Please check box if site is subject to permitting requirements of any other party or conservation/lake management protocols directed by any government agency.**

ADDITIONAL SERVICE OPTIONS

Please check other services of interest and your account manager will contact you with more information.

Aquatic Services

- ☐ New Fountain Design, Sales & Install
- ☐ New Bottom Diffuser/Aeration System Design, Sales & Install
- ☐ Aeration/Fountain Repair/Service Call
- ☐ Bathymetric Surveys & Mapping
- ☐ Littoral Planting Services
- ☐ Fish Stocking Services
- ☐ Complete Water Quality Monitoring Program
- ☐ Phosphorus Management Program

Mosquito/Midge Control Services:

- ☐ Season Long Control Programs

Payment Plan Schedule

Total Annual Cost of Treatment Plan: \$46,068/Year

can choose to pay in a lump sum payment for annual services, or pay monthly. Invoices will be submitted pursuant to the schedule below. All invoices are to be paid within thirty days of receipt.

- ☐ Annual Payment: WEED & ALGAE: \$46,068
- ☐ Monthly Payments: \$3,839.00/Month

Clarke Standard Terms

1. **TERM AND TERMINATION:** This Agreement has an automatic Renewal Clause. The term of the Agreement shall commence on the date when both parties have executed this Agreement and shall continue for a period ending on **December 31, 2020** (the "Initial Term"). Unless either party hereto provides the other party with written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the Initial Term or any subsequent renewal term, this Agreement shall automatically renew for subsequent additional terms, with each subsequent term having a duration equal to the Initial Term. If a party hereto fails to comply with a provision of this Agreement, then the other party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement if it gives written notice of the default to the defaulting party and the defaulting party fails to cure the default within sixty (60) days of receipt of said notice; provided that for payment related defaults the defaulting party must cure such default within five (5) days of receipt of a notice of default.
2. **Price Increase:** The first day of the month following the initial term (a "Price Increase Date"), the price can be increased by a percentage which shall not exceed the greater of the percentage increase of the consumer price index during the year which immediately precedes the Price Increase Date or five percent (5%). Clarke may petition Customer at any time for an additional rate adjustment on the basis of extraordinary and unusual changes in the cost of operations that could not be reasonably foreseen by a prudent operator. New areas to be covered will be pro-rated to the program cost at the rates in effect at the time.
3. **Property Damage/Limitation on Claims:** Allegations of property damage resulting from the services rendered by Clarke must be submitted in a written report with pictures included, filed directly with respective Account Manager within fifteen (15) days. Clarke will review the report, determine a fair and equitable resolution, and respond within a timely manner. Customer agrees that any claims Customer has against Clarke must be filed within one (1) year from the date of termination of this Agreement.

4. **Confidentiality:** For purposes of this Agreement, confidential information ("Confidential Information") shall mean all proprietary, secret or confidential information or data relating to Clarke and its operations, employees, services, and customers. Customer acknowledges that Clarke may disclose Confidential Information to Customer in connection with this Agreement. If Customer receives Confidential Information it shall: (a) maintain the Confidential Information in strict confidence; (b) use at least the same degree of care in maintaining the secrecy of the Confidential Information as Customer uses in maintaining the secrecy of its own proprietary, secret or confidential information, but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care; and (c) return or destroy all documents, copies, notes or other materials containing any portion of the Confidential Information upon request by Clarke. Confidential Information shall not include any information which: (a) was known to Customer before receipt, directly or indirectly, from Clarke; (b) is lawfully obtained, directly or indirectly, by Customer, from a person or entity other than Clarke, under no obligation of confidentiality; (c) is or becomes publicly available other than as a result of an act or failure to act by Customer. To the extent Confidential Information is required to be disclosed by Customer by applicable law or legal process, Customer shall promptly notify Clarke to allow Clarke to contest such disclosure.
5. **NPDES Permit:** A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is necessary for the execution of the work for aquatic control services effective October 31, 2011. Clarke will maintain all required licenses and permits and fulfill reporting requirements, including those under the new NPDES permit, for the duration of the term of the Agreement. Any additional/unforeseen costs associated with activities and/or services that may be required by Clarke in order to comply with an NPDES permit are not included in this proposal.
6. **Limitation of Liability:**
 - a. Neither party will be liable to the other party for any special, indirect, consequential or incidental damages of any kind, including, without limitation, any loss of profit, loss of use, or business interruption, based on any claim under this agreement, even if such party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.
 - b. To the extent permitted by applicable law, in no event shall the liability for damages hereunder of Clarke exceed the amounts actually paid to Clarke by customer.
7. **Governing Law/Venue:** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and shall be governed by and enforced under the laws of the State of Illinois, United States of America, without regard to its conflict of laws principles. All cases or controversies arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be filed exclusively with any court within the County of Kane, Illinois, United States of America, with respect to any state court action, and within the City of Chicago, Illinois, United States of America, with respect to any federal court action; provided, however, that each Party shall have the right to file documents in other courts to enforce a judgment obtained in the Illinois courts. Each Party hereto consents to the jurisdiction of the Illinois courts and waives any argument that the Illinois courts are not convenient.
8. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement constitutes the complete understanding between the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings whether written or oral between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

SIGNING AND RETURNING this document authorizes Clarke to perform the services stipulated within this Agreement. By signing this document, I acknowledge I have the authority to authorize Clarke to perform the services for **Arborwood CDD**.

PRINT CUSTOMER NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CLARKE SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

ARBORWOOD CDD
CLIENT INFORMATION

PLEASE ASSIST US IN MAINTAINING OUR RECORDS BY COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING:

BILLING ADDRESS:

Name: _____

Property Management Company (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Accounts Payable E-Mail: _____ Accounts Payable Contact _____

****To be more sustainable, we ask you provide an Email address the invoices should be sent to****

*TREATMENT ADDRESS (if different from above):

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

CONTACT PERSON FOR CUSTOMER:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON FOR CUSTOMER:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

WATER BODIES USED FOR IRRIGATION:

Numbers/Names: _____

Please sign and return a copy of all pages of this completed Agreement to:

Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc.

Attention: Lori Clemence

Phone: (941) 685-0453 EMAIL: lclemence@clarke.com



Corporate Offices
3543 State Road 419
Winter Springs, FL 32708
1-800-666-5253
lakes@lakedoctors.com
www.lakedoctors.com

Water Management Agreement

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This Agreement, made this _____ day of _____ 20____ is between The Lake Doctors, Inc., a Florida Corporation, hereinafter called "THE LAKE DOCTORS" and

PROPERTY NAME (Community/Business/Individual) _____

MANAGEMENT COMPANY _____

INVOICING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____ **PHONE ()** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ **EMAIL INVOICE: YES OR NO**

THIRD PARTY COMPLIANCE/REGISTRATION: YES OR NO **THIRD PARTY INVOICING PORTAL: YES OR NO**

***If a Third Party Compliance/Registration or an Invoice Portal is required; it is the customer's responsibility to provide the information.*

Hereinafter called "CUSTOMER"

REQUESTED START DATE: _____

PURCHASE ORDER #: _____

The parties hereto agree to follows:

- A. THE LAKE DOCTORS agrees to manage certain lakes and/or waterways for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of execution of this Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement in the following location(s):

Thirty-six (36) waterways associated with **SOMERSET @ PLANTATION**, Fort Myers, Florida.

Includes a minimum of twenty four (24) inspections and/or treatments, as necessary, for control and prevention of noxious aquatic weeds and algae.

- B. CUSTOMER agrees to pay THE LAKE DOCTORS, its agents or assigns, the following sum for specified aquatic management services:

1.	Underwater and Floating Vegetation Control Program	\$	3,728.00/Monthly
2.	Shoreline Grass and Brush Control Program	\$	INCLUDED
3.	Free Callback Service	\$	INCLUDED
4.	Monthly Written Service Reports	\$	INCLUDED
5.	Additional Treatments, if required	\$	INCLUDED
	Total of Services Accepted	\$	3,728.00/Monthly

\$3,728.00 of the above sum-total shall be due and payable upon execution of this Agreement, the balance shall be payable in advance in monthly installments of **\$3,728.00** including any additional costs such as sales taxes, permitting fees, monitoring, reporting, water testing and related costs mandated by any governmental or regulatory body related to service under this Agreement.

- C. THE LAKE DOCTORS uses products which, in its sole discretion, will provide effective and safe results.
- D. THE LAKE DOCTORS agrees to commence treatment within **fifteen (15)** business days, weather permitting, from the date of receipt of this executed Agreement plus initial deposit and/or required government permits.
- E. The offer contained herein is withdrawn and this Agreement shall have no further force and effect unless executed and returned by CUSTOMER to THE LAKE DOCTORS on or before **February 9th, 2020**.
- F. The terms and conditions appearing on the reverse side form an integral part of this Agreement, and CUSTOMER hereby acknowledges that he has read and is familiar with the contents thereof. Agreement must be returned in its entirety to be considered valid.

THE LAKE DOCTORS, INC.

CUSTOMER

Signed Dennis M. Lewis
Dennis M. Lewis, Regional Manager

Signed _____ Dated _____
Name _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) The Underwater and Floating Vegetation Control Program will be conducted in a manner consistent with good water management practice using the following methods and techniques when applicable.
 - a) Periodic treatments to maintain control of noxious submersed, floating and emersed aquatic vegetation and algae. CUSTOMER understands that some beneficial vegetation may be required in a body of water to maintain a balanced aquatic ecological system.
 - b) Determination of dissolved oxygen levels prior to treatment, as deemed necessary, to ensure that oxygen level is high enough to allow safe treatment. Additional routine water analysis and/or bacteriological analysis may be performed if required for success of the water management program.
 - c) Where applicable, treatment of only one-half or less of the entire body of water at any one time to ensure safety to fish and other aquatic life. However, THE LAKE DOCTORS shall not be liable for loss of any exotic or non-native fish or vegetation. Customer must also notify THE LAKE DOCTORS if any exotic fish exist in lake or pond prior to treatment.
 - d) CUSTOMER understands and agrees that for the best effectiveness and environmental safety, materials used by THE LAKE DOCTORS may be used at rates equal to or lower than maximum label recommendations.
 - e) Triploid grass carp stocking, if included, will be performed at stocking rates determined the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission permit guidelines.
 - f) CUSTOMER agrees to provide adequate access. Failure to provide adequate access may require re-negotiation or termination of this Agreement.
 - g) Control of some weeds may take 30-90 days depending upon species, materials used and environmental factors.
 - h) When deemed necessary by THE LAKE DOCTORS and approved by CUSTOMER, the planting and/or nurturing of certain varieties of plants, which for various reasons, help to maintain ecological balance.
- 2) Under the Shoreline Grass and Brush Control Program, THE LAKE DOCTORS will treat border vegetation to the water's edge including, but not limited to torpedograss, cattails, and other emergent vegetation such as woody brush and broadleaf weeds. Many of these species take several months or longer to fully decompose. CUSTOMER is responsible for any desired physical cutting and removal.
- 3) CUSTOMER agrees to inform THE LAKE DOCTORS in writing if any lake or pond areas have been or are scheduled to be mitigated (planted with required or beneficial aquatic vegetation). THE LAKE DOCTORS assumes no responsibility for damage to aquatic plants if CUSTOMER fails to provide such information in a timely manner. Emergent weed control may not be performed within mitigated areas, new or existing, unless specifically stated by separate contract or modification of this Agreement. CUSTOMER also agrees to notify THE LAKE DOCTORS, in writing, of any conditions which may affect the scope of work and CUSTOMER agrees to pay any resultant higher direct cost incurred.
- 4) If at any time during the term of this Agreement, CUSTOMER feels THE LAKE DOCTORS is not performing in a satisfactory manner, or in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, CUSTOMER shall inform THE LAKE DOCTORS, in writing, stating with particularity the reasons for CUSTOMER'S dissatisfaction. THE LAKE DOCTORS shall investigate and attempt to cure the defect. If, after 30 days from the giving of the original notice, CUSTOMER continues to feel THE LAKE DOCTORS performance is unsatisfactory, CUSTOMER may terminate this Agreement by giving notice ("Second Notice") to THE LAKE DOCTORS and paying all monies owing to the effective date of termination. In this event, the effective date of termination shall be the last day of the month in which said second notice is received by THE LAKE DOCTORS.
- 5) Federal and State regulations require that various water time-use restrictions be observed during and following some treatments. THE LAKE DOCTORS will notify CUSTOMER of such restrictions. It shall be CUSTOMER responsibility to observe the restrictions throughout the required period. CUSTOMER understands and agrees that, notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, THE LAKE DOCTORS does not assume any liability for failure by any party to be notified of, or to observe, the above regulations.
- 6) THE LAKE DOCTORS shall maintain the following insurance coverage and limits: (a) Workman's Compensation with statutory limits; (b) Automobile Liability; (c) Comprehensive General Liability, including Pollution Liability, Property Damage, Completed Operations and Product Liability. A Certificate of Insurance will be provided upon request. A Certificate of Insurance naming CUSTOMER as "Additional Insured" may be provided at CUSTOMER'S request. CUSTOMER agrees to pay for any additional costs of insurance requirements over and above that is provided by THE LAKE DOCTORS.
- 7) Neither party shall be responsible for damages, penalties or otherwise for any failure or delay in performance of any of its obligations hereunder caused by strikes, riots, war, acts of God, accidents, governmental orders and regulations, curtailment or failure to obtain sufficient material, or other force majeure condition (whether or not of the same class or kind as those set forth above) beyond its reasonable control and which, by the exercise of due diligence, it is unable to overcome. Should THE LAKE DOCTORS be prohibited, restricted or otherwise prevented or impaired from rendering specified services by any condition, THE LAKE DOCTORS shall notify CUSTOMER of said condition and of the excess direct costs arising there from. CUSTOMER shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of said notice to notify THE LAKE DOCTORS in writing of any inability to comply with excess direct costs as requested by THE LAKE DOCTORS.
- 8) CUSTOMER warrants that he or she is authorized to execute the Water Management Agreement on behalf of the riparian owner and to hold THE LAKE DOCTORS harmless for consequences of such service not arising out of the sole negligence of THE LAKE DOCTORS.
- 9) CUSTOMER understands that, for convenience, the annual investment amount has been spread over a twelve-month period and that individual monthly billings do not reflect the fluctuating seasonal costs of service. If CUSTOMER places their account on hold, an additional start-up charge may be required due to aquatic re-growth.
- 10) THE LAKE DOCTORS agrees to hold CUSTOMER harmless from any loss, damage or claims arising out of the sole negligence of THE LAKE DOCTORS. However, THE LAKE DOCTORS shall in no event be liable to CUSTOMER or others for indirect, special or consequential damages resulting from any cause whatsoever.
- 11) Upon completion of the term of this Agreement, or any extension thereof, this Agreement shall be automatically extended for a period equal to its original term unless terminated by either party. If required, THE LAKE DOCTORS may adjust the monthly investment amount after the original term. THE LAKE DOCTORS will submit written notification to CUSTOMER 30 days prior to effective date of adjustment. If CUSTOMER is unable to comply with the adjustment, THE LAKE DOCTORS shall be notified immediately in order to seek a resolution.
- 12) THE LAKE DOCTORS may cancel this agreement with or without cause by 30-day written notice to customer.
- 13) Should CUSTOMER become delinquent, THE LAKE DOCTORS may place the account on hold for non-payment and CUSTOMER will continue to be responsible for the monthly investment amount even if the account is placed on hold. Service may be reinstated once the entire past due balance has been received in full. Should it become necessary for THE LAKE DOCTORS to bring action for collection of monies due and owing under this Agreement, CUSTOMER agrees to pay collection costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys fee (including those on appeal) and court costs, and all other expenses incurred by THE LAKE DOCTORS resulting from such collection action.
- 14) This Agreement is assignable by CUSTOMER upon written consent by THE LAKE DOCTORS.
- 15) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties hereto and shall be valid upon acceptance by THE LAKE DOCTORS Corporate Office. No oral or written alterations or modifications of the terms contained herein shall be valid unless made in writing and accepted by an authorized representative of both THE LAKE DOCTORS and CUSTOMER.
- 16) If Agreement includes trash/debris removal, THE LAKE DOCTORS will perform the following: removal of casual trash such as cups, plastic bags and other man-made materials up to 20 lbs. during regularly scheduled service visits. Large or dangerous items such as biohazards and landscape debris will not be included.
- 17) CUSTOMER agrees to reimburse THE LAKE DOCTORS for all processing fees for registering with third party companies for compliance monitoring services and/or invoicing portal fees.

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Attorneys and Counselors

MEMORANDUM

TO: Arborwood Community Development District
Board of Supervisors

FROM: Wesley S. Haber

RE: Updated Provisions of the District's Rules of Procedure

DATE: January 14, 2020

Please find attached to this memorandum an updated version of the Arborwood Community Development District's (the "District's") Rules of Procedure (the "Rules"). Several substantive revisions were made to maintain consistency between the Rules and the current Florida Statutes, including changes implemented in the most recent legislative session, as well as to facilitate greater efficiency in the operation of the District. An explanation of each material change to the Rules is provided below. Minor formatting changes and edits are not discussed. Should you have any questions regarding the revisions to the Rules, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at wesh@hgslaw.com or via phone at 850-222-7500.

Implementation of Rules Conflicting with Florida Law

Rule 1.0(4) has been amended to provide guidance as to how to implement any rule that conflicts with Florida law, which changes from time to time, and provides that 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. This amendment further provides that if the intent of the Rule absolutely cannot be effectuated while complying with Florida law, the Rule shall be automatically suspended.

Board Member Attendance at Mediation Sessions

Rule 1.1(1)(d) was created to allow any one member of the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") to attend mediation sessions on behalf of the Board. This is beneficial to the District because mediation sessions are often scheduled on short notice between Board meetings, and there is often no opportunity for the Board to authorize a representative to attend outside of holding a special meeting. While this provision authorizes any one Board member to attend a mediation session on behalf of the Board, it does not grant that Board member unbridled power to act on behalf of the Board, as any agreement resulting from the mediation session would still have to be approved by the Board in the same manner as any other District action.

Alternatives to Obtaining Bonds for the Secretary and Treasurer

Rules 1.1(2)(c) & (d) previously required the District's Treasurer and Secretary to be bonded by a reputable and qualified bonding company in the amount of at least \$1,000,000. Such

bonds are becoming difficult to obtain, and accordingly, language was added to these provisions to allow the Treasurer and Secretary to obtain other comparable types of coverage, such as employee theft insurance or a fidelity bond. The level of coverage required remains unchanged at \$1,000,000.

Costs Associated with Public Records Requests

Language was added to Rule 1.2(4) to reflect statutory language regarding calculation of special charges for responding to certain public records requests, and to state that the District is under no duty to produce requested records if the requestor has not paid the required costs or has outstanding charges. The language will help minimize expenses incurred by the District in responding to public records requests.

Financial Disclosure Coordination

Rule 1.2(7) was added to maintain consistency with legislation that was passed during the 2019 legislative session. The rule designates the Secretary as the District's Financial Disclosure Coordinator (the "Coordinator") (unless the District designates otherwise by resolution) and requires the Coordinator to create, maintain, and update certain records and provide them to the Florida Commission on Ethics by certain deadlines. Each Supervisor or other Reporting Individual must notify the Coordinator in writing if there are changes to his or her name, e-mail address, or physical address, and must notify the Commission on Ethics of changes to his or her e-mail address.

Agenda and Meeting Materials

Rule 1.3(3) was amended to reflect statutory requirements that the agenda and meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding confidential and exempt information, shall be made available to the public at least seven days before a meeting, hearing, or workshop. The amended rule also clarifies circumstances in which the agenda may be amended or additional materials added after initial posting. It additionally specifies which documents constitute "meeting materials." Documents that do not meet the definition of "meeting materials" may still be provided to the Board, but will be considered supplementary materials and are not required to be made available to the public before the meeting. Supplementary materials may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: financial statements, informational reports, and copies of receipts and invoices.

Teleconference/Videoconference Participation at Board Meetings

Rule 1.3(10) was amended to provide that Board members may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist. The amendment provides that the existence of extraordinary circumstances will be presumed when a Board member participates by phone, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines otherwise. Additionally, Rule 1.1(1)(c) has been amended to reference Rule 1.3(10).

Flexibility for Board Authorization

Language was added to Rule 1.3(11) to allow the Board to waive formal approval or disapproval procedures. This will allow the Board flexibility to use different procedures when

necessary and will protect the validity of the Board's actions where there is a technical irregularity but the Board has otherwise made its decision clear.

Security and Firesafety Board Discussions

Rule 1.3(14) was added to reflect the fact that portions of a meeting which would reveal a security or firesafety system plan or portion thereof made confidential and exempt by Florida law are exempt from Florida's statutory public meeting requirements. Including this rule will clarify the procedures the Board should use to ensure that confidential and exempt information is not made public.

Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Rule 1.4 was added to reflect legislative changes enacted in the 2019 legislative session requiring special districts to establish and maintain internal controls to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. Our office plans to work with the District Manager and auditor to develop the internal controls, which the Board will adopt in the same manner as it does policies.

Contract Provisions Regarding Public Records

Rules 1.2(3), 3.1(6), 3.2(8)(e), 3.5(4), 3.6(3), 3.9(5), and 3.10(2) were added to maintain consistency with statutory provisions that requires each contract for services entered into by the District to include a provision that requires the contractor to comply with public records laws. Additionally, Rule 1.2(3) provides that the District Manager is responsible for initially enforcing each contractor's compliance with such contract provisions.

Notice of Competitive Solicitation

Rules 3.1(3) and 3.3(2)(c) have been amended to state that when a consultant has asked to be provided with notice of the District's competitive solicitations, the District Manager's failure to provide them with a copy of the notice will not give them bid protest rights or otherwise disqualify the District's otherwise valid procurement. This will reduce the District's exposure to potential bid protests and decrease the likelihood of a procurement being considered invalid due to a technical irregularity.

Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection

Language has been added to the introductory paragraph to Rule 3.2 to clarify that the District need not use the procedures set out by the Rule for audits required under Chapter 190 of the Florida Statutes but which do not meet the thresholds of Chapter 218 of the Florida Statutes.

Additionally, the requirements for composition of the Auditor Selection Committee in Rule 3.2(2) have been amended to reflect legislation passed during the 2019 legislative session. Now, at least one individual on the Committee must be a member of the Board; the Chairperson of the Committee must be a member of the Board; and an employee, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer of the District may not be a member of the Committee but may serve in an advisory capacity.

Contract Periods

Rules 3.2(8)(d), 3.8(5), and 3.9(4) have been amended to set the maximum contract period for auditing services, the maximum renewal period for contracts for the purchase of goods, supplies, materials, and the maximum renewal period for contracts for maintenance services at five (5) years. This will provide greater specificity to guide contract terms.

Bid Opening in Public

Language was added to Rules 3.5(2)(f) & 3.6(2)(c)(ii)4. to maintain consistency with statutory provisions that require public entities to open at a public meeting any sealed bids received pursuant to a competitive solicitation. The legislation and these provisions further require that the name of each bidder and the price submitted in the bid shall be announced at the meeting and made available upon request.

Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

Rule 3.4(3) has been added to specify the procedures to be used if the District wishes to suspend, revoke, or deny a pre-qualified vendor's pre-qualified status. It specifies what constitutes good cause for such suspension, revocation, or denial; the effect of the suspension, revocation, or denial; hearing procedures the District must follow; and factors influencing the time period of the suspension, revocation, or denial.

Payment and Performance Bonds

Rule 3.7 was created to maintain consistency statutory provisions require contractors to execute a payment and performance bond prior to beginning work under certain contracts with public entities. This Rule provides direction on when a payment and performance bond is required and when it is discretionary.

In-State Vendor Preferences

Language was added to Rule 3.8(2)(e) & (g) to maintain consistency statutory requirements that require out-of-state vendors to include with any proposal a written opinion of an attorney licensed in their state regarding the existence of any preference given to businesses within that state with respect to the letting of public contracts in that state. These provisions also require that in-state vendors be awarded certain levels of preference against out-of-state vendors, based upon the amount of preference granted to the out-of-state vendors by their state.

Protest Bonds

Rule 3.11(1)(c) has been amended to require that both the requirement for and the amount of the protest bond be disclosed in the competitive solicitation documents, and to allow the amount of the bond to be any amount within the limits imposed by Florida law.

Minor Changes

The following minor changes have also been made to the Rules:

Rule 1.1(1): This Rule has been amended to clarify requirements for Board members appointed or elected to elector seats.

Rules 1.1(1)(c) and 1.3(11): These Rules were amended to provide that approval or disapproval of Board action is based upon an affirmative vote of a majority of members present, rather than a majority of members voting.

Rule 1.1(2)(a): This Rule now explicitly authorizes the Chairperson to execute resolutions and contracts on the District's behalf.

Rule 1.1(2)(c) and (d): These Rules have been amended to include the words "at least" before the required amounts of the Secretary's or Treasurer's fidelity bonds or employee theft insurance policies to accommodate the possibility of greater amounts.

Rule 1.1(2)(g): This Rule now explicitly authorizes the Vice-Chairperson and any other person authorized by District Resolution to sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the Treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board.

Rule 1.1(6): This Rule has been amended to include the Florida Constitution as a governing authority on voting conflicts of interest. This change reflects the recently passed Amendment 12 to the Florida Constitution.

Rule 1.2(2): Language was added to this Rule to define public records, to clarify that the District is not required to prepare opinions regarding District policies, and to clarify that all forms of public records requests should be forwarded to the Secretary of the District.

Rules 1.3(1)(d), (1)(e), (1)(f); and 3.2(9): These Rules were amended to allow inclusion of language substantially similar to that recited in the Rules.

Rule 1.3(6): This Rule was amended to require the chair or vice chair to consult with the District Manager and District Counsel, if they are available, before calling an emergency meeting.

Rule 2.0(12)(d): This Rule has been amended to allow 90 days instead of 60 days for the Board to announce a decision on a petition for variance or waiver of its Rules.

Rule 3.0(3)(b): The dollar thresholds in this Rule have been increased to \$2,000,000 for a study activity when the fee for such Professional Services to the District does not exceed the increased amount of \$200,000, to reflect the current statutory thresholds.

Rule 3.0(3)(c): This Rule was amended to clarify the definition of "Contractual Services."

Rules 3.1(4)(b), 3.6(2)(c)(ii)6., and 3.8(2)(k): The word “responsive” has been added to allow the Board to proceed with evaluating and selecting a proposal from the submissions if it receives fewer than three responsive proposals.

Rule 3.2(3)(b): “Understanding of scope of work” has been removed from the list of required factors used to evaluate auditing proposals. The District may still include this as an evaluation criterion if it wishes, but it is not required to do so.

Rule 3.2(7)(b): Language has been added to specify that if the Board does not select the highest-ranked qualified auditing firm, it must document in its records its reason for not doing so.

Rule 3.2(8)(c): This Rule was amended to require that any agreement for financial audit services must include a deadline of July 1 for the auditor to submit the final audit report. This Rule previously required that only a draft of the audit report be due by July 1.

Rules 3.5 and 3.6: Rule 3.5 previously included both Design-Build Construction Contracts and Non Design-Build Construction Contracts. The Rules have been modified so that each type of construction contract now comprises a separate Rule. Non Design-Build Construction Contracts are governed by Rule 3.5, while Design-Build Construction Contracts are governed by Rule 3.6.

Rules 3.5(2)(e) & 3.6(2)(c)(ii)3.: Language was added to these Rules to allow the District to exclude from bidding on construction contracts any contractor who has been found guilty of any violation of federal labor or employment tax laws within the past five years.

Rule 3.5(3): Language was added to clarify that the competitive solicitation procedures in this Rule do not apply to the purchase of construction services that are purchased under a federal, state, or local government contract that has been competitively procured by such government, but only if the manner of procurement is consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.

Rule 3.8(4): Language was added to clarify that the competitive solicitation procedures in this Rule do 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 government, but only if the manner of procurement is consistent with the material procurement requirements of these Rules.

Rule 3.9(2)(f): Language was added to clarify that variation in a bid is minor if waiver of the variation does not create a competitive advantage or disadvantage of a material nature, and providing that mistakes in arithmetic extension of pricing may be corrected by the Board.

Rule 3.11(6): Language was added specifying that the District may reject all qualifications, proposals, replies, or responses and start the competitive solicitation process anew if all of the bids, proposals, replies, and responses are too high.

RESOLUTION 2020-01

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

WHEREAS, Arborwood 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 Lee County, Florida; and

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

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

SECTION 1. A Public Hearing will be held to adopt the District’s Amended and Restated Rules of Procedure on _____, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at Amenity Center Community Room, Somerset at the Plantation, 10401 Dartington Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2020.

ATTEST:

**ARBORWOOD COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 20____

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Rule 1.0 General.

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

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

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

Rule 1.1 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

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

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

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

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

If the Board member was elected at a landowner's election or appointed to fill a vacancy of a seat last filled at a landowner's election, the Board member may vote or abstain from voting on the matter at issue. If the Board member was elected by electors residing within the District, the Board member is prohibited from voting on the matter at issue. In the event that the Board member intends to abstain or is prohibited from voting, such Board member shall not participate in the discussion on the item subject to the vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.3 Public Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops.

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
 - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
 - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
 - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (561) 630-4922. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
 - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

- (f) The following or substantially similar language: “The meeting [or hearing or workshop] may be continued in progress without additional notice to a time, date, and location stated on the record.”
- (2) Mistake. In the event that a meeting is held under the incorrect assumption that notice required by law and these Rules has been given, the Board at its next properly noticed meeting shall cure such defect by considering the agenda items from the prior meeting individually and anew.
- (3) Agenda. The District Manager, under the guidance of District Counsel and the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, shall prepare an agenda of the meeting/hearing/workshop. The agenda and any meeting materials available in an electronic format, excluding any confidential and any confidential and exempt information, shall be available to the public at least seven days before the meeting/hearing/workshop, except in an emergency. Meeting materials shall be defined as, and limited to, the agenda, meeting minutes, resolutions, and agreements of the District that District staff deems necessary for Board approval. Inclusion of additional materials for Board consideration other than those defined herein as “meeting materials” shall not convert such materials into “meeting materials.” For good cause, the agenda may be changed after it is first made available for distribution, and additional materials may be added or provided under separate cover at the meeting. The requirement of good cause shall be liberally construed to allow the District to efficiently conduct business and to avoid the expenses associated with special meetings.

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

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

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

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

- (10) Participation by Teleconference/Videoconference. District staff may participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference. Board members may also participate in Board meetings by teleconference or videoconference if in the good judgment of the Board extraordinary circumstances exist; provided however, at least three Board members must be physically present at the meeting location to establish a quorum. Such extraordinary circumstances shall be presumed when a Board member participates by teleconference or videoconference, unless a majority of the Board members physically present determines that extraordinary circumstances do not exist.
- (11) Board Authorization. The District has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order. For each agenda item, there shall be discussion permitted among the Board members during the meeting. Unless such procedure is waived by the Board, approval or disapproval of resolutions and other proposed Board actions shall be in the form of a motion by one Board member, a second by another Board member, and an affirmative vote by the majority of the Board members present. Any Board member, including the Chairperson, can make or second a motion.
- (12) Continuances. Any meeting or public hearing of the Board may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that:
 - (a) The Board identifies on the record at the original meeting a reasonable need for a continuance;
 - (b) The continuance is to a specified date, time, and location publicly announced at the original meeting; and
 - (c) The public notice for the original meeting states that the meeting may be continued to a date and time and states that the date, time, and location of any continuance shall be publicly announced at the original meeting and posted at the District Office immediately following the original meeting.
- (13) Attorney-Client Sessions. An Attorney-Client Session is permitted when the District's attorneys deem it necessary to meet in private with the Board to discuss pending litigation to which the District is a party before a court or administrative agency or as may be authorized by law. The District's attorney must request such session at a public meeting. Prior to holding the Attorney-Client Session, the District must give reasonable public notice of the time and date of the session and the names of the persons anticipated to attend the session. The session must commence at an open meeting in which the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson announces the commencement of the session, the estimated length of the session, and the names of the persons who will be attending the session. The discussion during the session is confined to settlement negotiations or strategy related to

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

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

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

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

Rule 1.4 Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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

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

Rule 2.0 Rulemaking Proceedings.

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

by submitting a written request within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice. Except when intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference to both the date on which and the place where the Notice of Rule Development required by section (2) of this Rule appeared.

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

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

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.

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

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

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

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

- (o) “Request for Proposals” or “RFP” is a written solicitation for sealed proposals with the title, date, and hour of the public opening designated and requiring the manual signature of an authorized representative. It may provide general information, applicable laws and rules, statement of work, functional or general specifications, qualifications, proposal instructions, work detail analysis, and evaluation criteria as necessary.
- (p) “Responsive and Responsible Bidder” means an entity or individual that has submitted a bid that conforms in all material respects to the Invitation to Bid and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. “Responsive and Responsible Vendor” means an entity or individual that has submitted a proposal, reply, or response that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation and has the capability in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. In determining whether an entity or individual is a Responsive and Responsible Bidder (or Vendor), the District may consider, in addition to factors described in the Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, the following:
 - (i) The ability and adequacy of the professional personnel employed by the entity/individual;
 - (ii) The past performance of the entity/individual for the District and in other professional employment;
 - (iii) The willingness of the entity/individual to meet time and budget requirements;
 - (iv) The geographic location of the entity’s/individual’s headquarters or office in relation to the project;
 - (v) The recent, current, and projected workloads of the entity/individual;
 - (vi) The volume of work previously awarded to the entity/individual;
 - (vii) Whether the cost components of the bid or proposal are appropriately balanced; and
 - (viii) Whether the entity/individual is a certified minority business enterprise.

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

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

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

Rule 3.1 Procedure Under the Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act.

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

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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

- (d) Notice of the rankings adopted by the Board, including the rejection of some or all qualification packages, shall be provided in writing to all consultants by United States Mail, hand delivery, facsimile, or overnight delivery service. The notice shall include the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Rule 3.11 of the Rules of the District shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under those Rules," or wording to that effect. Protests of the District's ranking decisions under this Rule shall be in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 3.11.
- (5) Competitive Negotiation.
- (a) After the Board has authorized the beginning of competitive negotiations, the District may begin such negotiations with the firm listed as most qualified to perform the required Professional Services at a rate or amount of compensation which the Board determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable.
 - (b) In negotiating a lump-sum or cost-plus-a-fixed-fee professional contract for more than the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY FOUR, the firm receiving the award shall be required to execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that "wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete and current at the time of contracting." In addition, any professional service contract under which such a certificate is required, shall contain a provision that "the original contract price and any additions thereto, shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the Board determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs."
 - (c) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with the firm determined to be the most qualified at a price deemed by the District to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, then negotiations with that firm shall be terminated and the District shall immediately begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm. If a satisfactory agreement with the second firm cannot be reached, those negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations with the third most qualified firm shall be undertaken.
 - (d) Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with one of the top three (3) ranked consultants, additional firms shall be selected by the District, in order of their competence and qualifications. Negotiations shall continue, beginning with the first-named firm on the list, until an agreement is reached or the list of firms is exhausted.

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

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

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

Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.

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

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

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

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

Law Implemented: § 112.08, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

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

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

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Exceptions. This Rule is inapplicable when:

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

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

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

Rule 3.7 Payment and Performance Bonds.

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

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

Law Implemented: § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (3) 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 _____, 20__, 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.

Arborwood Community Development District
Budget vs. Actual
October 2019 through January 2020

	Oct '19 - Jan 20	19-20 Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
01-3100 · O & M Assessments (On-Roll)	495,874.23	521,994.00	-26,119.77	95.0%
01-3300 · O & M Assessments (Off-Roll)	0.00	17,082.00	-17,082.00	0.0%
01-3812 · Debt Assessments (2018)	2,495,180.25	2,658,813.00	-163,632.75	93.85%
01-3818 · Debt Assessments (2014)	445,359.50	1,139,162.00	-693,802.50	39.1%
01-3822 · Debt Assess-Pd To Trustee-2018	-2,390,302.10	-2,553,275.00	162,972.90	93.62%
01-3829 · Debt Asses-Pd To Trustee-2014	-426,640.40	-1,122,190.00	695,549.60	38.02%
01-3830 · Assessment Fees	-9,638.30	-10,000.00	361.70	96.38%
01-3831 · Assessment Discounts	-134,802.40	-143,391.00	8,588.60	94.01%
Total Income	475,030.78	508,195.00	-33,164.22	93.47%
Expense				
01-1130 · Payroll Tax Expense	214.20	912.00	-697.80	23.49%
01-1131 · Supervisor Fees	2,800.00	12,000.00	-9,200.00	23.33%
01-1310 · Engineering	4,883.30	25,000.00	-20,116.70	19.53%
01-1311 · Management Fees	12,036.00	36,108.00	-24,072.00	33.33%
01-1313 · Website Management	666.64	1,500.00	-833.36	44.44%
01-1315 · Legal Fees	1,936.60	25,000.00	-23,063.40	7.75%
01-1318 · Assessment/Tax Roll	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
01-1320 · Audit Fees	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00	0.0%
01-1330 · Arbitrage Rebate Fee	500.00	3,500.00	-3,000.00	14.29%
01-1332 · Amortization Schedule Fee	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
01-1450 · Insurance	13,984.00	15,000.00	-1,016.00	93.23%
01-1480 · Legal Advertisements	758.76	5,500.00	-4,741.24	13.8%
01-1512 · Miscellaneous	552.17	2,800.00	-2,247.83	19.72%
01-1513 · Postage and Delivery	113.09	1,300.00	-1,186.91	8.7%
01-1514 · Office Supplies	568.60	2,500.00	-1,931.40	22.74%
01-1540 · Dues, License & Subscriptions	175.00	175.00	0.00	100.0%
01-1555 · Trustee Fees	0.00	33,000.00	-33,000.00	0.0%
01-1743 · Continuing Disclosure Fee	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
01-1811 · Professional Fee & Permits	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
01-1814 · Electricity	48.64	200.00	-151.36	24.32%
01-1816 · Treeline Preserve Maint-Exotics	0.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00	0.0%
01-1818 · DRI / Traffic Monitoring	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
01-1819 · Environmentl Cnsltng-Passarella	6,147.90	20,000.00	-13,852.10	30.74%
01-1820 · Panther Mitigation Mnt-Exotics	55,568.54	90,000.00	-34,431.46	61.74%
01-1821 · Mitigation Monitoring-Parcel C	0.00	6,200.00	-6,200.00	0.0%
01-1822 · Street Lighting-Utility & Maint	5,160.95	21,000.00	-15,839.05	24.58%
01-1824 · Field Inspector - Somerset Only	8,385.56	24,000.00	-15,614.44	34.94%
01-1825 · Lake Maintenance-Somerset Only	15,356.00	46,100.00	-30,744.00	33.31%
01-1826 · Preserve Maint - Somerset Only	0.00	35,000.00	-35,000.00	0.0%

Arborwood Community Development District
Budget vs. Actual
October 2019 through January 2020

	Oct '19 - Jan 20	19-20 Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
01-1827 · Flowway Maintenance	0.00	4,600.00	-4,600.00	0.0%
01-1828 · Preserve Maint (Parcel C Only)	0.00	10,800.00	-10,800.00	0.0%
01-1829 · Lake Bank Erosion Mte (Somerset)	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
01-1830 · Strmwtr Drains Ins/MTE (Somerset)	0.00	17,500.00	-17,500.00	0.0%
01-1831 · Strmwtr Drains Ins (Bridgetown)	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
01-1850 · Capital Outlay - Small	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	129,855.95	508,195.00	-378,339.05	25.55%
Net Income	345,174.83	0.00	345,174.83	100.0%

Bank Balance As Of 1/31/20	\$ 686,508.28
Accounts Payable As Of 1/31/20	\$ 212,687.27
Other Assets As Of 1/31/20	\$ -
Total Fund Balance As Of 1/31/20	\$ 473,821.01