



Rizzetta & Company

# Highland Meadows II Community Development District

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**Board of Supervisors  
Meeting  
January 18, 2024**

**District Office:  
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## **HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT II**

<b>Board of Supervisors</b>	Deborah Galbraith Kristen Anderson Miguel Santana-Vazquez Genelle Moore Tucker Joellen Dibrango	Chair Vice Chair Assistant Secretary Assistant Secretary Assistant Secretary
<b>District Manager</b>	Brian Mendes	Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
<b>District Counsel</b>	Kristen Trucco	Latham Luna LLP.
<b>District Engineer</b>	Mark Wilson	Kimley-Horn

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# HIGHLAND MEADOWS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT II

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January 15, 2024

Board of Supervisors  
Highland Meadows Community  
Development District II

## REVISED AGENDA

Dear Board Members:

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the **Highland Meadows Community Development District II** will be held on **January 18, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.** at the **Balmoral Event Center located at 116 Kenny Blvd, Haines City, FL 33844.** The following is the final agenda for this meeting:

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
2. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**
3. **COMMUNITY UPDATES**
  - A. Landscape Inspection Report  
(Under Separate Cover)
4. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
  - A. Consideration of Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Held on December 29, 2023 ..... Tab 1
  - B. Ratification of Operations & Maintenance Expenditures for November 2023 ..... Tab 2
5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
  - A. **Discussion of District Counsel**
  - B. Consideration of District Management Proposals  
(Under Separate Cover)
  - C. Consideration of Dead Plants Replacement Proposal..... Tab 3
  - D. Public Hearing for Rule Making Related to the Establishment and Confirmation of Rules for Parking & Towing, Rules of Procedure, and Amenity Policies & Rates
    1. Consideration of Resolution 2024-04, Adopting Rules ..... Tab 4
    2. Consideration of Towing Service Agreement Proposals ..... Tab 5
6. **STAFF REPORTS**
  - A. District Counsel
    1. 2023 Form 1 Filing- New Electronic Method
    2. Egis Comments
    3. Insurance Claim
    4. Updates on Construction Funds
    5. **Website Audit..... Tab 6**
  - B. District Engineer
    1. Pool Inspection Update
    2. Certificate of completion for Phase 7
  - C. District Manager
    1. Phase 3 Fence Project
    2. Zoning on Paterson
    3. February Workshop

**7. SUPERVISOR REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (407) 472-2471.

Very truly yours,

*Brian Mendes*

Brian Mendes

**TAB 1**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

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

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS II  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Highland Meadows II Community Development District was held on **December 29, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.** located at Shamrock First Baptist Church located at 2661 Marshall Rd., Haines City, FL 33844.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Miguel Santana	<b>Board Supervisor, Chairman</b> <i>(Appointed Assistant Secretary)</i>
Deborah Galbraith	<b>Board Supervisor, Vice Chairperson</b> <i>(Newly Appointed Chairperson)</i>
Kristen Anderson	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b> <i>(Newly Appointed Vice Chairmen)</i>
Genelle Moore	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>
Joellen Dibrango	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b> <i>(Newly Appointed)</i>

Also present were:

Brian Mendes	<b>District Manager, Rizzetta &amp; Company, Inc.</b>
Scott Brizendine	<b>District Manager, Rizzetta &amp; Company, Inc.</b>
Kristen Trucco	<b>District Counsel, LLEB</b>
Mark Wilson	<b>District Engineer, Kimley-Horn</b>
Josmar Lopez	<b>A&amp;E Dream Homes, District Vendor</b>
Hector Pastrana	<b>Handyman Services, HP Home Solutions</b>

Audience **Present**

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Mr. Santana called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Audience Comments**

A member of the audience commented on residency concerns with the chairmen. The audience member requested proof of residency (ID) and commented on concerns with A&E vendor, stating the board needs more bids to consider before approving.

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50 Mr. Santana responded to the audience members comments and stated you do not  
51 need to be a resident to be on the board. Counsel disagreed.

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53 A member of the audience commented on issues with turnover between professional  
54 staff. Also commented that the board has not been able to efficiently make it through a  
55 meeting agenda and stated he does not want to change district staff.

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57 A member of the audience made comments on how the CDD operates. He also  
58 commented that his residents were receiving flyers.

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60 A member of the audience inquired about the fifth board member seat.

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62 A member of the audience inquired about the mulch and speed bumps.

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64 A member of the audience inquired on Inframarks proposals and stated that it takes  
65 time for companies to work together. She also inquired about parking issues.

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67 A member of the audience stated when the women board members ran the meeting  
68 it was more efficient. He also expressed concerns with the fence.

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70 A member of the audience stated history of the CDD.

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72 A member of the audience stated the board needs to keep district staff. He also stated  
73 he is against the sod replacement and that a fifth board member needs to be elected.

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75 A member of the audience stated that the board needs to get along with district staff  
76 and commented on issues with lights on Patterson 1056 Zion Dr.

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78 A member of the audience inquired why are we going through so much turn over.

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80 A member of the audience also comments on issues with lights on Patterson 1056  
81 Zion Dr. and parking issues.

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83 A member of the audience commented on issues with parking.

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85 **THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Minutes of the Board of  
Supervisors Meeting held on November  
30, 2023**

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89 Mr. Santana presented the meeting minutes and asked if the board requested any  
90 changes. No changes were requested.

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On Motion by Ms. Galbraith, seconded by Ms. Anderson, with all in favor, the Board of 93 Supervisors approved the minutes of the board of supervisors meeting held on November 94 30, 2023, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.
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97 **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Ratification of Operations &  
Maintenance Expenditures for October  
2023**

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101 Mr. Mendes presented the operation and maintenance expenditures for October  
102 2023 and asked if there were any questions.  
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104 On Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Galbraith, with all in favor, the Board of  
105 Supervisors ratified the maintenance expenditures for October 2023 (\$46,092.51), for the  
106 Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

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108 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Seat 5 Applicants**

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110 Agenda item moved to first business item order.  
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112 On Motion by Mr. Santana, seconded by Ms. Moore, with all in favor, the Board of  
113 Supervisors approved to vote in 5<sup>th</sup> board member seat, for the Highland Meadows II  
114 Community Development District.

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116 Ms. Cologn presented herself to the board and stated she has experience in  
117 government.  
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119 Mr. Dewolf presented himself to the board and stated he has background in law. Also,  
120 stated he supports Jose Sanchez.  
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122 Ms. Munyon presented herself to the board and stated she has background in  
123 management.  
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125 Ms. Dibrango presented herself to the board and stated she is here to work with  
126 everyone.  
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128 Mr. Sanchez presented himself to the board and stated he has background of as a  
129 technical engineer and in sales.  
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131 John presented himself to the board and stated he is the president of 3A's HOA and  
132 has background with the Orlando sentinel.  
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134 Mr. Morgan presented himself to the board and stated he has 20 years in window and  
135 door industry.  
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137 Supervisor Anderson nominated Mr. Sanchez.

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139 Supervisor Santana nominated Ms. Dibrango

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141 Supervisor Galbraith nominated Ms. Dibrango and Mr. Morgan  
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144 Supervisor Moore nominated Mr. Morgan and John.  
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146 On Motion by Mr. Santana, seconded by Ms. Galbraith, with all in favor, the Board of  
147 Supervisors nominated Ms. Dibrango for Seat 5, for the Highland Meadows II Community  
148 Development District.

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150 **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Resignation of Rizzetta & Company, Inc.**

151 Mr. Mendes presented Rizzetta's resignation.

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153 Mr. Santana made claim that Rizzetta did not manage the pool properly.

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155 Mr. Pastrana from HP Home Solutions reported.  
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158 **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Resignation of Latham, Luna, Eden &  
Beaudine LP**

159 Ms. Trucco presented LLEB LP's resignation.  
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162 On Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Anderson, with all in favor, the Board of  
163 Supervisors opened public comments, for the Highland Meadows II Community  
164 Development District.  
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166 It is requested that LLEB stay with the district.  
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169 On Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Anderson, with all in favor, the Board of  
170 Supervisors closed public comments, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development  
171 District.

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173 On Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Anderson, with all in favor, the Board of  
174 Supervisors appointed supervisor Galbraith as chairperson, for the Highland Meadows II  
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177 On Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Santana, with all in favor, the Board of  
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182 Supervisors closed public comments, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development  
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186 Supervisors appointed supervisor Anderson as vice chairperson, for the Highland Meadows  
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**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of District Management Proposals (Under Separate Cover)**

Inframark, Breeze, and NPG were presented as consideration.

The board requested this item be tabled for January's meeting.

The board requested to publicize bids for management services.

Breeze presented their proposal for district management services.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Pool Services Proposal**

HP Home solutions, 5-Star, and Roberts all had proposals submitted.

JP from Roberts presented \$76,000 pool resurface proposal to the board. He also states the project would take 3 weeks to complete.

It is stated the district engineer will analyze the pool.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Playground Enhancements**

Mr. Mendes presented the discussion.

Mr. Mendes stated that he will gather proposals to enhance both playgrounds.

It is requested by the board to ask EGIS to attend the next meeting.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Reserve Accounts**

Mr. Brizendine presented the discussion.

On Motion by Ms. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Santana, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved working with district manager on reserve accounts, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

It is stated that the construction funds are to be inspected by the district engineer on this item.

Counsel commented these are to be used for Phase 7.

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On Motion by Mr. Santana, seconded by Ms. Dibrango, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved the certificate of completion, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**                      **Discussion of Resodding Soccer Field and Dog Park**

It was stated that an e-blast was sent out on this agenda item.  
District staff is awaiting the engineer to inspect the area.

**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**                      **Ratification of FY 21-22 Audit**

Mr. Mendes presented the audit to the board and asked if there were any questions. There were none.  
The board ratified the Chairman’s acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 financial audit.

On Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Galbraith, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors ratified the chairman’s acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 financial audit, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

**FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**                      **Consideration of Fence Repair Proposal**

The fence proposals from HP Home Solutions (\$9,096.87) and A&E (\$13,060) are presented to the board.

Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Moore **failed**, with a vote of 3-2 opposed (Supervisors Galbraith, Santana, and Dibrango opposed) to award HP Home Solutions fence repair contract, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

On Motion by Ms. Galbraith, seconded by Ms. Moore, with a majority vote of 3-2 in favor, (Supervisors Santana and Anderson opposed) the board tabling the agenda item, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

On Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Anderson, with a majority vote of 4-1 in favor, (Supervisor Santana opposed) the Board of Supervisors awarded HP Home Solutions the fence repair contract, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

The electrician reported on monument repairs.

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**FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Meeting Space Proposal**

On Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Dibrango, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved Shamrock Church as primary meeting space, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

**SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Ratification of Rizzetta & Company, Inc. Proposal for Landscape Inspection Services**

Mr. Mendes presented the proposal to the board of supervisors and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

On Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Moore, with a majority vote of 4-1 in favor, (Supervisor Santana opposed) the Board of Supervisors ratified Rizzetta's proposal for landscape inspection services, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

**SEVENTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Ratification of Rizzetta & Company, Inc. Proposal for Landscape & Irrigation Maintenance Specification Development**

Mr. Mendes presented the proposal to the board of supervisors and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

On Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Moore, with a majority vote of 4-1 in favor, (Supervisor Santana opposed) the Board of Supervisors ratified Rizzetta's proposal for landscape & irrigation maintenance specification development, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

**EIGHTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

**A. District Counsel**

Counsel presented report to the board.

Counsel addressed residency concerns and that resident on 2140 Nighthawk Drive grants CDD approval. Resident requested CDD to cover cost on installing a gate.

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On Motion by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Moore, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors approved writing up contract memorializing agreement with resident subject to final approval by the chair, for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

Counseled touched on public hearing on January for parking rules/procedures.

It requested by the board for district staff to investigate where semi-trucks are parking.

**B. District Engineer**

No Report.

**C. District Manager**

Mr. Mendes presented report to the board and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**NINETEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS                      Audience Comments and Supervisor Requests**

A member of the audience expressed concerns with parking. District staff responded and touch on public hearing coming up on the matter.

A member of the audience commented on the public hearing.

A member of the audience commended the board on getting through the agenda. He commented on parking and vendor management.

Mr. Santana stated that he will send amendment information.

Mr. Santana requested Ms. Anderson emails with Rizzetta through public records request.

Mr. Santana stated he would like to withdraw his request.

Discussion ensued amongst the board for the next workshop to be held on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm at the church.

**TWENTIETH ORDER OF BUSINESS                      Adjournment**

On a Motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Dibrango, with all in favor, the Board of Supervisors adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m. for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

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Assistant Secretary

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Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

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**TAB 2**

# HIGHLAND MEADOWS II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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## **Operations and Maintenance Expenditures November 2023 For Board Approval**

Attached please find the check register listing the Operation and Maintenance expenditures paid from November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023. This does not include expenditures previously approved by the Board.

The total items being presented:     **\$61,024.09**

Approval of Expenditures:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chairperson

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



# Highland Meadows II Community Development District

## Paid Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

November 1, 2023 Through November 30,2023

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
City of Davenport	100218	15511 11/23 - 672	Water Services 11/23	\$ 5.22
City of Davenport	100218	6122 10/23	Water Services 10/23	\$ 106.25
City of Davenport	100218	8019 10/23 - 672	Water Services 10/23	\$ 142.65
City of Davenport	100218	8020 10/23 - 672	Water Services 10/23	\$ 89.79
Disclosure Services, LLC	100204	17	Amortization Schedules 10/23	\$ 800.00
Duke Energy	100212	Monthly Summary 10/23	Electric Services 10/23	\$ 6,942.98
Duke Energy	100219	Monthly Summary 11/23	Electric Services 11/23	\$ 5,881.77
Florida Department of Commerce	100217	89146	Special District Fee FY 2023/2024	\$ 175.00
Genelle Moore-Tucker	100205	GM092123	Board of Supervisors Meeting 09/21/23	\$ 200.00
HP Home Maintenance Solutions, LLC	100213	215	Pool & Amenity Maintenance 08/23	\$ 6,000.00
Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	100206	26082557	Engineering Services 09/23	\$ 3,598.24
Latham, Luna, Edan & Beaudine, LLP	100207	121431	Legal Services 09/23	\$ 7,020.45
Miguel A Santana-Vazquez	100214	MS092123	Board of Supervisors Meeting 09/21/23	\$ 200.00

# Highland Meadows II Community Development District

## Paid Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

November 1, 2023 Through November 30,2023

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Orkin - Winter Haven	100208	250141149	Pest Control Services 10/23	\$ 78.99
Orkin - Winter Haven	100220	251563472	Pest Control Services 11/23	\$ 78.99
Prince & Sons, Inc.	100215	10503	Irrigation Maintenance 10/23	\$ 254.52
Prince & Sons, Inc.	100215	10539	Irrigation Maintenance 10/23	\$ 779.91
Prince & Sons, Inc.	100215	10540	Irrigation Maintenance 10/23	\$ 39.98
Prince & Sons, Inc.	100221	10657	Landscape Maintenance 11/23	\$ 16,000.00
Rizzetta & Company, Inc.	100211	INV0000084979	District Management Fees 11/23	\$ 3,740.00
Security And Investigation, Inc.	100209	1285	Deputy Services 10/06/23-10/19/23	\$ 2,492.00
Security And Investigation, Inc.	100222	1293	Deputy Services 10/20/23-11/06/23	\$ 2,492.00
Spectrum	ACH	0038117103023 11/23 ACH	Telephone & Internet Services 11/23	\$ 187.97
U.S. Bank	100216	7105323	Trustee Fees Series 2017 10/01/23-09/30/24	<u>\$ 3,717.38</u>
<b>Total</b>				<b><u>\$ 61,024.09</u></b>

**TAB 3**



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Haines City, Florida 33844

Phone 863-422-5207 | Fax 863-422-1816

Polk County License # 214815

Date: January 2, 2024

**SUBMITTED TO:**

Bryan Schaub  
Field Manager  
Rizzetta & Company  
2700 S Falkenburg Rd, Suite 2745 Riverview FL, 33578  
Phone: 813-533-2950  
Email: [bschaub@rizzetta.com](mailto:bschaub@rizzetta.com)

**Job Name / Location:**

Highlands Meadows 2  
1015 Condor Dr  
Haines City, FL 33844

**Proposal to : Replace dead and declining plant materials . Entrance and Exit Sign 10TH AND Condor**

	Qty	Unit	Unit Cost	TOTAL
Remove Dead and Declining Materials And Replace				
3 gallon Plants            26    Arboricola , 20    Little John	46	3G	\$18.00	\$828.00
1 Gallon Plants                                  Blue Daze	30	1G	\$10.00	\$300.00
Sod to Shape Oversized Beds	200	SqFt	\$1.25	\$250.00
Mulch	5	Yrds	\$60.00	\$300.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,678.00</b>

The customer agrees, that by signing this proposal, it shall become a legal and binding contract and shall supersede any previous agreements, discussed or implied. The customer further agrees to all terms and conditions set forth within and shall be responsible for any/all court and/or attorney fees incurred by Prince and Sons, Inc. required to obtain collection for any portion of money owed for material and/or work performed by Prince and Sons Inc. Plywood will be in place to help prevent pool paver damage

Submitted by: **Craig Bramblett**

Date Submitted: January 2, 2024

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TAB 4**

**RESOLUTION 2024-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HIGHLAND MEADOWS II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE DISTRICT'S RULES FOR PARKING AND TOWING, THE DISTRICT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE AND THE DISTRICT'S AMENITY POLICIES & RATES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the District's Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the District's Rules for Parking and Towing, the District's Rules of Procedure and the District's Amenity Policies & Rates, collectively attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Rules"), for immediate use and application; and

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

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

**SECTION 1.** The attached Rules are hereby adopted. These Rules shall stay in full force and effect until such time as the District's Board of Supervisors may amend the Rules in accordance with Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*. The Rules shall replace and supersede any previously adopted rules on the same subject matter. Legal authority for the Rules includes Sections 190.011, 190.012, 190.035, 120.69, 120.54, 316.1945 and 316.195, *Florida Statutes*.

**SECTION 2.** In the event any section or part of this Resolution is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force and effect of any other section or part of this Resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of this Resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Print Name:  
Secretary

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Chairman/Vice Chairman

**Exhibit “A”**

**Rules**

*[See attached.]*

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**AMENDED & RESTATED RULES**  
**RELATING TO OVERNIGHT PARKING AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

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In accordance with Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and on July 13, 2023, at a duly noticed public meeting, the Board of Supervisors of the Highland Meadows II Community Development District (“District”) adopted the following policy to govern parking and parking enforcement on certain District Property. This policy repeals and supersedes all prior rules and/or policies governing the same subject matter.

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**SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION.** The District finds that parked Commercial Vehicles, Vehicles, Vessels, Trailers and Recreational Vehicles (hereinafter defined) on certain of its property (hereinafter defined) cause hazards and danger to the health, safety and welfare of District residents, paid users and the public. This policy is intended to provide the District’s residents and paid users with a means to park Vehicles on-street in certain designated parking areas and remove such Commercial Vehicles, Vehicles, Vessels, Trailers and Recreational Vehicles from District designated Tow-Away Zones consistent with this Policy and as indicated on **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.**

- A. *Commercial Vehicle(s)*. Any mobile item which normally uses wheels, whether motorized or not, that (i) is titled, registered or leased to a company and not an individual person, or (ii) is used for business purposes even if titled, registered or leased to an individual person.
- B. *Vehicle(s)*. Any mobile item which normally uses wheels, whether motorized or not. For purposes of this Policy, unless otherwise specified, any use of the term Vehicle(s) shall be interpreted so as to include Commercial Vehicle(s), Vessel(s), Trailer(s), and Recreational Vessel(s).
- C. *Vessel(s)*. Every description of watercraft, barge, or airboat used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.
- D. *Trailer(s)*. An unpowered vehicle towed by another.
- E. *Recreational Vehicle(s)*. A vehicle designed for recreational use, which includes motor homes, campers and trailers relative to same.
- F. *Parked*. A Vehicle, Vessel or Recreational Vehicle left unattended by its owner or user.
- G. *Tow-Away Zone*. District property in which parking is prohibited and in which the District is authorized to initiate a towing and/or removal action.
- H. *Overnight*. Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily.



- I. *Abandoned Vehicle.* Any vehicle that is not operational or has not been moved for a period of 2 weeks.

**SECTION 3. DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS.** On street parking is only authorized on the odd numbered side of the street (as indicated by address numbers). On street parking is expressly prohibited on the even numbered side of the street (as indicated by address numbers).

The even numbered side of the street (as indicated by address numbers) and those areas within the District's boundaries depicted in **Exhibit A**, which is incorporated herein by reference, are hereby established as "Tow-Away Zones" for all Vehicles, including Commercial Vehicles, Vessels, Trailers, Recreational Vehicles as set forth in Sections 4 and 5 herein ("**Tow Away Zone**").

**SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF TOW-AWAY ZONES.** Each area set forth in **Exhibits A & B** attached hereto is hereby declared a Tow Away Zone. In addition, any Vehicle which is parked in a manner which prevents or inhibits the ability of emergency response vehicles to navigate streets within the District are hereby authorized to be towed.

**SECTION 5. EXCEPTIONS.**

- A. **ON-STREET PARKING EXCEPTIONS.** Abandoned and/or broken down Vehicles are not permitted to be parked on-street at any time and are subject to towing at the Owner's expense. Commercial Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles, Trailers and Vessels are not permitted to be parked on-street Overnight and shall be subject to towing at Owner's expense.
- B. **VENDORS/CONTRACTORS.** The District Manager or his/her designee may authorize vendors/consultants in writing to park company Vehicles in order to facilitate District business. All Vehicles so authorized must be identified by an Overnight Parking Pass.
- C. **DELIVERY VEHICLES AND GOVERNMENTAL VEHICLES.** Delivery Vehicles, including but not limited to, U.P.S., Fed Ex, moving company Vehicles, and lawn maintenance vendors may park on District Property while actively engaged in the operation of such businesses. Vehicles owned and operated by any governmental unit may also park on District Property while carrying out official duties.

Any Vehicle parked on District Property, including District roads, must do so in compliance with all laws, ordinances and codes.

**SECTION 6. TOWING/REMOVAL PROCEDURES.**

- A. **SIGNAGE AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS.** Notice of the Tow-Away Zones shall be approved by the District's Board of Supervisors and shall be posted on District Property in the manner set forth in Section 715.07, *Florida Statutes*. Such signage is to be placed in conspicuous locations, in accordance with Section 715.07, *Florida Statutes*.
- B. **TOWING/REMOVAL AUTHORITY.** To effect towing/removal of a Commercial Vehicle, Vehicle, Vessel or Recreational Vehicle, the District Manager or his/her designee must verify that the subject Commercial Vehicle, Vehicle, Vessel or Recreational Vehicle was not authorized to park under this rule in the Overnight Parking Areas and then must contact a firm authorized by Florida law to tow/remove Commercial Vehicle, Vehicles, Vessels and Recreational Vehicles for the removal of such unauthorized vehicle at the owner's expense. The Commercial Vehicle, Vehicle, Vessel or Recreational Vehicle shall be towed/removed by the firm in accordance with Florida

law, specifically the provisions set forth in Section 715.07, *Florida Statutes*. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a towing service retained by the District may tow/remove any vehicle parked in the Tow-Away Zone.

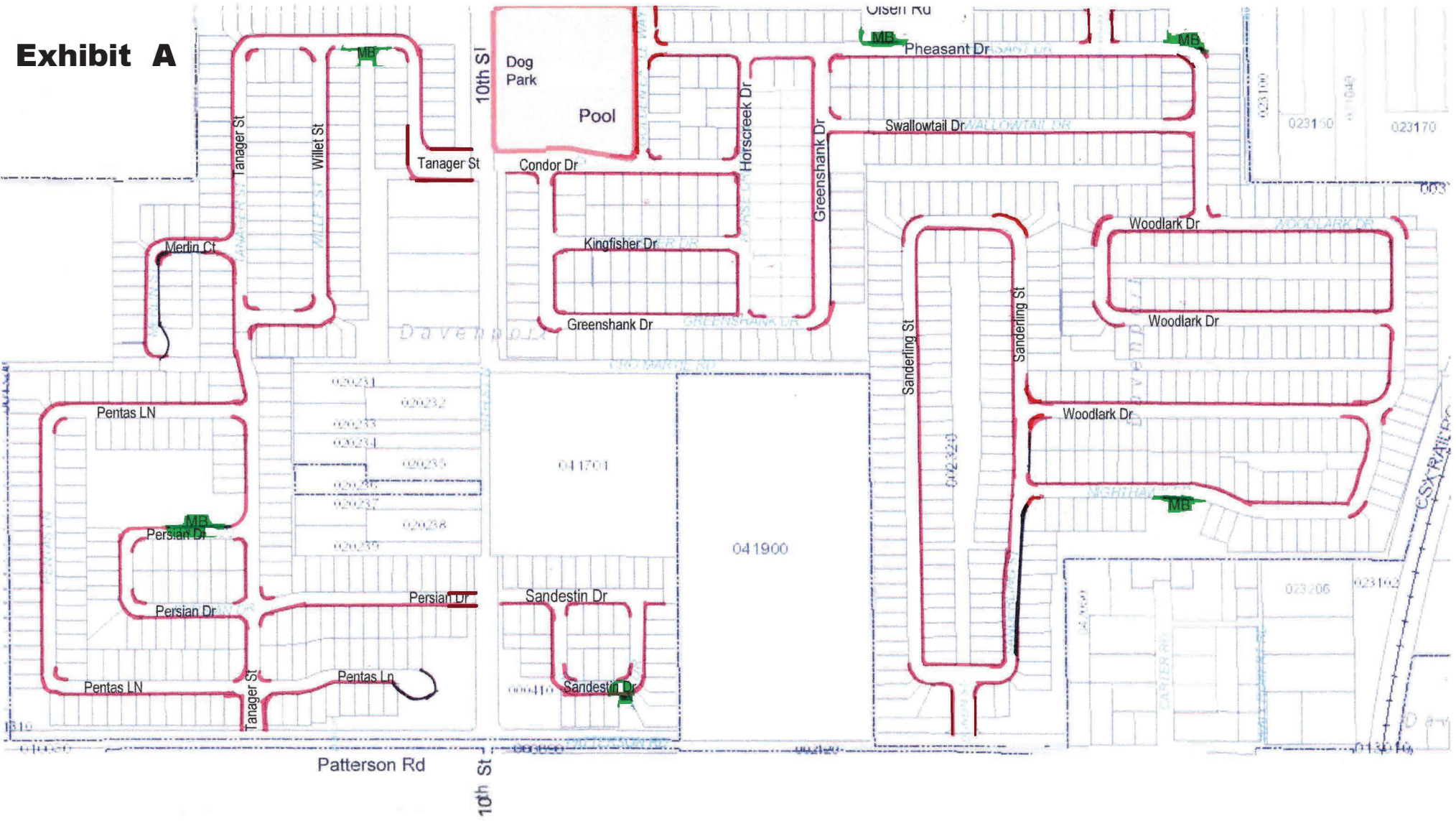
**C. AGREEMENT WITH AUTHORIZED TOWING SERVICE.** The District's Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into and maintain an agreement with a firm authorized by Florida law to tow/remove unauthorized vehicles and in accordance with Florida law and with the policies set forth herein.

**SECTION 7. PARKING AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Vehicles, Vessels, Trailers, or Recreational Vehicles may be parked on District Property pursuant to this rule, provided, however, that the District assumes no liability for any theft, vandalism and/or damage that might occur to personal property and/or to such Vehicles.

**EXHIBIT A & B – *Tow Away Zones***

Effective Date: September 13, 2023  
Parking Map Updated: July 19, 2023

**Exhibit A**



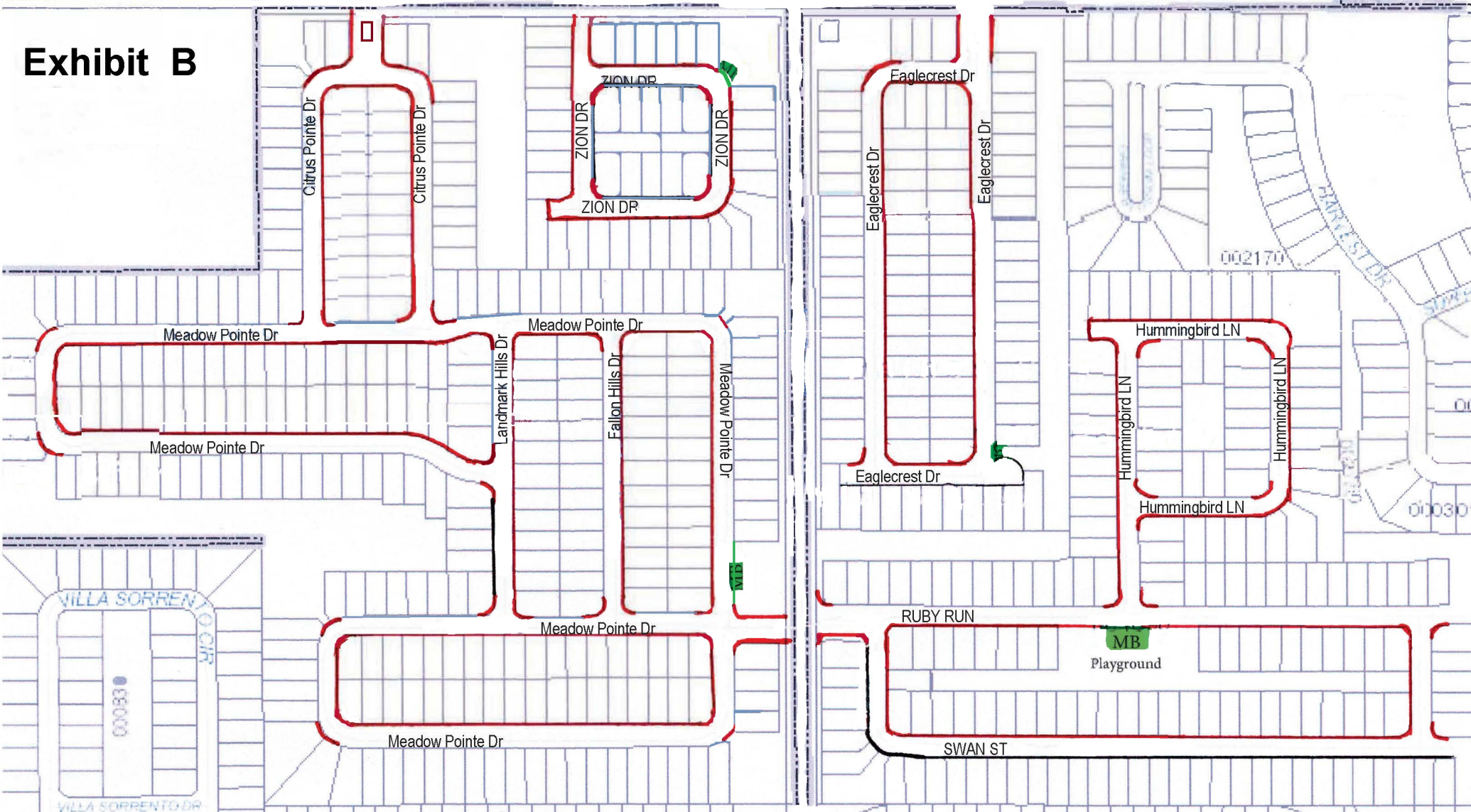
- NO Parking **TOW AWAY ZONE**
- Mail Box area
- ) No Parking Endcaps within 8 ft

City of Davenport Area  
 No Parking on the EVEN side, TOW AWAYZONE. Even side marked in RED  
 Mailbox area for mail pick up only marked in GREEN "parked vehicles will be TOWED"

# Highland Meadows 2 CDD Parking and Tow Zones Davenport Side

TOW Service will automatically patrol and enforce all parking rules from 10PM to 6 AM. CDD will control all tow services from 6AM to 10PM.

# Exhibit B



- No Parking **TOW AWAY ZONE**
- Mail box area
- ) No parking Endcaps within 8 feet

## Highland Meadows 2 CDD Parking and Tow Zones Haines City Side

Haines City Area  
 NO Parking on the even side, TOW AWAY ZONE. Even side marked in **RED**  
 Mailbox area for mail pick up only marked in **GREEN** "parked vehicles will be **TOWED**"

**TOW Service will automatically patrol and enforce all parking rules from 10PM to 6AM. CDD will control all tow services from 6am to 10PM.**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
RULES OF PROCEDURE  
HIGHLAND MEADOWS II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**EFFECTIVE AS OF November 13, 2019**

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**Rule 1.0      General.**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise required by statute or these Rules, at least seven (7) days, but no more than thirty (30) days public notice shall be given of any public meeting, hearing or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and in the county in which the District is located. "General circulation" means a publication that is printed and published at least once a week for the preceding year, offering at least 25% of its words in the English language, qualifies as a periodicals material for postal purposes in the county in which the District is located, is for sale to the public generally, is available to the public generally for the publication of official or other notices, and is customarily containing information of a public character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners of property in the county where published, or of interest or of value to the general public. The annual meeting notice required to be published by Section 189.015 of the Florida Statutes, shall be published in a newspaper not of limited subject matter, which is published at least five days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than five days a week. Each Notice shall state, as applicable:
- (a) The date, time and place of the meeting, hearing or workshop;
  - (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects, and purposes of the meeting, hearing, or workshop;
  - (c) The District office address for the submission of requests for copies of the agenda, as well as a contact name and telephone number for verbal requests for copies of the agenda; and
  - (d) The following or substantially similar language: "Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting/hearing/workshop is asked to advise the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting/hearing/workshop by contacting the District Manager at (407) 841-5524. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1 (800) 955-8770 or 1 (800) 955-8771, who can aid you in contacting the District Office."
  - (e) The following or substantially similar language: "A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting/hearing/workshop with respect to any matter considered at the meeting/hearing/workshop is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 2.0      Rulemaking Proceedings.**

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

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

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

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

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

(11) Petitions to Challenge Existing Rules.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.0 Competitive Purchase.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Competitive Selection.

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



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

(5) Competitive Negotiation.

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

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

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

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

### **Rule 3.2 Procedure Regarding Auditor Selection.**

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

(1) Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.3 Purchase of Insurance.**

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

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

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

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

**Law Implemented:** § 112.08, Fla. Stat.



**Rule 3.4 Pre-qualification**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Suspension, Revocation, or Denial of Qualification

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

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

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

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

Examples of factors affecting the seriousness of a deficiency are:

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

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

**Rule 3.5 Construction Contracts, Not Design-Build.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

**Rule 3.6 Construction Contracts, Design-Build.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.7      Payment and Performance Bonds.**

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

**Specific Authority:** §§ 190.011(5), 190.011(15), Fla. Stat.  
**Law Implemented:** § 255.05, Fla. Stat.

**Rule 3.8 Goods, Supplies, and Materials.**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.9      Maintenance Services.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 3.10 Contractual Services.**

- (1) Exemption from Competitive Purchase. Pursuant to Section 190.033(3) of the Florida Statutes, Contractual Services shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. If an agreement is predominantly for Contractual Services, but also includes maintenance services or the purchase of goods and services, the contract shall not be subject to competitive purchasing requirements. Regardless of whether an advertisement or solicitation for Contractual Services is identified as an Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals, Invitation to Negotiate, or Competitive Solicitation, no rights or remedies under these Rules, including but not limited to protest rights, are conferred on persons, firms, or vendors proposing to provide Contractual Services to the District.
  
- (2) Contracts; Public Records. In accordance with Florida law, each contract for Contractual Services shall include provisions required by law that require the contractor to comply with public records laws.

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

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

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

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

(1) Filing.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rule 4.0      Effective Date.**

These Rules shall be effective \_\_\_\_\_, 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.**

**HIGHLAND MEADOWS II  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT**

**AMENITY POLICIES & RATES**

**ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2018  
AMENDED AUGUST 14, 2019  
AMENDED SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

## DEFINITIONS

**“Amenities” or “Amenity Facilities”** – shall mean the properties and areas owned by the District and intended for recreational use and shall include, but not specifically be limited to, the playground, dog park, soccer fields, and pool and cabana area, together with their appurtenant facilities and areas.

**“Amenity Policies” or “Policies”** – shall mean these Amenity Policies and Rates of the Highland Meadows II Community Development District, as amended from time to time. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to amend or modify these Policies when and as necessary and will notify Patrons of any changes by posting the revised Policies on the District’s website. The Board of Supervisors and District Staff shall have full authority to enforce the Amenity Policies.

**“Amenity Manager”** – shall mean the District Manager or that person or firm so designated by the District’s Board of Supervisors, including their employees.

**“Annual User Fee”** – shall mean the fee established by the District for any person that is not a Resident and wishes to become a Non-Resident Patron. The amount of the Annual User Fee is set forth herein, and that amount is subject to change based on Board action.

**“Board of Supervisors” or “Board”** – shall mean the Highland Meadows II Community Development District’s Board of Supervisors.

**“District”** – shall mean the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.

**“District Staff”** – shall mean the professional management company with which the District has contracted to provide management services to the District, the Amenity Manager, and District Counsel.

**“Household”** – shall mean those individuals residing within the immediate household of a Patron. This can consist of individuals who have not yet attained the age of eighteen or individuals over the age of eighteen (18) actually residing in the household. This does not include visiting relatives, or extended family not residing in the home. Proof of residency for individuals over the age of eighteen (18) years is required by driver’s license or state or federal issued form of identification. A signed affidavit of residency shall be required for individuals under the age of eighteen (18) years.

**“Guest”** – shall mean any person or persons, other than a Patron, who are expressly authorized by the District to use the Amenities, or invited for a specific visit by a Patron over the age of eighteen (18) years to use the Amenities.

**“Access Card”** – shall mean an electronic Access Card issued by the District Manager to each Patron (as defined herein) to access the Amenity Facilities.

**“Non-Resident”** – shall mean any person who does not own property within the District.

**“Non-Resident Patron”** – shall mean any person or Household not owning property in the District who is paying the Annual User Fee to the District for use of all Amenity Facilities.

**“Patron” or “Patrons”** – shall mean Residents, Guests, Non-Resident Patrons, and Renters who are eighteen (18) years of age and older.

“**Renter**” – shall mean an individual maintaining his or her residence in a home located within the District pursuant to a valid lease agreement. Proof of valid lease agreement shall be required.

“**Resident**” – shall mean any person or Household owning property within the District, or such other Household subject to the terms and conditions of any interlocal agreement for the use of the Amenities.

#### AMENITIES ACCESS AND USAGE

Only Patrons and Guests have the right to use the Amenities; provided, however, that certain community programming events may be available to the general public where permitted by the District, and subject to payment of any applicable fees and satisfaction of any other applicable requirements, including adherence to these Amenity Policies. All persons using the Amenities do so at their own risk and agree to abide by the Amenity Policies. The District shall assume no responsibility and shall not be liable in any accidents, personal injury or death, or damage to, or loss of property arising from the use of the Amenities or from the acts, omissions, or negligence of other persons using the Amenities.

***Resident Access and Usage.*** Residents must pay Operations & Maintenance Assessments applicable to property owners within the District in accordance with the District’s annual assessment resolution. Payment of Operations & Maintenance Assessments covers the Annual User Fee for such Resident and entitles the Resident to use of the Amenities for the corresponding fiscal year of the District, which year begins October 1 and ends September 30. Residents must complete the Amenity Access Registration Form prior to access or use of the Amenities.<sup>1</sup>

***Non-Resident Access and Usage.*** A Non-Resident Patron must pay the Annual User Fee applicable to Non-Residents in order to have the right to use the Amenities for one full year, which year begins from the date of receipt of payment by the District. This fee must be paid in full before the Non-Resident may use the Amenities. Each subsequent Annual User Fee shall be paid in full on the anniversary date of application. Annual User Fees may be renewed no more than thirty (30) days in advance of the date of expiration and for no more than one calendar year. Multi-year memberships are not available. The Annual User Fee is nonrefundable and nontransferable. Non-Resident Patrons must complete the Amenity Facilities Access Registration Form prior to access or use of the Amenities.

***Guest Access and Usage.*** Each Patron Household and Non-Resident Patron Household is entitled to bring four (4) persons as Guests to the Amenities at one time. District Staff shall be authorized to verify and enforce the authorized number of Guests. A Patron over the age of eighteen (18) years must accompany Guests at all times during Guests use of the Amenities and are responsible for any and all actions taken by such Guests. Violation of these Amenity Policies by a Guest may result in suspension or termination of the Patron’s access and usage privileges. Exceeding the authorized number of Guests specified above shall be grounds for suspension or termination of a Patron Household or Non-Resident Patron Household’s access and usage privileges.

***Renter’s Privileges.*** Residents who rent or lease residential unit(s) in the District shall have the right to designate the Renter of the residential unit(s) as the beneficial users of the Resident’s privileges to use the Amenities upon written documentation. Residents may retain their Amenities rights in lieu of granting them to their Renters. Residents may not retain their rights to use the Amenities and grant them to Renters at the same time for the same residential property.

1. A Renter who is designated by a Resident as the beneficial user of the Resident’s rights to use

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<sup>1</sup> The District has entered into a number of Interlocal Agreements with other governmental entities pursuant to which a proportionate share of the Operation and Maintenance costs are paid.

the Amenities shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges to use the Amenities as the Resident. A Renter will be required to provide proof of residency (i.e. a copy of the lease agreement) and pay any applicable fee before he or she receives an Access Card. Such Renter shall receive an Access Card which shall expire at the end of the lease term and may be reactivated upon provision of proof of residency.

2. During the period when a Renter is designated as the beneficial user, the Resident shall not be entitled to use the Amenities.
3. Residents shall be responsible for all charges incurred by their Renters which remain unpaid after the customary billing and collection procedure established by the District. Resident owners are responsible for the department of their respective Renter.
4. Renters shall be subject to all Amenity Policies as the Board may adopt from time to time.

***Access Cards.*** Each Patron Household will be issued one (1) Access Card by District Staff upon completion of the Amenity Access Registration Form. Access Cards will allow Patrons entry to the Amenities during regular operating hours of the Amenities.

Patrons must scan their Access Card in the card reader to gain access to the Amenities. This Access Card system provides a security and safety measure for Patrons and protects the Amenities from non-Patron entry. Under no circumstances shall a Patron provide their Access Card to another person, whether Patron or non-Patron, to allow access to the Amenities.

Access Cards are the property of the District and are non-transferable except in accordance with the District's Amenity Policies. All lost or stolen cards must be reported immediately to District Staff. Fees shall apply to replace any lost or stolen cards.

#### **SMOKING, DRUGS, AND ALCOHOL**

Smoking, including vapor and electric devices, is not permitted in any building, or enclosed or fenced area to the maximum extent of the prohibitions set forth in the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act or other subsequent legislation. Additionally, to the extent not prohibited by law, smoking is discouraged in all other areas of the Amenities and on District owned property. All waste must be disposed of in the appropriate receptacles. No employee or contractor of the District shall smoke in any building, or enclosed or fenced area of the Amenities. Any violation of this policy shall be reported to District Staff.

Possession, use, and/or consumption of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages is prohibited at the Amenities and on all other District owned property. Any person that appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave the Amenities. Violation of this policy may result in suspension or termination of Amenity access and usage privileges and illegal drug use may be punished to the maximum extent allowed by law.

#### **SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY**

Dogs or other pets (with the exception of "Service Animal(s)" trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability) are not permitted within any District-owned public accommodations including, but not limited to, amenity buildings (offices, social halls), pool and cabana area, soccer fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, parking lots, open spaces and other appurtenances or related improvements. A Service Animal must be kept under the control of its handler by leash or harness, unless doing so interferes with the Service Animal's work or tasks or the individual's disability prevents doing so. The District may remove the Service Animal under the following conditions:

- If the Service Animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective measures to control it;
- If the Service Animal is not housebroken; or,
- If the Service Animal's behavior poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others.

The District is prohibited from asking about the nature or extent of an individual's disability in order to determine whether an animal is a Service Animal or pet. However, the District may ask whether an animal is a Service Animal required because of a disability and what work or tasks the animal has been trained to perform.

### GENERAL AMENITY POLICIES

***Hours of Operation.*** All hours of operation of the Amenities will be established and published by the District on its website. The District may restrict access or close some or all of the Amenities due to inclement weather, for purposes of providing a community activity, for making improvements, for conducting maintenance, or for other purposes. Any programs or activities of the District may have priority over other users of the Amenities.

Unless otherwise posted on the website, all outdoor Amenities are open only from dawn until dusk. The specific, current hours of operation for several of the Amenities, which may be amended from time to time and which may be subject to closure for holidays and other special circumstances, are as published on the District's website. No Patron or Guest is allowed in the service areas of the Amenities.

***General Usage Guidelines.*** Except as otherwise stated herein, the following guidelines govern the use of the Amenities generally. Specific policies for each Amenity are outlined in the respective section for each herein.

- (1) ***Registration and Access Cards.*** Each Patron must scan in an Access Card in order to access the Amenities and must have his or her assigned Household Access Card available for inspection. An Access Card is only to be used by the Patron Household to whom they are issued. Patrons must have at all times in their possession their Household Access Card to enter and use the Amenities, and must present their Access Card upon request by District Staff.
- (2) ***Attire.*** With the exception of the pool and wet areas where bathing suits are permitted, Patrons and Guests must be properly attired with shirts and shoes to use the Amenities. Bathing suits and wet feet are not allowed indoors with the exception of the bath rooms.
- (3) ***Food and Drink.*** Food and drink will be limited to designated areas only. No glass containers of any type are permitted at any of the Amenities. All persons using any of the Amenities must keep the area clean by properly disposing of trash or debris.
- (4) ***Parking and Vehicles.*** Vehicles must be parked in designated areas. Vehicles should not be parked on grass lawns, or in any way which blocks the normal flow of traffic. During special events, alternative parking arrangements may be authorized but only as directed by District staff. Off-road bikes/vehicles (including ATV's), and motorized scooters are prohibited on all property owned, maintained, and operated by the District or at any of the Amenities within District unless they are owned by the District.
- (5) ***Fireworks.*** Fireworks of any kind are not permitted anywhere on District owned property or adjacent areas.
- (6) ***Skateboards, Etc.*** Bicycles, skateboards, or rollerblades are not permitted on Amenity property which includes, but is not limited to, the amenity parking lot, pool area, athletic fields, playground area, and sidewalks surrounding these areas.
- (7) ***Grills.*** Personal barbeque grills are not permitted at the Amenities or on any other District owned property.



- (8) **Firearms.** Firearms are not permitted in the Amenities unless the Patron is authorized to possess and carry a firearm under Florida law. Among other prohibitions, no firearms may be carried to any meeting of the District's Board of Supervisors.
- (9) **Equipment.** All District equipment, furniture, and other tangible property must be returned in good condition after use. Patrons and Guests are encouraged to notify District Staff if such items are in need of repair, maintenance, or cleaning.
- (10) **Littering.** Patrons and Guests are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and helping to keep the Amenities clean at all times.
- (11) **Bounce Houses and Other Structures.** The installation and use of bounce houses and similar apparatus is prohibited on District property. No exceptions will be made.
- (12) **Cellular Phones.** To prevent disturbance to others, use of cellular telephones should be limited while using the Amenities and Patrons and Guests are asked to keep their ringers turned off or on vibrate while using the Amenities.
- (13) **Excessive Noise.** Excessive noise that will disturb other Patrons and Guests is not permitted.
- (14) **Lost or Stolen Property.** The District is not responsible for lost or stolen items. The Amenity Manager is not permitted to hold valuables or bags for Patrons or Guests. All found items should be turned in to the Amenity Manager for storage in the lost and found. Items will be stored in the lost and found for two weeks after which District Staff shall dispose of such items in such manner as determined in its sole discretion; provided, however, that District Staff shall not be permitted to keep such items personally or to give such items to a Patron not otherwise claiming ownership.
- (15) **Trespassing / Loitering.** There is no trespassing or loitering allowed at the Amenities. Any individual violating this policy may be reported to the local authorities.
- (16) **Compliance with Laws.** All Patrons and Guests shall abide by and comply with any and all federal, state and local laws and ordinances, as well as any District rules and policies, while present at or utilizing the Amenities, and shall ensure that any minor for whom they are responsible also complies with the same.
- (17) **Courtesy.** Patrons and their Guests shall treat all staff members and other Patrons and Guests with courtesy and respect. Disrespectful or abusive treatment of District staff or contractors may result in suspension or termination of Amenity access and usage privileges.
- (18) **Emergencies.** In the event of an injury, property damage, or other emergency, please contact District Staff immediately in accordance with the terms of this policy contained herein.
- (19) **False Alarms.** Any Patron improperly attempting to enter the Amenity Facilities outside of regular operating hours or without the use of a valid Access Card.

### **DOG PARK POLICIES**

The Dog Park is restricted to use only by Patrons of the Highland Meadows II Community Development District and their guests. ALL OTHER PERSONS ARE CONSIDERED TRESPASSERS AND MAY BE PROSECUTED AS SUCH UNDER FLORIDA LAW.

- (1) Dogs must be on leashes at all times, except within the Dog Park area.
- (2) Dogs inside the Dog Park must be under voice control by their handler at all times. If voice control is not possible, do not enter the Dog Park.
- (3) Dog handler must have the leash with them at all times.
- (4) Dogs may not be left unattended and must be within unobstructed sight of the dog handler.
- (5) Dogs must be vaccinated and wear a visible rabies and license tag at all times.
- (6) Limit three dogs per Adult dog handler.
- (7) Puppies under four months of age should not enter the Dog Park.
- (8) Children under the age of twelve (12) are not permitted within the Dog Park area.
- (9) Dog handlers are responsible for the behavior of their animals.
- (10) Aggressive dogs are not allowed in the Dog Park. Any dog showing signs of aggression should be removed from the Dog Park immediately.
- (11) Female dogs in heat are not permitted in the Dog Park.
- (12) Human or dog food inside the Dog Park is prohibited.
- (13) Dog handlers must clean up any dog droppings made by their pets.
- (14) Dog handlers must fill in any holes made by their pets.
- (15) Please do not brush or groom pets inside the Dog Park. The Dog Park is for play time.
- (16) Only licensed and insured dog trainers will be permitted to do training at the Dog Park. Owner must register trainer with the District prior to working with the dog.
- (17) The Dog Park is designated a “No Smoking” area.

### **USE OF THE DOG PARK IS AT YOUR OWN RISK**

Your voluntarily use of the Dog Park evidences your waiver of any claims against the Highland Meadows II Community Development District resulting from activities occurring at the Dog Park. The Highland Meadows II Community Development District is not responsible for any injury or harm caused by use of the Dog Park.

## SWIMMING POOL POLICIES

(1) **Operating Hours.** Swimming is permitted only during designated hours, as posted at the pool. Swimming after dusk is prohibited by the Florida Department of Health.

(2) **Swim at Your Own Risk.** No Lifeguards will be on duty. All persons using the pool do so at their own risk and must abide by all swimming pool rules and policies.

(3) **Supervision of Minors.** Minors under the age of sixteen (16) years must be accompanied by, and supervised by, an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age at all times for usage of the pool. All children five (5) years of age or younger, as well as all children who are unable to swim by themselves, must be supervised by a responsible individual eighteen (18) years of age or older within arm's length at all times when on the pool deck or in the pool. All children, regardless of age, using inflatable armbands (i.e., water wings) or any approved Coast Guard flotation device MUST be supervised one-on-one by an adult who is in the water and within arm's length of the child.

(4) **Aquatic Toys and Recreational Equipment.** No flotation devices are allowed in the pool except for water wings, swim rings and other flotation devices identified as "infant flotation devices" used by small children, under the direct supervision of an adult as specified in Section (3) immediately above. One (1) Foam Pool Noodle is allowed per person. Inflatable rafts, balls, pool floats and other toys and equipment are prohibited.

(5) **Prevention of Disease.** All swimmers must shower before initially entering the pool. Persons with open cuts, wounds, sores or blisters, nasal or ear discharge may not use the pool. No person should use the pool with or suspected of having a communicable disease which could be transmitted through the use of the pool.

(6) **Attire.** Appropriate swimming attire (swimsuits) must be worn at all times. No thongs or Brazilian bikinis are allowed. Wearing prohibited attire will result in immediate expulsion from the pool area.

(7) **Horseplay** No jumping, pushing, running, wrestling, excessive splashing, sitting or standing on shoulders, spitting water, or other horseplay is allowed in the pool or on the pool deck area.

(8) **Diving.** Diving is strictly prohibited at the pool. Back dives, back flips, back jumps or other dangerous actions are prohibited.

(9) **Weather.** The pool and pool area will be closed during electrical storms or when rain makes it difficult to see any part of the pool or pool bottom clearly. The pool will be closed at the first sound of thunder or sighting of lightning and will remain closed for thirty (30) minutes after the last sighting. Everyone must leave the pool deck immediately upon hearing thunder or sighting lightning, or when instructed to do so by District Staff.

(10) **Pool Furniture; Reservation of Tables or Chairs.** Tables and chairs may not be removed from the pool deck. Tables or chairs on the deck area may not be reserved by placing towels or personal belongings on them.

(11) **Entrances.** Pool entrances must be kept clear at all times.

(12) **Pollution.** No one shall pollute the pool. Anyone who does pollute the pool is liable for any costs incurred in treating and reopening the pool.

(13) **Swim Diapers.** Children under the age of three (3) years, and those who are not reliably toilet trained, must wear rubber lined swim diapers, as well as a swimsuit over the swim diaper, to reduce the health risks associated with human waste contaminating the swimming pool and deck area. If contamination occurs, the pool will be shocked and closed for a period of twelve (12) hours. Persons not abiding by this policy shall be responsible for any costs incurred in treating and reopening the pool.

(14) **Staff Only.** Only authorized staff members and contractors are allowed in the service and chemical storage areas. Only authorized staff members and contractors may operate pool equipment or use pool chemicals.

(15) **Pool Closure.** In addition to Polk County and the State of Florida Health Code Standards, and as noted above, the pool will be closed for the following reasons:

- During severe weather conditions (heavy rain, lightning, and thunder) and warnings, especially when visibility to the pool bottom is compromised (deck also closed).
- For thirty (30) minutes following the last occurrence of thunder or lightning (deck also closed).
- Operational and mechanical treatments or difficulties affecting pool water quality.
- For a period of time following any mishap that results in feces or vomit in the pool water.
- Any other reason deemed to be in the best interests of the District as determined by District staff.

(16) **Containers.** Glass containers are not permitted in the pool area.

(17) **No Private Rentals.** The pool area is not available for rental for private events. All pool rules and limitations on authorized numbers of Guests remain in full affect during the rental of other Amenity areas.

(18) **Programming.** District Staff reserves the right to authorize all programs and activities, including with regard to the number of guest participants, equipment, supplies, usage, etc., conducted at the pool, including swim lessons, aquatic/recreational programs and pool parties. Any organized activities taking place at the Amenity Center must first be approved by the District.

### PLAYGROUND, AND PARK POLICIES

(1) **Use at Own Risk.** Patrons and Guests may use the playgrounds and parks at their own risk and must comply with all posted signage.

(2) **Hours of Operation.** Unless otherwise posted, all playground and park hours are from dawn to dusk.

(3) **Supervision of Children.** Supervision by an adult eighteen (18) years and older is required for children under the age of thirteen (13) years. Children must remain in the sight of adult supervisor at all times. All children are expected to play cooperatively with other children.

(4) **Shoes.** Proper footwear is required and no loose clothing especially with strings should be worn.

(5) **Mulch.** The mulch material is necessary for reducing fall impact and for good drainage. It is not to be picked up, thrown, or kicked for any reason.

(6) **Food & Drink.** No food, drinks or gum are permitted on the playground, but are permitted at the parks. Patrons and Guests are responsible for clean-up of any food or drinks brought by them to the parks.

(7) **Glass Containers.** No glass containers are permitted.

## SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGES

- (1) **General Policy.** All persons using the Amenities and entering District property are responsible for compliance with, and shall comply with, the Amenity Policies established for the safe operations of the District's Amenities. District Staff must protect the rights and privileges of rule-abiding Patrons, and inappropriate behavior by Patrons or their Guests will not be tolerated.
- (2) **Suspension of Access and Use Privileges.** The District, through its Board, District Manager, Amenity Manager, and District Counsel shall have the right to restrict, suspend, or terminate the Amenity privileges of any person to use the Amenities for any of the following behavior:
  - a. Submits false information on any application for use of the Amenities;
  - b. Permits the unauthorized use of an Access Card;
  - c. Exhibits unsatisfactory behavior, deportment or appearance;
  - d. Fails to pay amounts owed to the District in a proper and timely manner;
  - e. Fails to abide by any District rules or policies (e.g., Amenity Policies);
  - f. Treats the District's supervisors, staff, general/amenity management, contractors, or other representatives, or other residents or guests, in an unreasonable or abusive manner;
  - g. Damages or destroys District property; or
  - h. Engages in conduct that is improper or likely to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the District, or its supervisors, staff, amenities management, contractors, or other representatives, or other residents or Guests.
- (3) **Authority of District Staff and Members of the Board of Supervisors.** District Staff or their designee, and any member of the Board of Supervisors, has the ability to remove any person from one or all Amenities if any of the above-referenced behaviors are exhibited or actions committed or if in his/her reasonable discretion it is the District's best interests to do so. District Staff may at any time restrict or suspend for cause or causes, including but not limited to those described above, any person's privileges to use any or all of the Amenities until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
- (4) **Process for Suspension or Termination of Access and Use Privileges.** Subject to the rights of District Staff set forth in Section 3 above, the following process shall govern suspension and termination of privileges:
  - a. Offenses:
    - i. First Offense: Verbal warning by District Staff and suspension from the Amenities for up to one (1) week from the commencement of the suspension. Violation is recorded by District Staff, signed by the individual offender(s), and held on file by the District.
    - ii. Second Offense: Automatic suspension of all Amenity privileges for up to thirty (30) days from the commencement of the suspension, with the preparation by District Staff of a written report to be signed by the offender(s) and filed with the District.
    - iii. Third Offense: Suspension of all Amenity privileges for up to one (1) year. Such suspension shall run to the next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. At said meeting, the record of all previous offenses will be

presented to the Board for recommendation of termination of the offender(s) privileges for one (1) calendar year. The length of the suspension is in the discretion of the Board and may be for less than one (1) year.

- b. Each offense shall expire one (1) year after such offense was committed, at which time the number of offenses on record for such offender(s) shall be reduced by one. For example, if a first offense is committed on February 1 and a second offense on August 1, there will be two offenses on record until February 1 of the following year, at which time the first offense will expire and the second offense will thereafter be considered a first offense until it expires on the following August 1. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not at any time serve to reduce any suspensions or terminations, which may have been imposed prior to the expiration of any offenses.
- c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any time a user of the Amenity is arrested for an act committed, or allegedly committed, while on the premises of the Amenity, or violates these Policies in a manner that, in the discretion of the District Staff upon consultation with one Board member, justifies suspension beyond the guidelines set forth above, such offender(s) shall have all amenity privileges immediately suspended until the next Board of Supervisors meeting. At the Board meeting, the Board will be presented with the facts surrounding the arrest or violation and the Board may make a recommendation of suspension or termination of the offender(s) privileges, which suspension or termination may include members of the offender(s) household and may, upon the first offense, equal to or exceed one year. In particular situations that pose a long term or continuing threat to the health, safety and welfare of the District and its residents and users, permanent termination of Amenity privileges may be warranted and considered.
- d. Any suspension or termination of Amenity privileges may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors for reversal or reduction. The Board's decision on appeal shall be final.

(5) ***Legal Action; Criminal Prosecution.*** If any person is found to have committed any of the infractions noted in Section 2 above, such person may additionally be subject to arrest for trespassing or other applicable legal action, civil or criminal in nature.

#### **USE AT OWN RISK; INDEMNIFICATION**

**Any Patron, Guest, or other person who participates in the Activities (as defined below), shall do so at his or her own risk, and shall indemnify, defend, release, hold harmless, and forever discharge the District and its contractors, and the present, former, and future supervisors, staff, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and contractors of each (together, "Indemnitees"), for any and all liability, claims, lawsuits, actions, suits or demands, whether known or unknown, in law or equity, by any individual of any age, or any corporation or other entity, for any and all loss, injury, damage, theft, real or personal property damage, expenses (including attorney's fees, costs and other expenses for investigation and defense and in connection with, among other proceedings, alternative dispute resolution, trial court, and appellate proceedings), and harm of any kind or nature arising out of, or in connection with, the participation in the Activities, by said Patron, Guest, or other person, and any of his or her Guests and any members of his or her Household.**

**Should any Patron, Guest, or other person bring suit against the Indemnitees in connection with the Activities or relating in any way to the Amenities, and fail to obtain judgment therein against the Indemnitees, said Patron, Guest, or other person shall be liable to the District for all**

**attorney’s fees, costs, and other expenses for investigation and defense and in connection with, among other proceedings, alternative dispute resolution, trial court, and appellate proceedings.**

**The waiver of liability contained herein does not apply to any act of intentional, willful or wanton misconduct by the Indemnitees.**

**For purposes of this section, the term “Activities” shall mean the use of or acceptance of the use of the Amenities, or engagement in any contest, game, function, exercise, competition, sport, event, or other activity operated, organized, arranged or sponsored by the District, its contractors or third parties authorized by the District.**

**SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

Nothing herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the Districts’ limitations on liability contained in Section 768.28, F.S., or other statutes or law.

**SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of these policies shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions, or any part of the policies not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

**AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS**

The Board in its sole discretion may amend these Amenity Policies from time to time. The Board by vote at a public meeting or the District Manager may elect in its/their sole discretion at any time to grant waivers to any of the provisions of these Amenity Policies, provided however that the Board is informed within a reasonable time of any such waivers.

**The above amended policies were adopted on April 12, 2018, by the Board of Supervisors for the Highland Meadows II Community Development District.**

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**Secretary/Assistant Secretary**

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**Chairperson, Board of Supervisors**

**Exhibit A:** Amenity Rates

**Exhibit B:** Amenity Access Registration Form

**EXHIBIT A  
AMENITY RATES**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>RATE</b>
Annual User Fee	\$2500.00
Additional Household Member Access Card	\$10.00
Replacement Access Card	\$30.00



**EXHIBIT B**  
**AMENITIES ACCESS REGISTRATION FORM**

HIGHLAND MEADOWS II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Amenity Facilities Access Card Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB IF UNDER 18: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTANCE:**

I acknowledge receipt of one (1) Facility Access Card and that the above information is true and correct. I understand that I have willingly provided all the information requested above and that it may be used by the District for various purposes. **I also understand that by providing this information that it may be accessed under public records laws.** I also understand that I am financially responsible for any damages caused by me, my family members or my guests and the damages resulting from the loss or theft of my Facility Access Card. It is understood that Facility Access Cards are the property of the District and are non-transferable except in accordance with the District's rules, policies and/or regulations. In consideration for the admittance of the above listed persons and their guests into the facilities owned and operated by the District, I agree to hold harmless and release the District, its agents, officers and employees from any and all liability for any injuries that might occur in conjunction with the use of any of the District's amenity facilities (including but not limited to: swimming pools, playground equipment, other facilities), as well while on the District's property. Nothing herein shall be considered as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity or limits of liability 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Patron  
(Parent or Legal Guardian if minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RECEIPT OF DISTRICT RULES & RATES:**

I acknowledge that I have been provided and understand the terms in the **Amenity Facility Policies**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Patron  
(Parent or Legal Guardian if minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**GUEST POLICY:**

Please refer to the **Amenity Facility Policies** for the most current policies regarding guests.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**

Highland Meadows II Community Development District  
Attn: Amanda Ferguson  
Governmental Management Services  
19337 Shumard Oak Drive, Ste 101  
Land O'Lakes, FL 34638  
Telephone: (813) 435-9119  
Email: aferguson@gmscfl.com

OFFICE USE ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Entered in System

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Member Signature

Facility Access Card Number:  
\_\_\_\_\_

New Construction: \_\_\_\_\_

Re-Sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Rental: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord/ Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Lease Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Non- Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Replacement Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cash/Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Int.: \_\_\_\_\_

**TAB 5**



Towing Agreement:

**THIS AGREEMENT** made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between Bolton's Towing Service Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Bolton's Towing", and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as "Property Management".

**WITNESSETH: WHEREAS**, Bolton's Towing desire to provide towing services to the Property Management in the nature of removing unauthorized vehicles parked at the Property Management's property, known as \_\_\_\_\_ (Complex, Center, or Community); and located at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; and

**WHEREAS**, Property Management desires to accept the services of Bolton's Towing upon the terms and conditions herein set forth.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, it is agreed:

Bolton's Towing represents that it is regularly engaged in the business of towing motor vehicles.

Bolton's Towing shall be and is hereby authorized to remove, tow and store vehicles abandoned or improperly parked on the property belonging to the Property Management. Bolton's Towing shall exercise reasonable care in the removal and storage of any vehicles. Bolton's Towing shall promptly after requested to so by Property Management, remove any vehicles as are designated by Property Management as being parked without the authorization of the Property Management on the property known as the common areas of \_\_\_\_\_.

The removal and lien thereof of vehicles parked with authorization is governed by Florida Statute 715.07 (hereinafter call the "LAWS"). Each of the parties hereto shall abide by and discharge their respective

responsibilities under the LAWS, now existing or as they may hereinafter be amended, including any ordinance passed by Polk or Osceola County.

Bolton's Towing agrees to look solely to the owner, lessee or driver of all vehicles parked without authorization of the Property Management and towed and stored by Bolton's Towing for all costs of towing and storage. The Property Management shall have no financial obligation to Bolton's Towing for either towing or storage charges or both. The Property Management agrees that signs are posted on the property, which signs shall comply with the provisions of the LAWS, which signs shall be provided by Bolton's Towing at a reasonable cost for the required materials. This Agreement will be signed by Property Management's authorized agent directing the removal of each vehicle parked on the property without authorization, which vehicle shall be removed by Bolton's Towing pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

Property Management hereto hereby indemnifies and agrees to hold the harmless, Bolton's Towing from any breach by the indemnitor of the indemnitor's obligations under the Property Management's Rules and Regulation, Covenant's, and/or By-Laws governing described property, which breach causes the indemnitee hereunder damage or injury as a direct and proximate result of said breach by the indemnitor. This indemnification shall include, but not be limited to, any damage so sustained by the indemnitee and any attorneys' and/or court cost incurred in either defending such claim for damages or in prosecuting any obligation under this indemnification. Furthermore, it is agreed that in the event of any litigation related to the removal of any vehicle at the request of Property Management, excluding any physical damage claims, if pursuant party receives a judgment, settlement, or award in its favor (the "Receiving Party") against the other party ("Bolton's Towing") in such litigation, Property Management will pay upon demand all of the Bolton's Towing all costs, charges, and expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees actually incurred, court costs, and expert witness fees) arising out of such litigation (including the costs of any appeal related thereto).

Bolton's Towing, shall at all times during the existence of the Agreement be fully insured through an insurance company, which such insurance shall insure Bolton's Towing solely from any damage as a result of the negligent towing of a motor vehicle or damage or injury to any motor vehicle, or occupant thereof, towed pursuant to and in accordance with the Agreement. Such insurance policy shall provide therein that the policy may not be cancelled except only after ten (10) days' written notice served upon both the Property Management. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date hereof and, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the provision hereof, shall continue in full force and effect until the first (1st) anniversary of the date hereof (the "Term"), with automatic yearly renewals thereafter, provided, however, that either party may cancel the Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the other by hand delivery or mailed by certified mail at the address set forth below.

All notices required pursuant to this Agreement are to be sent to the parties, by U. S. Mail at the following addresses:

Property Management:

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TO: Bolton's Towing

2690 Ave E SW

Winter Haven, FL 33880.

Bolton's Towing shall, upon removal of any vehicles, forthwith notify the nearest police department of such removal, together with the identification of the name and location of the person who authorized the removal of said vehicle. The Property Management's authorized representative or agent shall obtain the license number, vehicle make, and other descriptive identification for the purpose of telephone notice for removal to Bolton's Towing.

Please provide the following information:

Property Management Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Instructions (i.e. Special hours, special days, permits, boats, commercial vehicles, etc.)

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Immediate Tow-Away:

- Grass    Street    Side Walk

Authorized (other than the property management listed above) personnel and/or security company must be listed in order to receive any request via telephone, email, and/or fax.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ DL #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ DL #: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Guard/Valet Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach all ID badges to all security guards assigned to the property.**

We will also need copies of **DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR ALL AUTHORIZED SIGNERS**. Any future additions and/or removal must be in writing and signed by the property manager, Association, and/or property owner.

**SIGNS:** Bolton's Towing, will provide signs with installation. However, if more signs are requested, please contact the office to make arrangements. If your firm would like to install the signs, then Bolton's Towing, will not be held liable for any improper installation. If there are signs up from previous towing service, signs will need to be removed by Property Management Company or Homeowners Association. This is property of the towing company and should be returned.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS** In order to provide you with excellent service, we request the association or property management company to provide us with a copy of the "Rules and Regulations" for each



development and any amendments thereto. (Please attach to the contract). Any amendments to the rules should be emailed prior to 5:00PM for immediate effect.

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

**WITNESSES:**

**Bolton's Towing**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

COPY

For valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ exclusive tow service provider for a period term of one (1) year from the date hereof of \_\_\_\_\_. This towing service shall expire on \_\_\_\_\_ Fountain Park HOA may terminate this contract at any time and without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice, which includes email format.

**MK towing agrees to the following requirements set forth by \_\_\_\_\_**

- To respond to service calls with a response time of at most 3 hours from time calls are received.
- Patrol all three phases of community a minimum of 3 times per week including weekends and varying times.
- Post & maintain all towing signs at all three entrances of the community.
- To always have general liability insurance at least \$500K per occurrence. \*\*
- To have auto insurance at least \$500K per occurrence. \*\*
- Must adhere and follow Florida HOA towing laws.

**Name or title of person authorized to have vehicles removed:**

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Community from which vehicle(s) to be removed: \_\_\_\_\_

The time and days of the week authorized to remove unauthorized vehicles: **Anytime, unless notified by any authorized persons listed above.**

**Authorized under sections 656.322 and 656.323 ordinance code.** Towing site shall not be more than 20 miles from where the tow originates. The vehicle removed will be stored at:

**MK TOWING & SERVICES, LLC  
4445 US HIGHWAY 17-92, HAINES CITY, FL 33844  
Phone: (407) 745-8119**

Signature of Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Towing Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unless otherwise provided herein, the term of this Contract shall begin on \_\_\_\_\_

January 10, 2024

# TOWING AGREEMENT

JM TOWING & RECOVERY & Highland Meadows II CDD.

On the 10 of January 2024, JM Towing & Recovery and Highland Meadows II CDD(customer) agreed with the following terms. JM Towing & Recovery has authorization to perform towing services and removal of semi's, trailers, vehicles or box trucks 24/7 and 365 days enforcing HOA regulations at the following community, 1015 Condor DR, Haines City FL 33844.

JM Towing & Recovery will remove and stored either semi's, trailers, vehicles or box trucks under the Florida State Statue 715.07 and Florida State Statue 713.78. JM Towing & Recovery is enforcing this streets HOA regulations on behalf of Highland Meadows II CDD, performing tow away of unauthorized vehicles, semi's, trailers or box trucks. With this permission JM Towing & Recovery will post Tow-Away signs at the entrance of the community as required by Florida Laws. This agreement will remain in effect until canceled by either party with written notice and within a 30days prior notice. Recording of the tow away at the property will be recorded at our discretion to ensure the removal of any vehicle at property is being made in a safe and cautious manner protecting the property of the customer.

JESUS MELENDEZ



**TAB 6**



# Quarterly Compliance Audit Report

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## Highland Meadows II

**Date:** December 2023 - 4th Quarter

**Prepared for:** Scott Brizendine

**Developer:** Rizzetta

**Insurance agency:**



**Preparer:**

Jason Morgan - *Campus Suite Compliance*

*ADA Website Accessibility and Florida F.S. 189.069 Requirements*

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# Compliance Audit Overview

The Community Website Compliance Audit (CWCA) consists of a thorough assessment of Florida Community Development District (CDD) websites to assure that specified district information is available and fully accessible. Florida Statute Chapter 189.069 states that effective October, 2015, every CDD in the state is required to maintain a fully compliant website for reporting certain information and documents for public access.

The CWCA is a reporting system comprised of quarterly audits and an annual summary audit to meet full disclosure as required by Florida law. These audits are designed to assure that CDDs satisfy all compliance requirements stipulated in Chapter 189.069.

## Compliance Criteria

The CWCA focuses on the two primary areas – website accessibility as defined by U.S. federal laws, and the 16-point criteria enumerated in [Florida Statute Chapter 189.069](#).



### ADA Website Accessibility

Several federal statutes (American Disabilities Act, Sec. 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) require public institutions to ensure they are not discriminating against individuals on the basis of a person's disability. Community websites are required to conform to web content accessibility guidelines – [WCAG 2.1](#), which is the international standard established to keep websites barrier-free and the recognized standard for ADA-compliance.



## Florida Statute Compliance

Pursuant to F.S. [189.069](#), every CDD is required to maintain a dedicated website to serve as an official reporting mechanism covering, at minimum, 16 criteria. The information required to report and have fully accessible spans: establishment charter or ordinance, fiscal year audit, budget, meeting agendas and minutes and more. For a complete list of statute requirements, see page 3.

## Audit Process

The Community Website Compliance Audit covers all CDD web pages and linked PDFs.\* Following the [WCAG 2.1](#) levels A, AA, and AAA for web content accessibility, a comprehensive scan encompassing 312 tests is conducted for every page. In addition, a human inspection is conducted to assure factors such as navigation and color contrasts meet web accessibility standards. See page 4 for complete accessibility grading criteria.

In addition to full ADA-compliance, the audit includes a 16-point checklist directly corresponding with the criteria set forth in Florida Statute Chapter 189.069. See page 5 for the complete compliance criteria checklist.

\* **NOTE:** Because many CDD websites have links to PDFs that contain information required by law (meeting agendas, minutes, budgets, miscellaneous and ad hoc documents, etc.), audits include an examination of all associated PDFs. **PDF remediation** and ongoing auditing is critical to maintaining compliance.





# ADA Website Accessibility

Result: **PASSED**

## Accessibility Grading Criteria

Passed	Description
Passed	<b>Website errors*</b> 0 WCAG 2.1 errors appear on website pages causing issues**
Passed	<b>Keyboard navigation</b> The ability to navigate website without using a mouse
Passed	<b>Website accessibility policy</b> A published policy and a vehicle to submit issues and resolve issues
Passed	<b>Color contrast</b> Colors provide enough contrast between elements
Passed	<b>Video captioning</b> Closed-captioning and detailed descriptions
Passed	<b>PDF accessibility</b> Formatting PDFs including embedded images and non-text elements
Passed	<b>Site map</b> Alternate methods of navigating the website

\*Errors represent less than 5% of the page count are considered passing

\*\*Error reporting details are available in your Campus Suite Website Accessibility dashboard



# Florida F.S. 189.069 Requirements

Result: **PASSED**

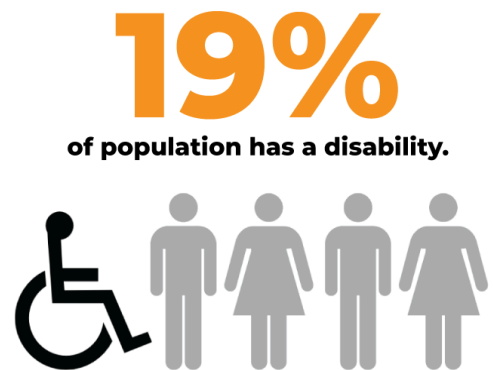
## Compliance Criteria

Passed	Description
Passed	Full Name and primary contact specified
Passed	Public Purpose
Passed	Governing body Information
Passed	Fiscal Year
Passed	Full Charter (Ordinance and Establishment) Information
Passed	CDD Complete Contact Information
Passed	District Boundary map
Passed	Listing of taxes, fees, assessments imposed by CDD
Passed	Link to Florida Commission on Ethics
Passed	District Budgets (Last two years)
Passed	Complete Financial Audit Report
Passed	Listing of Board Meetings
N/A	Public Facilities Report, if applicable
Passed	Link to Financial Services
Passed	Meeting Agendas for the past year, and 1 week prior to next

# Accessibility overview

## Everyone deserves equal access.

With nearly 1-in-5 Americans having some sort of disability – visual, hearing, motor, cognitive – there are literally millions of reasons why websites should be fully accessible and compliant with all state and federal laws. Web accessibility not only keeps board members on the right side of the law, but enables the entire community to access all your web content. The very principles that drive accessible website design are also good for those without disabilities.



Sight, hearing, physical, cognitive.

## The legal and right thing to do

Several federal statutes (American Disabilities Act, Sec. 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) require public institutions to ensure they are not discriminating against individuals on the basis of a person's disability. Community websites are required to conform to web content accessibility guidelines, WCAG 2.1, the international standard established to keep websites barrier-free. Plain and simple, any content on your website must be accessible to everyone.



# ADA Compliance Categories

Most of the problems that occur on a website fall in one or several of the following categories.



## Contrast and colors

Some people have vision disabilities that hinder picking up contrasts, and some are color blind, so there needs to be a distinguishable contrast between text and background colors. This goes for buttons, links, text on images – everything. Consideration to contrast and color choice is also important for extreme lighting conditions.

*Contract checker:* <http://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker>



## Using semantics to format your HTML pages

When web page codes are clearly described in easy-to-understand terms, it enables broader sharing across all browsers and apps. This ‘friendlier’ language not only helps all the users, but developers who are striving to make content more universal on more devices.



## Text alternatives for non-text content

Written replacements for images, audio and video should provide all the same descriptors that the non-text content conveys. Besides helping with searching, clear, concise word choice can make vivid non-text content for the disabled.

*Helpful article:* <http://webaim.org/techniques/alttext>



## Ability to navigate with the keyboard

Not everyone can use a mouse. Blind people with many with motor disabilities have to use a keyboard to make their way around a website. Users need to be able to interact fully with your website by navigating using the tab, arrows and return keys only. A “skip navigation” option is also required. Consider using [WAI-ARIA](#) for improved accessibility, and properly highlight the links as you use the tab key to make sections.

**Helpful article:** [www.nngroup.com/articles/keyboard-accessibility](http://www.nngroup.com/articles/keyboard-accessibility)

**Helpful article:** <http://webaim.org/techniques/skipnav>



## Easy to navigate and find information

Finding relevant content via search and easy navigation is a universal need. Alt text, heading structure, page titles, descriptive link text (no ‘click here’ please) are just some ways to help everyone find what they’re searching for. You must also provide multiple ways to navigate such as a search and a site map.

**Helpful article:** <http://webaim.org/techniques/sitetools/>



## Properly formatting tables

Tables are hard for screen readers to decipher. Users need to be able to navigate through a table one cell at a time. In addition to the table itself needing a caption, row and column headers need to be labeled and data correctly associated with the right header.

**Helpful article:** <http://webaim.org/techniques/tables/data>



## **Making PDFs accessible**

PDF files must be tagged properly to be accessible, and unfortunately many are not. Images and other non-text elements within that PDF also need to be ADA-compliant. Creating anew is one thing; converting old PDFs – called PDF remediation – takes time.

*Helpful articles:* <http://webaim.org/techniques/acrobat/acrobat>



## **Making videos accessible**

Simply adding a transcript isn't enough. Videos require closed captioning and detailed descriptions (e.g., who's on-screen, where they are, what they're doing, even facial expressions) to be fully accessible and ADA compliant.

*Helpful article:* <http://webaim.org/techniques/captions>



## **Making forms accessible**

Forms are common tools for gathering info and interacting. From logging in to registration, they can be challenging if not designed to be web-accessible. How it's laid out, use of labels, size of clickable areas and other aspects need to be considered.

*Helpful article:* <http://webaim.org/techniques/forms>



## **Alternate versions**

Attempts to be fully accessible sometimes fall short, and in those cases, alternate versions of key pages must be created. That is, it is sometimes not feasible (legally, technically) to modify some content. These are the 'exceptions', but still must be accommodated.



## **Feedback for users**

To be fully interactive, your site needs to be able to provide an easy way for users to submit feedback on any website issues. Clarity is key for both any confirmation or error feedback that occurs while engaging the page.



## **Other related requirements**

### ***No flashing***

Blinking and flashing are not only bothersome, but can be disorienting and even dangerous for many users. Seizures can even be triggered by flashing, so avoid using any flashing or flickering content.

### ***Timers***

Timed connections can create difficulties for the disabled. They may not even know a timer is in effect, it may create stress. In some cases (e.g., purchasing items), a timer is required, but for most school content, avoid using them.

### ***Fly-out menus***

Menus that fly out or down when an item is clicked are helpful to dig deeper into the site's content, but they need to be available via keyboard navigation, and not immediately snap back when those using a mouse move from the clickable area.

### ***No pop-ups***

Pop-up windows present a range of obstacles for many disabled users, so it's best to avoid using them altogether. If you must, be sure to alert the user that a pop-up is about to be launched.

# Web Accessibility Glossary

Assistive technology	Hardware and software for disabled people that enable them to perform tasks they otherwise would not be able to perform (e.g., a screen reader)
WCAG 2.0	Evolving web design guidelines established by the W3C that specify how to accommodate web access for the disabled
504	Section of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that protects civil liberties and guarantees certain rights of disabled people
508	An amendment to the Rehabilitation Act that eliminates barriers in information technology for the disabled
ADA	American with Disabilities Act (1990)
Screen reader	Software technology that transforms the on-screen text into an audible voice. Includes tools for navigating/accessing web pages.
Website accessibility	Making your website fully accessible for people of all abilities
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium – the international body that develops standards for using the web