

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

November 4, 2024

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

AGENDA

LETTER

Stuart Crossing Community Development District
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER
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October 28, 2024

Board of Supervisors
Stuart Crossing Community Development District

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors of the Stuart Crossing Community Development District will hold a Regular Meeting on November 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4, 4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Acceptance of Resignation of John Kakridas [Seat 5]
4. Consider Appointment of Jake Essman to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 5; *Term Expires November 2024*
 - Administration of Oath of Office (*the following will also be provided in a separate package*)
 - A. Required Ethics Training and Disclosure Filing
 - Sample Form 1 2023/Instructions
 - B. Membership, Obligations and Responsibilities
 - C. Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees
 - D. Form 8B: Memorandum of Voting Conflict for County, Municipal and other Local Public Officers
5. Acceptance of Resignation of Garth Noble [Seat 1]
6. Consider Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term of Seat 1; *Term Expires November 2026*
 - Administration of Oath of Office
7. Consideration of Resolution 2025-01, Electing and Removing Officers of the District and Providing for an Effective Date

ATTENDEES:

Please identify yourself each time you speak to facilitate accurate transcription of meeting minutes.

8. Consideration of Resolution 2025-02, Redesignating Dates, Times and Locations for Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the District for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and Providing for an Effective Date
9. Consideration of Home Encounter HECM, LLC Field Operations Agreement
10. Consider Termination of Kastro Lawn and Maintenance Landscaping, LLC Agreement for Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Services
11. Consideration of Ameriscape USA, Inc. Agreement for Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Services
12. Consideration of Resolution 2025-03, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager in Redesignating the Time and Location for Landowners' Meeting; Providing for Publication, Providing for an Effective Date
13. Consideration of Resolution 2025-04, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date
14. Ratification Items
 - A. The City of Bartow, Florida Right-of-Way Improvement and Maintenance Agreement
 - B. Quit Claim Bill of Sale
15. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2024
16. Approval of August 5, 2024 Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes
17. Staff Reports
 - A. District Counsel: *Kutak Rock LLP*
 - B. District Engineer: *Kimely-Horn*
 - C. District Manager: *Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC*
 - UPCOMING MEETINGS
 - November 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM [Landowners' Meeting: *Lake Alfred Public Library (Study Room), 25 N Seminole Avenue, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850*]
 - December 2, 2024 at 1:00 PM [Regular Meeting]

○ QUORUM CHECK

SEAT 1		☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
SEAT 2		☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
SEAT 3		☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
SEAT 4	MEGAN GERMINO	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO
SEAT 5	JAKE ESSMAN	☐ IN PERSON	☐ PHONE	☐ NO

18. Board Members' Comments/Requests

19. Public Comments

20. Adjournment

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (410) 207-1802.

Sincerely,



Kristen Suit
District Manager

FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE

CALL-IN NUMBER: 1-888-354-0094

PARTICIPANT PASSCODE: 943 865 3730

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To whom it may concern,

I, John Kakridas, formally resign from my position as a Board Member from the following Community Development Districts:

- Rustic Oaks Community Development District
- Benton Hills Community Development District
- Salt Meadows Community Development District
- Stuart Crossing Community Development District


John Kakridas

Date 08/21/2024

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors

From: District Counsel

Date: January 1, 2024

Subject: Ethics Training Requirements

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

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

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

Free Training Options

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

¹ <https://ethics.state.fl.us/Training/Training.aspx>

Free Ethics Law Training

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

State Ethics Laws for Constitutional Officers & Elected Municipal Officers (100 minutes)

Click here: [Kinetic Ethics](#)

Business and Employment Conflicts and Post-Public-Service (56 minutes) Restriction

Click here: [Business and Employment Conflicts](#)

Gifts (50 minutes)

Click here: [Ethics Laws Governing Acceptance of Gifts](#)

Voting Conflicts - Local Officers (58 minutes)¹

Click here: [Voting Vertigo](#)

Free Sunshine/Public Records Law Training

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

Click here to access: [Public Meeting and Public Records Law](#)

Other Training Options

4- Hour Course

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

CLE Course

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

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

2023 Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests

General Information

Name: DISCLOSURE FILER

Address: SAMPLE ADDRESS

County: SAMPLE COUNTY

PID SAMPLE

AGENCY INFORMATION

Organization	Suborganization	Title
SAMPLE	SAMPLE	SAMPLE

Disclosure Period

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

Primary Sources of Income

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

Name of Source of Income	Source's Address	Description of the Source's Principal Business Activity

Secondary Sources of Income

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

Name of Business Entity	Name of Major Sources of Business' Income	Address of Source	Principal Business Activity of Source

Real Property

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

Location/Description

Intangible Personal Property

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

Type of Intangible	Business Entity to Which the Property Relates

Liabilities

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

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor

Interests in Specified Businesses

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

Business Entity # 1

Training

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

Signature of Filer

Digitally signed:

Filed with COE:

E-FILING SAMPLE

2023 Form 1 Instructions

Statement of Financial Interests

Notice

The annual Statement of Financial Interest is due July 1, 2024. If the annual form is not submitted via the electronic filing system created and maintained by the Commission September 3, 2024, an automatic fine of \$25 for each day late will be imposed, up to a maximum penalty of \$1,500. Failure to file also can result in removal from public office or employment. [s. 112.3145, F.S.]

In addition, failure to make any required disclosure constitutes grounds for and may be punished by one or more of the following: disqualification from being on the ballot, impeachment, removal or suspension from office or employment, demotion, reduction in salary, reprimand, or a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000. [s. 112.317, F.S.]

When To File:

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

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

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

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

Who Must File Form 1

1. Elected public officials not serving in a political subdivision of the state and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
2. Appointed members of each board, commission, authority, or council having statewide jurisdiction, excluding those required to file full disclosure on Form 6 as well as members of solely advisory bodies, but including judicial nominating commission members; Directors of Enterprise Florida, Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, and Career Source Florida; and members of the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; the Executive Director, Governors, and senior managers of Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; Governors and senior managers of Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association; board members of the Northeast Fla. Regional Transportation Commission; board members of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc; board members of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; and members of the Technology Advisory Council within the Agency for State Technology.
3. The Commissioner of Education, members of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors, the local Boards of Trustees and Presidents of state universities, and the Florida Prepaid College Board.
4. Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file Form 6.
5. Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; community college or junior college district boards of trustees; boards having the power to enforce local code provisions; boards of adjustment; community redevelopment agencies; planning or zoning boards having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within a political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, and except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; pension or retirement boards empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or determine entitlement to or amount of pensions or other retirement benefits, and the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.
6. Any appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.
7. Persons holding any of these positions in local government: county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

8. Officers and employees of entities serving as chief administrative officer of a political subdivision.
9. Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
10. Employees in the office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.
11. The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: Secretary, Assistant or Deputy Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant or Deputy Executive Director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
12. The following positions in each state department or division: Director, Assistant or Deputy Director, Bureau Chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
13. Assistant State Attorneys, Assistant Public Defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, Public Counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
14. The Superintendent or Director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
15. State agency Business Managers, Finance and Accounting Directors, Personnel Officers, Grant Coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.
16. The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.
17. Each member of the governing body of a "large-hub commercial service airport," as defined in Section 112.3144(1)(c), Florida Statutes, except for members required to comply with the financial disclosure requirements of s. 8, Article II of the State Constitution.

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

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

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

Instructions for Completing Form 1

Primary Sources of Income

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

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

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

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

Examples:

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

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

Secondary Sources of Income

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

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

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

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

Examples:

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

Real Property

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

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

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

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

Intangible Personal Property

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

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

Liabilities

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

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

Interests in Specified Businesses

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

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

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

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

Training Certification

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

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

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEMBERSHIP, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The Board

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

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

Qualifications of Supervisors

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

Compensation

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

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

Responsibilities of Supervisors

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

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

sources of income, assets, debts, and other financial data, with the Supervisor of Elections in the County where he/she resides.

A Supervisor must act in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, codified at Part III, Chapter 112, F.S., which addresses acceptance of gifts, conflicts of interest, etc. By law, it is not a conflict of interest for an employee of the developer to serve on a CDD Board of Supervisors.

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

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

Conclusion

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

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FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS



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

2024

State of Florida

COMMISSION ON ETHICS

Ashley Lukis, *Chair*
Tallahassee

Michelle Anchors, *Vice Chair*
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(850) 488-7864*

*Please direct all requests for information to this number.

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I. HISTORY OF FLORIDA'S ETHICS LAWS

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

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

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

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

II. ROLE OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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

- Renders advisory opinions to public officials;
- Prescribes forms for public disclosure;
- Prepares mailing lists of public officials subject to financial disclosure for use by Supervisors of Elections and the Commission in distributing forms and notifying delinquent filers;
- Makes recommendations to disciplinary officials when appropriate for violations of ethics and disclosure laws, since it does not impose penalties;
- Administers the Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Law;
- Maintains financial disclosure filings of constitutional officers and state officers and employees; and,
- Administers automatic fines for public officers and employees who fail to timely file required annual financial disclosure.

III. THE ETHICS LAWS

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

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

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

A. PROHIBITED ACTIONS OR CONDUCT

1. Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts

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

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

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

However, notwithstanding Sec. 112.3148, Fla. Stat., no Executive Branch lobbyist or principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no Executive Branch agency official who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.] Typically, this would include gifts valued at less than \$100 that formerly

were permitted under Section 112.3148, Fla. Stat. Similar rules apply to members and employees of the Legislature. However, these laws are not administered by the Commission on Ethics. [Sec. 11.045, Fla. Stat.]

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

2. Unauthorized Compensation

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

3. Misuse of Public Position

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

4. Abuse of Public Position

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

5. Disclosure or Use of Certain Information

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

6. *Solicitation or Acceptance of Honoraria*

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

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

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

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

B. **PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS**

1. *Doing Business With One's Agency*

- a) A public employee acting as a purchasing agent, or public officer acting in an official capacity, is prohibited from purchasing, renting, or leasing any realty, goods, or

services for his or her agency from a business entity in which the officer or employee or his or her spouse or child owns more than a 5% interest. [Sec. 112.313(3), Fla. Stat.]

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

2. *Conflicting Employment or Contractual Relationship*

- a) A public officer or employee is prohibited from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]
- b) A public officer or employee also is prohibited from holding any employment or having a contractual relationship which will pose a frequently recurring conflict between the official's private interests and public duties or which will impede the full and faithful discharge of the official's public duties. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Stat.]
- c) Limited exceptions to this prohibition have been created in the law for legislative bodies, certain special tax districts, drainage districts, and persons whose professions or occupations qualify them to hold their public positions. [Sec. 112.313(7)(a) and (b), Fla. Stat.]

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

- a) When the business is rotated among all qualified suppliers in a city or county.
- b) When the business is awarded by sealed, competitive bidding and neither the official nor his or her spouse or child have attempted to persuade agency personnel to enter

the contract. NOTE: Disclosure of the interest of the official, spouse, or child and the nature of the business must be filed prior to or at the time of submission of the bid on Commission FORM 3A with the Commission on Ethics or Supervisor of Elections, depending on whether the official serves at the state or local level.

- c) When the purchase or sale is for legal advertising, utilities service, or for passage on a common carrier.
- d) When an emergency purchase must be made to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- e) When the business entity is the only source of supply within the political subdivision and there is full disclosure of the official's interest to the governing body on Commission FORM 4A.
- f) When the aggregate of any such transactions does not exceed \$500 in a calendar year.
- g) When the business transacted is the deposit of agency funds in a bank of which a county, city, or district official is an officer, director, or stockholder, so long as agency records show that the governing body has determined that the member did not favor his or her bank over other qualified banks.
- h) When the prohibitions are waived in the case of ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS by the appointing person or by a two-thirds vote of the appointing body (after disclosure on Commission FORM 4A).
- i) When the public officer or employee purchases in a private capacity goods or services, at a price and upon terms available to similarly situated members of the general public, from a business entity which is doing business with his or her agency.
- j) When the public officer or employee in a private capacity purchases goods or services from a business entity which is subject to the regulation of his or her agency where the price and terms of the transaction are available to similarly situated members of

the general public and the officer or employee makes full disclosure of the relationship to the agency head or governing body prior to the transaction.

4. *Additional Exemptions*

No elected public officer is in violation of the conflicting employment prohibition when employed by a tax exempt organization contracting with his or her agency so long as the officer is not directly or indirectly compensated as a result of the contract, does not participate in any way in the decision to enter into the contract, abstains from voting on any matter involving the employer, and makes certain disclosures. [Sec. 112.313(15), Fla. Stat.]

5. *Legislators Lobbying State Agencies*

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

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

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

7. *Employees Holding Office*

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

8. *Professional and Occupational Licensing Board Members*

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

9. *Contractual Services: Prohibited Employment*

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

10. *Local Government Attorneys*

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

11. *Dual Public Employment*

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

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

1. *Anti-Nepotism Law*

A public official is prohibited from seeking for a relative any appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement in the agency in which he or she is serving or over which the official exercises jurisdiction or control. No person may be appointed, employed, promoted, or advanced in or to a position in an agency if such action has been advocated by a related public official who is serving in or exercising jurisdiction or control over the agency; this includes relatives of members of collegial government bodies. NOTE: This prohibition does not apply to school districts (except as provided in Sec. 1012.23, Fla. Stat.), community colleges and state universities, or to appointments of boards, other than those with land-planning or zoning responsibilities, in municipalities of fewer than 35,000 residents. Also, the approval of budgets does not constitute “jurisdiction or control” for the purposes of this prohibition. This provision does not apply to volunteer emergency medical, firefighting, or police service providers. [Sec. 112.3135, Fla. Stat.]

2. *Additional Restrictions*

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

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

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

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

2. *Lobbying by Former State Employees*

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

- a) Executive and legislative branch employees serving in the Senior Management Service and Selected Exempt Service, as well as any person employed by the Department of the Lottery having authority over policy or procurement.
- b) serving in the following position classifications: the Auditor General; the director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA); the Sergeant at Arms and Secretary of the Senate; the Sergeant at Arms and Clerk of the House of Representatives; the executive director and deputy executive director of the Commission on Ethics; an executive director, staff director, or deputy staff director of each joint committee, standing committee, or select committee of the Legislature; an executive director, staff director, executive assistant, legislative analyst, or attorney serving in the Office of the President of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Party Office, the Senate Minority Party Office, the House Majority Party Office, or the House Minority Party Office; the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the State University System; the general counsel to the Board of Regents; the president, vice presidents, and deans of each state university; any person hired on a contractual basis and having the power normally conferred upon such persons, by whatever title; and any person having the power normally conferred upon the above positions.

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

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

3. *6-Year Lobbying Ban*

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

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

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

4. *Additional Restrictions on Former State Employees*

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

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

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

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

5. *Lobbying by Former Local Government Officers and Employees*

A person elected to county, municipal, school district, or special district office is prohibited from representing another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which he or she was an officer for two years after leaving office. Appointed officers and employees of counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts may be subject to a similar restriction by local ordinance or resolution. [Sec. 112.313(13) and (14), Fla. Stat.]

E. VOTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

F. DISCLOSURES

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

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

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

1. *FORM 1 - Limited Financial Disclosure*

Who Must File:

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

STATE OFFICERS include:

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

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

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

LOCAL OFFICERS include:

- 1) Persons elected to office in any political subdivision (such as municipalities, counties, and special districts) and any person appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, unless required to file full disclosure on Form 6.
- 2) Appointed members of the following boards, councils, commissions, authorities, or other bodies of any county, municipality, school district, independent special district, or other political subdivision: the governing body of the subdivision; a community college or junior college district board of trustees; a board having the power to enforce local code provisions; a planning or zoning board, board of adjustments or appeals, community redevelopment agency board, or other board having the power to recommend, create, or modify land planning or zoning within the political subdivision, except for citizen advisory committees, technical coordinating committees, and similar groups who only have the power to make recommendations to planning or zoning boards, except for representatives of a military installation acting on behalf of all military installations within that jurisdiction; a pension board or retirement board empowered to invest pension or retirement funds or to determine entitlement to or amount of a pension or other retirement benefit.
- 3) Any other appointed member of a local government board who is required to file a statement of financial interests by the appointing authority or the enabling legislation, ordinance, or resolution creating the board.
- 4) Persons holding any of these positions in local government: county or city manager; chief administrative employee or finance director of a county, municipality, or other

political subdivision; county or municipal attorney; chief county or municipal building inspector; county or municipal water resources coordinator; county or municipal pollution control director; county or municipal environmental control director; county or municipal administrator with power to grant or deny a land development permit; chief of police; fire chief; municipal clerk; appointed district school superintendent; community college president; district medical examiner; purchasing agent (regardless of title) having the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$35,000 for the local governmental unit.

- 5) Members of governing boards of charter schools operated by a city or other public entity.
- 6) The officers, directors, and chief executive officer of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity that is serving as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of a political subdivision, and any business entity employee who is acting as the chief administrative or executive officer or employee of the political subdivision. [Sec. 112.3136, Fla. Stat.]

SPECIFIED STATE EMPLOYEE includes:

- 1) Employees in the Office of the Governor or of a Cabinet member who are exempt from the Career Service System, excluding secretarial, clerical, and similar positions.
- 2) The following positions in each state department, commission, board, or council: secretary or state surgeon general, assistant or deputy secretary, executive director, assistant or deputy executive director, and anyone having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.
- 3) The following positions in each state department or division: director, assistant or deputy director, bureau chief, assistant bureau chief, and any person having the power normally conferred upon such persons, regardless of title.

- 4) Assistant state attorneys, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, public counsel, full-time state employees serving as counsel or assistant counsel to a state agency, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges, and hearing officers.
- 5) The superintendent or director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field, or any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
- 6) State agency business managers, finance and accounting directors, personnel officers, grant coordinators, and purchasing agents (regardless of title) with power to make a purchase exceeding \$35,000.
- 7) The following positions in legislative branch agencies: each employee (other than those employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions and legislative assistants exempted by the presiding officer of their house); and each employee of the Commission on Ethics.

What Must Be Disclosed:

FORM 1 requirements are set forth fully on the form. In general, this includes the reporting person's sources and types of financial interests, such as the names of employers and addresses of real property holdings. NO DOLLAR VALUES ARE REQUIRED TO BE LISTED. In addition, the form requires the disclosure of certain relationships with, and ownership interests in, specified types of businesses such as banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, and utility companies.

When to File:

CANDIDATES who do not currently hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 or Form 6 must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then print and file the disclosure with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

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

Where to File:

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

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

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

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

3. *FORM 2 - Quarterly Client Disclosure*

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

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

issuance of the license does not require a variance, special consideration, or a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

When to File:

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

Where To File:

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

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

4. *FORM 6 - Full and Public Disclosure*

Who Must File:

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

What Must be Disclosed:

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

When and Where To File:

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

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

CANDIDATES who do not currently hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 or Form 6 must register and use the electronic filing system to complete the Form 6, then print and file the disclosure with the officer before whom they qualify at the time of qualifying. [Art. II, Sec. 8(a) and (i), Fla. Const., and Sec. 112.3144, Fla. Stat.]

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

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

6. *FORM 9 - Quarterly Gift Disclosure*

Each person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, and each state procurement employee, must file a FORM 9, Quarterly Gift Disclosure, with the Commission on Ethics on the last day of any calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which he or she received a gift worth more than \$100, other

than gifts from relatives, gifts prohibited from being accepted, gifts primarily associated with his or her business or employment, and gifts otherwise required to be disclosed. FORM 9 NEED NOT BE FILED if no such gift was received during the calendar quarter.

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

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

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

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

In addition, a person required to file FORM 1 or FORM 6, or a state procurement employee, who receives expenses or payment of expenses related to an honorarium event from someone who is prohibited from giving him or her an honorarium, must disclose annually the name, address, and affiliation of the donor, the amount of the expenses, the date of the event, a description of the expenses paid or provided, and the total value of the expenses on FORM 10. The donor paying the expenses must provide the officer or employee with a statement about the expenses within 60 days of the honorarium event.

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

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

8. FORM 30 - Donor's Quarterly Gift Disclosure

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

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

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

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

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

IV. AVAILABILITY OF FORMS

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

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

V. PENALTIES

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

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

B. Penalties for Candidates

CANDIDATES for public office who are found in violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics may be subject to one or more of the following penalties: disqualification from being on the ballot, public censure, reprimand, or a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000*, and triple the value of a gift received from a political committee.

C. Penalties for Former Officers and Employees

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

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

D. Penalties for Lobbyists and Others

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

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

E. Felony Convictions: Forfeiture of Retirement Benefits

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

F. Automatic Penalties for Failure to File Annual Disclosure

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

VI. ADVISORY OPINIONS

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

A. *Who Can Request an Opinion*

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

B. *How to Request an Opinion*

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

C. *How to Obtain Published Opinions*

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

VII. COMPLAINTS

A. Citizen Involvement

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

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

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

B. Referrals

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

C. Confidentiality

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

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

D. How the Complaint Process Works

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

Once a complaint is filed, it goes through three procedural stages under the Commission's rules. The first stage is a determination of whether the allegations of the complaint are legally sufficient: that is, whether they indicate a possible violation of any law over which the Commission has jurisdiction. If the complaint is found not to be legally sufficient, the Commission will order that the complaint be dismissed without investigation, and all records relating to the complaint will become public at that time.

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

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

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

E. Dismissal of Complaints At Any Stage of Disposition

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

F. Statute of Limitations

All sworn complaints alleging a violation of the Sunshine Amendment or the Code of Ethics must be filed with the Commission within five years of the alleged violation or other breach of the public trust. Time starts to run on the day AFTER the violation or breach of public trust is committed. The statute of limitations is tolled on the day a sworn complaint is filed with the Commission. If a complaint is filed and the statute of limitations has run, the complaint will be dismissed. [Sec. 112.3231, Fla. Stat.]

VIII. EXECUTIVE BRANCH LOBBYING

Any person who, for compensation and on behalf of another, lobbies an agency of the executive branch of state government with respect to a decision in the area of policy or procurement may be required to register as an executive branch lobbyist. Registration is required before lobbying an agency and is renewable annually. In addition, each lobbying firm must file a compensation report

with the Commission for each calendar quarter during any portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were registered to represent a principal. As noted above, no executive branch lobbyist or principal can make, directly or indirectly, and no executive branch agency official or employee who files FORM 1 or FORM 6 can knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, **any expenditure** made for the purpose of lobbying. [Sec. 112.3215, Fla. Stat.]

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

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

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

Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration
Room G-68, Claude Pepper Building
111 W. Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1425
Phone: 850/922-4990

IX. WHISTLE-BLOWER'S ACT

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

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

X. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

XI. TRAINING

Constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs), and commissioners of community development districts are required to receive a total of four hours training, per calendar year, in the area of ethics, public

records, and open meetings. The Commission on Ethics does not track compliance or certify providers. Officials indicate their compliance with the training requirement when they file their annual Form 1 or Form 6.

Visit the training page on the Commission's website for up-to-date rules, opinions, audio/video training, and opportunities for live training conducted by Commission staff.

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE
MAILING ADDRESS	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF:
CITY COUNTY	☐ CITY ☐ COUNTY ☐ OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:
	MY POSITION IS: ☐ ELECTIVE ☐ APPOINTEE

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

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

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

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

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

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

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

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

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

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

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

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

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

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

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

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

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, _____, hereby disclose that on _____, 20 ____ :

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

- ☐ inured to my special private gain or loss;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____ ;
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by
whom I am retained; or
- ☐ inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which
is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

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

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

Date Filed

Signature

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

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STUART
CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTING AND
REMOVING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors desires to elect and remove Officers of the District.

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

SECTION 1. The following is/are elected as Officer(s) of the District effective November 4, 2024:

_____	is elected Chair
_____	is elected Vice Chair
_____	is elected Assistant Secretary
_____	is elected Assistant Secretary
_____	is elected Assistant Secretary
Clifton Fischer	is elected Assistant Secretary

SECTION 2. The following Officer(s) shall be removed as Officer(s) as of November 4, 2024:

John Kakridas	Assistant Secretary
Garth Noble	Chair

SECTION 3. The following prior appointments by the Board remain unaffected by this Resolution:

Craig Wrathell is Secretary

Kristen Suit is Assistant Secretary

Craig Wrathell is Treasurer

Jeff Pinder is Assistant Treasurer

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

ATTEST:

STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STUART CROSSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REDESIGNATING DATES, TIMES AND
LOCATIONS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

WHEREAS, the District is required by Section 189.015, *Florida Statutes*, to file quarterly, semi-annually, or annually a schedule (including date, time, and location) of its regular meetings with local governing authorities; and

WHEREAS, further, in accordance with the above-referenced statute, the District shall also publish quarterly, semi-annually, or annually the District’s regular meeting schedule in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county in which the District is located.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 meeting schedule attached as **Exhibit A**.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

1. ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE. The Fiscal Year 2024/2025 annual meeting schedule attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved and shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Florida law and also provided to applicable governing authorities.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION <i>Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4</i> <i>4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809</i> ¹ <i>Lake Alfred Public Library (Study Room), 245 N Seminole Avenue, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 7, 2024 CANCELED <i>Inclement Weather</i>	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
November 4, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
November 5, 2024¹ <i>Rescheduled to November 25, 2024</i>	Landowners' Meeting	5:00 PM
November 25, 2024¹	Landowners' Meeting	10:00 AM
December 2, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
January 6, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
February 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
March 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
April 7, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
May 5, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
June 2, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
July 7, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
August 4, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM

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FIELD OPERATIONS AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made, and entered into, by and between:

STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and with a mailing address of c/o 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (“**District**”), and

HOME ENCOUNTER HECM, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, d/b/a HomeRiver Group whose address is 12906 Tampa Oaks Blvd, Suite 100, Temple Terrace, Florida 33617 (the “**Contractor**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District is a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes* (“**Act**”); and

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

WHEREAS, the District presently owns and is continuing to construct and/or acquire various systems, facilities and infrastructure (“**Improvements**”) located within the District; and

WHEREAS, the District operates and maintains the Improvements and desires to retain an independent contractor to provide for field operations management for the Improvements; and

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

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

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

2. **Contractor’s Obligation.**

A. *Field Operations Management.* The Contractor shall provide the District with field operations management services for the Improvements and shall designate a representative for purposes of reporting to and coordinating with the District (“**Contractor’s Representative**”). The Contractor’s Representative shall initially be _____, and Contractor shall notify the District in writing of any change in the Contractor’s Representative. Contractor shall be responsible for, and authorized to perform on behalf of the District, general oversight and management of the

Improvements, as further described in the "Scope of Services and Responsibilities" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

- B. *Inspection.*** The Contractor shall conduct periodic inspections of all Improvements. In the event the Contractor discovers any irregularities of, or needs of repair to, the Improvements, the Contractor shall report same to the District Contractor or its designated representative and shall promptly correct, or cause to be corrected, any such irregularities or repairs.
- C. *Notification of Emergency Repairs.*** The Contractor shall immediately notify the District Engineer and District Contractor, or a designated representative, concerning the need for emergency repairs of which Contractor is aware when such repairs are necessary for the preservation and safety of persons and/or property.
- D. *Care of the Property.*** The Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to protect the District's property and the property of landowners or other entities from damage by the Contractor, its employees or contractors. The Contractor agrees to promptly repair any damage to such property resulting from the Contractor's activities and work and to notify the District of the occurrence of such damage caused by the Contractor's activities within forty-eight (48) hours.
- E. *Limitations on Contractor's Duties.*** Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary:
 - i.** The Contractor shall not be responsible for or have control of accounting or cash disbursements for the District, nor shall the Contractor have the authority to approve change orders or additional services. Any proposals for change orders or additional services must be submitted to the District Manager for consideration by the District's Board of Supervisors.
 - ii.** The Contractor shall not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the District's property, review construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures for work performed by contractors, review copies of requisitions received from subcontractors and material suppliers and other data requested by the District to ascertain how or for what purpose a contractor has used money previously paid.

3. **Compensation.** The District shall pay the Contractor Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$4,728.00) per month for the provision of field operations management services pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

4. **Term; Termination.**

- A.** The term of this Agreement shall commence as of the date first written above and shall terminate September 30, 2024, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with this Agreement. Thereafter, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year periods unless either party provides at least thirty (30) days' written notice of its intent to not renew the Agreement.

- B.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor and the District shall both have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice with or without cause. In the event of any termination, the Contractor and the District shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with one another to provide a smooth and orderly transition of responsibilities between the parties. Any termination of this Agreement shall not release District from its obligation to pay Contractor the compensation and Reimbursable Expenses due for work performed prior to termination, subject to any offsets the District may have.

5. **Insurance.** The Contractor shall maintain, at its own expense throughout the term of this Agreement, insurance coverage from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida. The Contractor shall provide the District a copy of the insurance policy, and any endorsements, prior to the commencement of the services contemplated under this Agreement. District shall also receive thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation of any such insurance policy. Policies shall have the minimum levels of insurance as set forth in **Exhibit B**. As may be available, all policies shall name the District, and its staff and supervisors, as additional insureds.

6. **Indemnity.** Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, judgments against the District, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the services to be performed by Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings with respect thereto. Additionally, nothing in this Agreement requires Contractor to indemnify the District for the District's percentage of fault if the District is adjudged to be more than 50% at fault for any claims against the District and Contractor as jointly liable parties; however, Contractor shall indemnify the District for any and all percentage of fault attributable to Contractor for claims against the District, regardless whether the District is adjudged to be more or less than 50% at fault. Contractor further agrees that nothing herein shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of the District's limitations on liability contained in section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute. Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings), any interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the District. The indemnity obligations in this Agreement shall survive expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

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

8. **Limitations on Governmental Liability.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of immunity or limits of liability of the District beyond any statutory limited waiver of immunity or limits of liability which may have been adopted by the Florida Legislature in Section 768.28, *Florida*

Statutes, or other statute, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or by operation of law.

9. **Assignment.** Neither Party may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other.

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

11. **Headings for Convenience Only.** The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

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

13. **Amendments.** Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both the District and the Contractor.

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

15. **Notices.** All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement (“**Notices**”) shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, and at the addresses first listed above. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any Notice shall be deemed received only upon actual delivery at the address set forth above. Notices delivered after 5:00 p.m. (at the place of delivery) or on a non-business day, shall be deemed received on the next business day. If any time for giving Notice contained in this Agreement would otherwise expire on a non-business day, the Notice period shall be extended to the next succeeding business day. Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the United States government shall not be regarded as business days. Counsel for the District and counsel for the Contractor may deliver Notice on behalf of the District and the Contractor. Any party or other person to whom Notices are to be sent or copied may notify the other parties and addressees of any change in name or address to which Notices shall be sent by providing the same on five (5) days’ written notice to the parties and addressees set forth herein.

16. **Third-Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the District and the Contractor and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the District and the Contractor any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the District and the Contractor and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

17. **Controlling Law; Venue.** This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in the County in which the District is located.

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

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (561) 571-0010, SUITK@WHHASSOCIATES.COM, OR 2300 GLADES ROAD, SUITE 410W, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431.

19. **Severability.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

20. **Arm's Length Transaction.** This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the District and the Contractor as an arm's length transaction. The District and the Contractor participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a

dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

21. **E-Verify.** Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and shall comply with all requirements of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*, as to the use of subcontractors. The District may terminate the Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties execute the foregoing Agreement.

**STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

By: _____
Its: _____
Date: _____

HOME ENCOUNTER HECM, LLC

By: _____
Its: _____
Date: _____

Exhibit A: Proposal
Exhibit B: Insurance Certificate with Endorsements

EXHIBIT A
Scope of Services

Managerial Services – \$4,728.00 per month

1. Operate the Common Elements and other property owned by the CDD (the “Property”) according to the approved budget of the District and consistent with the direction of the Board of Supervisors, subject to proper funding being provided to the Agent to operate in accordance with the budget and governing documents.
2. Engage and supervise all persons and/or entities, as needed (which persons or entities may be engaged on a part-time or full-time basis), necessary to properly maintain and operate the District Property in accordance with the District’s policies and Rules of Procedure.
3. Solicit and negotiate bids for purchases of services and materials to the -District at the direction of the Board.
4. Review District vendor invoices, code invoices according to District Adopted Budget, and review and approve payables aging prepared by District Management prior to each check run.
5. Solicit, analyze and negotiate recurring contracts on behalf of the District, as needed, for recurring services reasonably necessary with respect to the operation, maintenance, upkeep, repair, replacement, and preservation of the Property.
6. Prepare, annually in respect of the next succeeding fiscal year, a proposed operating Budget for the District. The Budget shall be submitted to the District Manager and Board for comments/changes, and only becomes binding after approval by the Board. The Budget shall serve as a supporting document for the schedule of Assessments.
7. Perform routine inspections and make recommendations to the Board as to the maintenance of and improvements to the Property as well as assist the District in the enforcement of the provisions of the District’s governing documents, the Rules and Regulations, and architectural guidelines.
8. Make or cause to be made, such repair work or normal maintenance to common elements as may be required for the operation and physical protection of the common elements not to exceed Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for any one item. Emergency repairs exceeding Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars to avert danger to life, maintain safe operations or prevent an interruption of services may be made with the approval of the District Manager, District Board Chair, or in the absence of the District Manager and Board Chair, the Vice Chair. If no officer is available, the Agent is authorized to take such action as is needed to avert danger to life, maintain safe operations or prevent an interruption of services.
9. Agent may charge the fee for attendance of any additional District Board meetings beyond 12 District Board meetings held during weekdays/ non - Holiday per fiscal year. Any meeting over 3

hours will be billed at \$100 per hour for the time over the three-hour limit. Lastly, any meeting requiring Agent participation that extends beyond 9pm will be billed at \$100 per hour. For example, if a meeting were to start at 7pm and close at 10pm, the time from 9 - 10pm will be billed at \$100 per hour.

EXHIBIT B

Certificate of Insurance

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT AND KASTRO LAWN AND MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPING LLC FOR
LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 24th day of May, 2024,
by and between:

Stuart Crossing Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 90, *Florida Statutes*, located in Polk County, Florida, with an address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, FL 33431a ("District"); and

Kastro Lawn and Maintenance Landscaping LLC, a Florida limited liability company whose address is 15802 Cassia Lake Place, Wimauma, Florida 33598 (the "Contractor" and, together with the District, the "Parties").

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District owns, operates and maintains certain landscape and irrigation improvements ("Facilities"); and

WHEREAS, the District desires to enter into an agreement with an independent contractor to provide landscape and irrigation maintenance services for the Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted a proposal and represents that it is qualified to provide a landscape and irrigation maintenance services and has agreed to provide to the District those services identified in **Composite Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, the District and Contractor warrant and agree that they have all right, power and authority to enter into and be bound by this Agreement.

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

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

SECTION 2. DESCRIPTION OF WORK AND SERVICES.

A. The District desires that the Contractor provide professional landscape and irrigation maintenance services within presently accepted standards. Upon all Parties signing this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide the District with the Services identified in **Composite Exhibit A**.

B. While providing the Services, the Contractor shall assign such staff as may be required, and such staff shall be responsible for coordinating, expediting, and controlling all aspects to assure completion of the Services.

C. The Contractor shall provide the Services as shown in **Section 3** of this Agreement. Contractor shall solely be responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District.

D. This Agreement grants to Contractor the right to enter the lands that are subject to this Agreement, for those purposes described in this Agreement, and Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES. The Contractor will provide landscape and irrigation maintenance Services for the areas within the District depicted on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit B** ("Landscape Areas") and incorporated herein by reference. The duties, obligations, and responsibilities of Contractor are to provide the material, tools, skill and labor necessary for the Services attached as **Composite Exhibit A**. To the extent any of the provisions of this Agreement are in conflict with the provisions of **Composite Exhibit A**, this Agreement controls.

SECTION 4. MANNER OF CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE. The Contractor agrees, as an independent contractor, to undertake work and/or perform such services as specified in this Agreement or any addendum executed by the Parties or in any authorized written work order by the District issued in connection with this Agreement and accepted by the Contractor. All work shall be performed in a neat and professional manner reasonably acceptable to the District and shall be in accordance with industry standards. The performance of the Services by the Contractor under this Agreement and related to this Agreement shall conform to any written instructions issued by the District.

A. Should any work and/or services be required which are not specified in this Agreement or any addenda, but which are nevertheless necessary for the proper provision of services to the District, such work or services shall be fully performed by the Contractor as if described and delineated in this Agreement. Extra work will be quoted and approved by the District Manager before any work is started.

B. The Contractor agrees that the District shall not be liable for the payment of any work or services not included in **Section 3** unless the District, through an authorized representative of the District, authorizes the Contractor, in writing, to perform such work.

C. The District shall designate in writing a person to act as the District's representative with respect to the services to be performed under this Agreement. The District's representative shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define the District's policies and decisions with respect to materials, equipment, elements, and systems pertinent to the Contractor's services.

(1) The District hereby designates the District Manager to act as its representative.

(2) Upon request by the District Manager, the Contractor agrees to meet with the District's representative to walk the property to discuss conditions, schedules, and items of concern regarding this Agreement.

D. Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the District, its residents, and landowners from damage. Contractor agrees to repair any damage resulting from Contractor's activities and work within twenty-four (24) hours.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION; TERM.

A. As compensation for the Services described in this Agreement, the District agrees to pay the Contractor Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,500.00) per month for an annual total of Ninety Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$90,000.00). The term of this Agreement shall be from June 1, 2024 through June 1, 2025, unless terminated earlier by either party in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The District shall have the option of renewing this Agreement for two additional one year terms at the same price set forth herein.

B. If the District should desire additional work or services, or to add additional areas to be maintained, the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiations, the Parties shall agree in writing to an addendum, addenda, or change order to this Agreement. The Contractor shall be compensated for such agreed additional work or services based upon a payment amount acceptable to the Parties and agreed to in writing.

C. The District may require, as a condition precedent to making any payment to the Contractor that all subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers or laborers be paid and require evidence, in the form of Lien Releases or partial Waivers of Lien, to be submitted to the District by those subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers, and further require that the Contractor provide an Affidavit relating to the payment of said indebtedness. Further, the District shall have the right to require, as a condition precedent to making any payment, evidence from the Contractor, in a form satisfactory to the District, that any indebtedness of the Contractor, as to services to the District, has been paid and that the Contractor has met all of the obligations with regard to the withholding and payment of taxes, Social Security payments, Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation contributions, and similar payroll deductions from the wages of employees.

D. The Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices.

As soon as may be practicable at the beginning of each month, the Contractor shall invoice the District for all services performed in the prior month and any other sums due to the Contractor. The District shall pay the invoice amount within thirty (30) days after the invoice date. The Contractor may cease performing services under this Agreement if any payment due hereunder is not paid within thirty (30) days of the invoice date. Each monthly invoice will include such supporting information as the District may reasonably require the Contractor to provide.

SECTION 4. INSURANCE.

A. The Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the following insurance:

(1) Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

(2) Commercial General Liability Insurance covering the Contractor's legal liability for bodily injuries, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability, and covering at least the following hazards:

(i) Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with any subcontractors' operation.

(3) Employer's Liability Coverage with limits of at least \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per accident or disease.

(4) Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injuries in limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and for property damage, providing coverage for any accident arising out of or resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use by the Contractor of any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed.

B. The District, its staff, consultants and supervisors shall be named as additional insured. The Contractor shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida.

C. If the Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right but not the obligation to secure such required insurance in which event the Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District's obtaining the required insurance.

SECTION 5. INDEMNIFICATION.

- A.** Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, judgments against the District, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the Services to be performed by Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings with respect thereto. Additionally, nothing in this Agreement requires Contractor to indemnify the District for the District's percentage of fault if the District is adjudged to be more than 50% at fault for any claims against the District and Contractor as jointly liable parties; however, Contractor shall indemnify the District for any and all percentage of fault attributable to Contractor for claims against the District, regardless whether the District is adjudged to be more or less than 50% at fault.
- B.** Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, expert witness fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings), any interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the District.

SECTION 9. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity or the District's limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under such limitations of liability or by operation of law.

SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION. The Contractor shall keep, observe, and perform all requirements of applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. If the Contractor fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation or an alleged violation, made by any local, State, or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any action of the Contractor or any of its agents, servants, employees, or materialmen, or with respect to terms, wages, hours, conditions of employment, safety appliances, or any other requirements applicable to provision of services, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within five (5) days after receipt of any such notice, order, request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 7. LIENS AND CLAIMS. The Contractor shall promptly and properly pay for all labor employed, materials purchased, and equipment hired by it to perform under this Agreement. The Contractor shall keep the District's property free from any materialmen's or mechanic's liens and claims or notices in respect to such liens and claims, which arise by reason

of the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, and the Contractor shall immediately discharge any such claim or lien. In the event that the Contractor does not pay or satisfy such claim or lien within three (3) business days after the filing of notice thereof, the District, in addition to any and all other remedies available under this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement to be effective immediately upon the giving of notice of termination.

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

SECTION 9. CUSTOM AND USAGE. It is hereby agreed, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, that the District shall have the right at all times to enforce the conditions and agreements contained in this Agreement in strict accordance with the terms of this Agreement, notwithstanding any conduct or custom on the part of the District in refraining from so doing; and further, that the failure of the District at any time or times to strictly enforce its rights under this Agreement shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner contrary to the specific conditions and agreements of this Agreement, or as having in any way modified or waived the same.

SECTION 10. SUCCESSORS. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Parties to this Agreement, except as expressly limited in this Agreement.

SECTION 11. TERMINATION. The District agrees that the Contractor may terminate this Agreement with cause by providing sixty (60) days' written notice of termination to the District stating a failure of the District to perform according to the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, that the District shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing written notice of termination to the Contractor. The District shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all work and/or services rendered up until the effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or off-sets the District may have against the Contractor.

SECTION 12. PERMITS AND LICENSES. All permits and licenses required by any governmental agency directly for the District shall be obtained and paid for by the District. All other permits or licenses necessary for the Contractor to perform under this Agreement shall be obtained and paid for by the Contractor.

SECTION 13. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor the Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other. Any purported assignment without such approval shall be void.

SECTION 14. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. In all matters relating to this Agreement, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Contractor nor employees of the Contractor, if there are any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any Federal or State Unemployment or Insurance Laws or Old Age Laws or otherwise. The Contractor agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations imposed by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of the Contractor, if there are any, in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and the Contractor shall have no authority to represent the District as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement.

SECTION 15. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 16. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. A default by either Party under this Agreement shall entitle the other Party to all remedies available at law or in equity. In the event that either the District or the Contractor is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 17. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. None of the provisions of **Composite Exhibit A** shall apply to this Agreement and **Composite Exhibit A** shall not be incorporated herein, except that **Composite Exhibit A** is applicable to the extent that it states the scope of services for the labor and materials to be provided under this Agreement.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both the Parties.

SECTION 19. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the Parties, the Parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and the Parties have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 20. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("Notice" or "Notices") shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or sent by overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

A. If to District:	Stuart Crossing Community Development District 3200 Glades Road, Suite 410W Boca Raton, Florida 33431 Attn: District Manager
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With a copy to:

Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to the Contractor:

Kastro Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping,
LLC
15802 Cassia Lake Place
Wimauma, Florida 33598
Attn: _____

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

SECTION 21. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties hereto and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the Parties hereto any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

SECTION 22. CONTROLLING LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. All actions and disputes shall be brought in the proper court and venue, which shall be Polk County, Florida.

SECTION 23. COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS. Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is **Kristen Suit** ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the

District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Contractor, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (561) 571-0010 SUITK@WHHASSOCIATES.COM, OR AT 2300 GLADES ROAD, SUITE 410W, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431.

SECTION 24. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

SECTION 25. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the Parties as an arm's length transaction. The Parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the Parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

SECTION 26. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Additionally, the Parties acknowledge and agree that the Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed versions of an original signature, electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g. via PDF) of an original signature, or signatures created in a digital format.

SECTION 27. E-VERIFY. The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

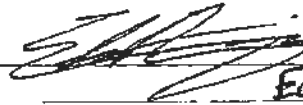
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed and sealed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

**STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**



Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

**KASTRO LAWN MAINTENANCE AND
LANDSCAPING LLC**



By: _____ *Edurne Zuniga* _____

Its: _____

Composite Exhibit A: Service Agreement and Certificate of Insurance with Endorsements
Exhibit B: Map

Composite Exhibit A



Service Contract

Property Name
Stuart Crossing Community
Development District

Date: 05/13/2024

Attention: Martha Schiffer
Phone:
Email: martha.schiffer@meritagehomes.com

Sales Representative
Eddy Zuniga
Business Developer
Cell: 941-243-2910
Email: edmuniga@gmail.com

Stuart Crossing Community Development District

We are very pleased you have chosen Kastro Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping and given us the opportunity to present you with a copy of our contract agreement for landscape management and services at your property.

We are confident that this agreement contains all the necessary services and conditions to exceed your expectations. Please take some time to review it. If by chance we missed something, please let us know as soon as possible in order to make the appropriate adjustments. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the agreement, please do not hesitate to contact your Business Development Professional.

We realize our industry is highly competitive and you have a number of choices when it comes to landscape services. Kastro Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping is aware you have many options when it comes to a landscape service provider which is why we continually strive to improve the look and feel of your property. In addition to the value of services we provide to you, we also intend to deliver unsurpassed customer service and communication. We believe this is what sets us apart from our competitors.

We look forward to working with you and are confident that we will successfully exceed your expectations. We appreciate the opportunity to earn your business and want to assure you we will strive to maintain the trust you have placed in Kastro.

Please don't hesitate to call any of us personally if we can assist you in any way.

Respectfully,

Kastro Lawn Maintenance and
Landscaping Management Team

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Service Proposal Pricing

We are committed to fulfilling the specific landscape needs of **Stuart Crossing Community Development District** while providing the service you expect at a price point that fits your budget. Kastro Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping LLC will provide the following competitive pricing per specifications as noted in **Stuart Crossing Community Development District**, specifications as provided.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	MONTHLY	YEARLY
<u>Base Management</u>		
- Mowing, Weeding, Edging - Monthly irrigation inspection on system - Blowing Debris, Bed Weed Control - Shrubs and Ground cover Pruning		
<u>Turf and Ornamental Program</u>		
- Turf Fertilization, Turf Insect Control, Turf Weed Control - Shrub and Ground cover Fertilization - Shrub and Ground cover Insect Control		
Phase 1	\$7500.00	
TOTAL BASE SERVICE.....	\$7,500.00	\$90,000.00

<u>General Contract Terms</u>		
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A. The term of this contract:

From start date: June 01, 2024 To end date: June 01, 2025

B. Client agrees to pay Contractor the total price of all seasonal services as compensation for the complete performance of the terms and conditions of this contract.

C. Client shall be invoiced on the first (1st) of each month of service and the payment shall be due the last day of that month.

D. Both parties reserve the right to cancel this agreement at any time with thirty (30) days written notice.

Section A: Scope of Services

The following represents Kastro Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping standard scope of services provided. Kastro will provide forty-two (42) visits per year with detail services provided when full scale mowing is not required. Additional services can be negotiated and will be detailed in the service package.

Mowing:

- All lawns will be mowed at least once each week while in the growing season, typically April- September. All lawns will be mowed every other week during the dormant season, typically October - March.
- Lake banks and retention ponds will be mowed to the water's edge.
- Mowing height will depend upon the type of turf and the season. Typically, the height will range from 2" to 4".
- Retention areas, and other areas too wet for proper mowing, will be mowed when the ground is firm enough to allow normal mowing procedures.
- Use of rotary mower with blades sharpened prior to each visit and properly balanced on a monthly basis shall be used on each property.

Edging:

- All lawn areas adjacent to paved surfaces or structural edges such as sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, curbing, headers, retaining walls, and utility foundations will be edged with a "blade edger" in order to maintain clean, crisp, and consistent edge lines.
- Bed edges will be kept clean and well defined around color beds, shrub beds, open beds, and tree trunks, so as to prevent encroachment from lawn and other adjacent materials.
- Edging of walks and curbs, will be performed every time the turf is mowed.
- Clip or chemically treat around the bases of walls and fences and around posts, lights, trees, utility installations and valves, as required to keep a neat and clean appearance.

Weeding:

- Weeding of plant beds will be performed as necessary to control weed population and maintain healthy plants with a neat appearance.
- Ground cover beds infested with weeds will be chemically treated.
- Weed control in plant beds, open beds, ground between plants, joints in walks, decks, curbs, and drives, will be performed using appropriate manual (hand pulling), and/or chemical (herbicide) control methods. When it is necessary and practical to use chemical control, pre- and post- emergent herbicides will be applied with care so as not to injure adjacent desirable plants.

Clean Up:

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- All debris generated during the performance of this contract will be blown from sidewalks and curbs. This will encompass complete removal of weeds at curbs and pavement lines.
- All lawn areas will be cleared of litter and debris before mowing, so as not to shred and scatter foreign matter.
- All bed areas will be cleared of litter and debris to maintain a neat, clean appearance.

Pruning/Trimming/Shearing:

- Selective pruning will be performed on all ornamental plants and trees in order to maintain the natural habit of the plant/tree and to ensure health and vigor.
- Trim all trees per best management practices up to a height of twelve (12') feet and no single branches larger than 2" diameter.
- All properties that have Palm trees under 12' will be trimmed once a year; palms over 12' can also be trimmed if additional services are agreed to.
- Shrubs and hedges will be sheared and pruned in a consistent manner to maintain optimum shape and size as growth habit dictates according to the individual potential for each type of plant variety.
- Plant pruning, trimming, and shearing will be accomplished under the supervision of an experienced specialist to assure the function is being performed in accordance with recommended horticultural practices, which allow for further budding, blooming, and proper growth habit.
- Pruning of plants, which overhang curbs, sidewalks, passageways, patios, balconies, fences, air conditioning units, and parking areas will be addressed when necessary.
- All trimmings and clippings will be collected and removed from the property.

Note: The intent is to maintain a consistent lateral line height of the canopy at 10 to 12 feet depending upon the specific requirement of the tree with respect to its location.

Fertilization:

- St. Augustine turf will be fertilized four (4) times per year using a fertilizer formulated to meet specific turf and seasonal requirements, or as needed based upon seasonal conditions.
- All applications will be performed using a complete fertilizer blend.
- Contractor will provide all materials for fertilization.
- All fertilizations will follow the Florida Best Management Practice guidelines.
- Certain municipalities' fertilizer black out ordinances will apply. Adjustments to this program can be made.

Weed Control:

- Turf weed control will require spot treatment in all grasses.
- Weeds germinating in paved areas, covered by these specifications, will be chemically controlled.

Turf Program for St. Augustine:

Early spring (Mar/Apr):

- Application of fertilizer and minor elements specifically blended for early spring, plus weed control, or as needed based upon seasonal conditions.

Early summer (May/Jun):

- Summer blend of fertilizer and minor elements, plus insect control. Certain municipalities' fertilizer black out ordinances will apply. Adjustments to this program can be made.

Late summer (Jul/Aug):

- A seasonal blend of fertilizer and minor elements plus insect control.

Fall (Sep/Oct):

- * A fall blend of fertilizer and minor elements for summer stress recovery plus weed control.

Disease and Fungal control:

- * Any outbreaks of turf disease or fungal activity can be evaluated and proposed on a case by case basis. Treatments can be wide ranging and a proposal can be generated for treatment based on actual site visit at additional cost.

Contractor will provide a spraying program to minimize infestation of weeds and insects in all plant bed areas:

- * Plant material will be fertilized two (2) times per year.
- * Weed control will require spot treatment in all beds.
- * Fire Ant control treatment will be provided upon approval of separate proposal additional cost.
- * Insect control is limited to shrub and turf damaging insects only. Insect control does not cover pests such as termites, fleas, rats, carpenter ants, etc.
- * There are exclusions with imported pest that do not currently have effective treatment options.
- * Contractor will provide all materials for fertilization and insecticide.

Early spring (Mar/Apr):

- * Application of heavy fertilizer plus insecticide.

Fall (Sep/Oct):

- * Fertilizer plus insecticide.

Irrigation Management:

Contractor will repair or replace properly installed and functioning sprinkler heads and ancillary devices damaged during the grounds maintenance operations.

- * Sprinkler system repairs not resulting from maintenance operations will be performed on a time and materials basis. Such operations may include: Replacing damaged or missing heads, broken pipes, adding or moving heads in under watered areas, time clock repair, replacing or rebuilding valves, locating and splicing cut wires, and etc.... all work requires prior written approval. A pre-approval authorization form will be sent.
- * Once per month the sprinkler system will be thoroughly inspected to ensure proper operation and a written report will be submitted following each inspection.
- * Time clocks and valves will be checked for proper operation and/or malfunctions. Time clocks and various zones will be properly coordinated to provide adequate water to maintain all areas in a thriving with each season of the year. The clocks will be timed so that water generates throughout the root zone frequently as necessary to allow an adequate supply of oxygen to the root system to encourage proper growth.
- * All irrigation clocks will be set to operate according to local watering restrictions.
- * The system will be run monthly to check for coverage and even distribution rates, during non-business hours in an effort to prevent water deposits on vehicles in the parking areas. A written report will be submitted monthly on all findings.

Section B: Additional Services

Work performed under this category, and not included in the contract scope of work, will be performed and charged using a time and material basis. Estimates for proposed work will be discussed with the client for approval before any work will begin.

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Part 1: Additional Options

Annuals/Seasonal Color:

- * If included in this contract, the replacement of existing annuals shall be done four (4) times per year. Annuals that are included as a part of this contract will be of standard variety; premium annuals are available at an additional charge. Annuals in addition to, or not included in this contract, will be provided upon Client approval.

Mulch:

- * If included in this contract, all mulched areas shall be replenished once annually. Material consists of cypress, pine bark, recycled, etc. Blowing and clean-up are included.

Palm Pruning:

- * If included in this contract, palms in excess of twelve (12) feet, on average, will be trimmed once annually to ensure a proper and appealing appearance.

Part 2: Additional Services:

Other Available Services: Examples of additional services available but not included are as follows: Preventative fire ant control, turf fungicide applications & various tree injections

- * Preventative fire ant control, fungicide applications, or various tree injection treatments.
- * Landscape additions and renovations
- * Landscape Lighting
- * Plant replacement not attributed to Contractor negligence
- * Turf/Soil replacement
- * Repairs & modifications to irrigation system
- * Trimming of palms and trees in excess of twelve (12) feet in height.

SECTION C: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Part 1: Contractor's Responsibility

The Contractor shall recognize and perform in accordance with written terms, written specifications and designs, contained or referred herein. The Contractor reserves the right to renegotiate or amend the contract when price or scope of work is affected by changes to any local, state, or federal law, regulation or ordinance that goes into effect after the contract is signed.

A. Workforce: The Contractor shall assign a trained workforce with experience in the services being provided. The workforce will be presentable and identifiable at all times. All employees shall be competent and qualified, and U.S. citizens or legally authorized to work in the United States.

B. Landscape Materials: All materials shall conform to bid specifications. The Contractor will meet and comply with all Agricultural licensing and reporting requirements.

C. Licenses and Permits: The Contractor will maintain a Landscape Contractor's license, as required by state or local law,

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and will comply with all other license and permit requirements of the county, state and federal governments, as well as all other requirements of law.

D. Taxes: The Contractor agrees to pay taxes applicable for its work under this contract, including sales tax on material supplied where applicable.

E. Insurances: The Contractor agrees to maintain General Liability Insurance, Automotive Liability Insurance, Workers' Compensation Insurance, and any other insurance at the Contractor's discretion or required by law. In addition, the Contractor will require the same of any sub-contractors and will provide proof of such upon Client request. The Contractor is also responsible for obtaining any licenses and/or permits required by law for activities on the Client's property.

F. Liability: It is understood and agreed that the Contractor is not liable for any damage of any kind that is not caused by the negligence of the Contractor, its agents or employees, including but not limited to: death or decline of plant materials due to improper selection, placement, planting or maintenance before the time of this contract; damage due to improper irrigation components in existence at the time of contract execution; exposed cables/wires or sprinkler-components/lines normally found below the surface of the lawn; flooding, storm or wind damage; disease or damage to lawns or landscape plants caused by excessive irrigation or lack of water due to inoperative components provided it reported these to the Client, or irrigation restrictions imposed by Water Management District or civil authorities; damage caused by any item hidden in the landscape and not clearly guarded or marked; and damage due to vandalism. The Contractor is liable for any damage due to operation of equipment in performing the contract; complying with all laws pertaining to protected plant species such as the mangrove; damage to plant material due to improper horticulture practices; improper installation of irrigation system replacement components; and injury to non-target organisms in application of pesticides.

G. Subcontracts: The Contractor reserves the right to hire qualified subcontractors to perform specialized functions or work requiring specialized equipment.

H. Invoicing: The Contractor will submit monthly service invoices for the amount set forth under the prices and terms included in this contract. Any services rendered, that are in addition to or beyond the scope of work required by this contract shall be separately billed.

Part 2: Client's Responsibility

A. Utilities Usage: The Client shall allow the Contractor usage of utilities if needed.

B. Job site Access: The Client shall allow access to all parts of the job site where the Contractor is to perform work required by this contract or other related functions, during normal business hours and at other reasonable times, and in the case of after-hours emergencies.

C. Payment: For the convenience of the Client only, the monthly charge under this contract may be an average of the total charge for all work to be performed under the contract divided by the number of calendar months included in the payment period of the contract. The Client shall review invoices submitted by the Contractor and payment shall be due within thirty (30) days following the date of the invoice and considered delinquent if not paid by that date. For work outside of the normal monthly contracted work, The Client shall review invoices submitted by the Contractor and payment shall be due upon completion of the work and receipt of invoice and considered delinquent if not paid accordingly. If payment has not been received within forty-five (45) days, the Contractor reserves the right to suspend services by giving written notice for nonpayment. Should services be suspended, monthly fees will not be prorated and services will resume once past-due payments are received.

D. Defects: The Client shall give the Contractor at least thirty (30) days to correct any problem or defect discovered in the performance of the work required under this contract. The Contractor may provide a deduction or offset at its discretion if defects are not correctable to the satisfaction of the Client.

Part 3: Other Terms

The Client and the Contractor respectively, bind themselves, their partners, successors, assignees and legal representative to the other party with respect to all covenants of this contract. Neither the Client nor the Contractor, their partners, successors, assignees and legal representative shall assign, transfer or terminate any interest in this contract without the written consent of the other.

Part 4: Renewal and Termination

This contract shall automatically renew for the same term as that set forth in Section A of the General Contract Terms above unless notice is given by Client to Contractor in writing of Client's intent to terminate this contract at least thirty (30) days prior to the termination of the current term. Additionally, this contract may be terminated by either party with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. This contract may be terminated by the Contractor for nonpayment by the Client, upon written notice as stated above. In the event this contract is terminated early by either party, the Contractor shall be entitled to recover those unrecovered costs incurred through the date of termination, including a reasonable amount of overhead and profit, and any amount in excess of the monthly charges paid by the Client through the date of termination. Upon expiration of the stated contract period, and notwithstanding the automatic renewal of this contract, Contractor reserves the right to charge current market value for any additional services or product(s) provided following the expiration of the current term of this contract.

Part 5: Legal

A. Controlling Law: The laws of Florida shall govern the validity, interpretation, construction, and performance of this contract. Each party hereby expressly consents to the personal jurisdiction, venue and convenience of, and the parties agree that any dispute arising here-under will be heard in, the state and federal courts for the County of Hillsborough, Florida for any lawsuit arising from or related to this contract agreement. All references herein to the singular shall include the plural.

B. Legal Counsel: Each party has had (or has been advised to seek) independent legal counsel of their selection in the negotiation of this contract. Each party fully understands the facts and has been informed about their legal rights and obligations, including but not limited to the obligations of Florida Statutes regarding restrictive covenants and liquidated damages. Each party is signing this contract freely and voluntarily intending to be bound by it. Each party hereby knowingly, voluntarily and intentionally waives any right either may have to a trial by jury with respect to any litigation related to or arising out of, under or in conjunction with this contract or Contractor's employment with Kastro Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping.

C. Attorney's Fees: In the event a dispute arises between the parties hereto and suit is instituted, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and other costs and expenses from the non-prevailing party, whether incurred at the trial level or in any appellate proceeding. If the Contractor seeks counsel for nonpayment issues and an agreement is reached before a suit/trial those attorney fees can also be recovered.

Kastro Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping

Client Name

Estimate authorized by:

Eddy Zuniga

Estimate approved by:

Signature Date:

Signature Date:

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
01/31/2024

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER: FrankChen Insurance Agency, Inc. 100 South Missouri Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33136		CONTACT: NAME: Frank Chen PHONE (A/C No.): (305) 443-7755 FAX (A/C No.): (305) 443-1525 EMAIL: FC@FrankChen.com	
INSURANCE: Kamini Lawn Maintenance LLC 15802 Cassia Lane Place Miami, FL 33186		INSURANCE: INSURANCE A: Clear Blue Insurance Company, Inc. INSURANCE B: INSURANCE C: INSURANCE D: INSURANCE E: INSURANCE F:	

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 2324 **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

TYPE	TYPE OF INSURANCE	INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP. DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ D&A - NON-OWNED ☒ SCLM TERRITORY: ALL TERRITORIES ☒ POLICY ☐ PER ☐ LOC ☐ LOC ☐ OTHER		BGL1007762500	04/20/2023	04/20/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 300,000 MED PAY (per person) \$ 10,000 PERSONAL & ADJ. INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS & COMPLETED WORK \$ 2,000,000
A	☒ AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☐ AUTO ☐ NON-AUTO ☐ AUTO ☐ NON-AUTO ☐ AUTO ☐ NON-AUTO ☐ AUTO ☐ NON-AUTO					UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED \$ BODILY INJURY (per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (per person) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (per accident) \$
A	☒ UMBRELLA LIABILITY ☐ EXCESS LIABILITY ☐ EXCESS LIABILITY ☐ EXCESS LIABILITY		BGL1007762500	04/20/2023	04/20/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 1,000,000 EXCESS LIABILITY (per person) \$ EXCESS LIABILITY (per accident) \$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY AND FURTHER FOR FURTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS (mandatory in FL) If the certificate holder is a corporation, the description of the certificate holder is required.	Y/N	N/A			PER STATUTE ☐ OR ☐ E.L. EXCESS ALLOCATION? \$ E.L. EXCESS - SALES OFFICE \$ E.L. EXCESS - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS - LOCATIONS - VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance
Automatic Additional Insured for ongoing operations is included in regards to the General Liability coverage per the attached form WCG 20 10 02 04.
Automatic Additional Insured for completed operations is included in regards to the General Liability coverage per the attached form WCG 20 10 03 04.
Automatic Primary and Non-Contributory endorsements is included in regards to the General Liability coverage per the attached form WFCG 1001 05 18.
Automatic Waiver is included in regards to the General Liability coverage per the attached form WFCG 1001 05 18.
Excess Liability includes the following policy as underlying General Liability

CERTIFICATE HOLDER Salmagundi CDD C/L W. Walter, Hunt and Associates P.O. Box 61086 Boca Raton, FL 33481	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:
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POLICY NUMBER BSP20027762501

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY
CG 20 37 07 04

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

**ADDITIONAL INSURED - OWNERS, LESSEES OR
CONTRACTORS - COMPLETED OPERATIONS**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

SCHEDULE

Name Of Additional Insured Person(s)
Or Organization(s):

Location And Description Of Completed Operations

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

Section II - Who Is An Insured is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury" or "property damage" caused, in whole or in part, by "your work" at the location designated and described in the schedule of this endorsement performed for that additional insured and included in the "products-completed operations hazard"

CLEAR BLUE INSURANCE COMPANY

Commercial General Liability

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

ADDITIONAL INSURED - OWNERS, LESSEES OR CONTRACTORS AUTOMATIC WHEN REQUIRED IN CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH YOU AUTOMATIC WAIVER OF SUBROGATION PROVISION

Automatic Additional Insured Status - 20 10 Additional Insured Form

It is hereby understood and agreed that "Section II - Who is an Insured" is amended to provide automatic coverage as an Additional Insured in conformance with the terms and conditions of the CG 20 10 07 04 endorsement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Automatic coverage as Additional Insured provided by this paragraph is only provided if you and the person or organization have agreed in writing in a contract or agreement that such person or organization be added as an Additional Insured under your policy and only if such contract or agreement is executed by each party prior to the start of your work for such person or organization.

Automatic Additional Insured Status - 20 17 Additional Insured Form

It is hereby understood and agreed that "Section II - Who is an Insured" is amended to provide automatic coverage as an Additional Insured in conformance with the terms and conditions of the CG 20 17 07 04 endorsement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Automatic coverage as Additional Insured provided by this paragraph is only provided if you and the person or organization have agreed in writing in a contract or agreement that such person or organization be added as an Additional Insured under your policy and only if such contract or agreement is executed by each party prior to the start of your work for such person or organization.

Primary and Noncontributory Provision

Insurance afforded to the Additional Insured hereunder will be Primary Insurance and Noncontributory, but only for such claims, "suits" and/or damages which arise out of the work performed by the Named Insured.

Automatic Waiver of subrogation Provision

The TRANSFER OF RIGHTS OF RECOVERY AGAINST OTHERS TO US Condition (Section IV - COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CONDITIONS) is amended by the addition of the following.

We waive any right of recovery we may have against those persons or organizations who are added as Additional Insureds under this policy because of payments we make for injury or damage arising out of your ongoing operations or "your work" performed under a written contract with them. This waiver shall not apply to claims, "suits" and/or damages arising in whole or in part out of the acts, omissions, and/or negligence of those added as Additional Insureds by this endorsement.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

**ADDITIONAL INSURED - OWNERS, LESSEES OR
CONTRACTORS - SCHEDULED PERSON OR
ORGANIZATION**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

SCHEDULE

**Name Of Additional Insured Person(s)
Or Organization(s):**

Location(s) Of Covered Operations

All persons and organizations qualified
under the terms of PCG 1000

All per written contract

Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.

A. Section II - Who Is An Insured is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by:

1. Your acts or omissions, or
2. The acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf;

in the performance of your ongoing operations for the additional insured(s) at the location(s) designated above.

B. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following additional exclusions apply:

This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurring after:

1. All work, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work, on the project (other than service, maintenance or repairs) to be performed by or on behalf of the additional insured(s) at the location of the covered operations has been completed; or
2. That portion of "your work" out of which the injury or damage arises has been put to its intended use by any person or organization other than another contractor or subcontractor engaged in performing operations for a principal as a part of the same project.

Exhibit B - Map



STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 4th day of November, 2024, by and between:

Stuart Crossing Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, located in Polk County, Florida, with an address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, FL 33431 ("District"); and

Ameriscape USA, Inc., a Florida corporation whose address is 9702 Harney Road, Thonotosassa, Florida 33592 (the "Contractor" and, together with the District, the "Parties").

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, the District was established for the purpose of planning, financing, constructing, operating and/or maintaining certain infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District owns, operates and maintains certain landscape and irrigation improvements ("Facilities"); and

WHEREAS, the District desires to enter into an agreement with an independent contractor to provide landscape and irrigation maintenance services for the Facilities; and

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted a proposal and represents that it is qualified to provide landscape and irrigation maintenance services and has agreed to provide to the District those services identified in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, the District and Contractor warrant and agree that they have all right, power and authority to enter into and be bound by this Agreement.

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

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

SECTION 2. DESCRIPTION OF WORK AND SERVICES.

A. The District desires that the Contractor provide professional landscape and irrigation maintenance services within presently accepted standards. Upon all Parties signing this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide the District with the Services identified in **Exhibit A**.

B. While providing the Services, the Contractor shall assign such staff as may be required, and such staff shall be responsible for coordinating, expediting, and controlling all aspects to assure completion of the Services.

C. The Contractor shall provide the Services as shown in **Section 3** of this Agreement. Contractor shall solely be responsible for the means, manner and methods by which its duties, obligations and responsibilities are met to the satisfaction of the District.

D. This Agreement grants to Contractor the right to enter the lands that are subject to this Agreement, for those purposes described in this Agreement, and Contractor hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES. The Contractor will provide landscape and irrigation maintenance Services for the areas within the District depicted on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit B** ("Landscape Areas") and incorporated herein by reference. The duties, obligations, and responsibilities of Contractor are to provide the material, tools, skill and labor necessary for the Services attached as **Exhibit A**. To the extent any of the provisions of this Agreement are in conflict with the provisions of **Exhibit A**, this Agreement controls.

SECTION 4. MANNER OF CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE. The Contractor agrees, as an independent contractor, to undertake work and/or perform such services as specified in this Agreement or any addendum executed by the Parties or in any authorized written work order by the District issued in connection with this Agreement and accepted by the Contractor. All work shall be performed in a neat and professional manner reasonably acceptable to the District and shall be in accordance with industry standards. The performance of the Services by the Contractor under this Agreement and related to this Agreement shall conform to any written instructions issued by the District.

A. Should any work and/or services be required which are not specified in this Agreement or any addenda, but which are nevertheless necessary for the proper provision of services to the District, such work or services shall be fully performed by the Contractor as if described and delineated in this Agreement. Extra work will be quoted and approved by the District Manager before any work is started.

B. The Contractor agrees that the District shall not be liable for the payment of any work or services not included in **Section 3** unless the District, through an authorized representative of the District, authorizes the Contractor, in writing, to perform such work.

C. The District shall designate in writing a person to act as the District's representative with respect to the services to be performed under this Agreement. The District's representative shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define the

District's policies and decisions with respect to materials, equipment, elements, and systems pertinent to the Contractor's services.

(1) The District hereby designates the District Manager to act as its representative.

(2) Upon request by the District Manager, the Contractor agrees to meet with the District's representative to walk the property to discuss conditions, schedules, and items of concern regarding this Agreement.

D. Contractor shall use all due care to protect the property of the District, its residents, and landowners from damage. Contractor agrees to repair any damage resulting from Contractor's activities and work within twenty-four (24) hours.

SECTION 5. COMPENSATION; TERM.

A. As compensation for the Services described in this Agreement, the District agrees to pay the Contractor One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty and Zero Cents (\$194,940.00) per year in monthly installments of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$16,245.00). The term of this Agreement shall be from the Effective Date until November 30, 2025. Thereafter, the Agreement shall automatically renew for additional one-year terms, unless terminated by either party in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

B. If the District should desire additional work or services, or to add additional areas to be maintained, the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to undertake such additional work or services. Upon successful negotiations, the Parties shall agree in writing to an addendum, addenda, or change order to this Agreement. The Contractor shall be compensated for such agreed additional work or services based upon a payment amount acceptable to the Parties and agreed to in writing.

C. The District may require, as a condition precedent to making any payment to the Contractor that all subcontractors, materialmen, suppliers or laborers be paid and require evidence, in the form of Lien Releases or partial Waivers of Lien, to be submitted to the District by those subcontractors, material men, suppliers or laborers, and further require that the Contractor provide an Affidavit relating to the payment of said indebtedness. Further, the District shall have the right to require, as a condition precedent to making any payment, evidence from the Contractor, in a form satisfactory to the District, that any indebtedness of the Contractor, as to services to the District, has been paid and that the Contractor has met all of the obligations with regard to the withholding and payment of taxes, Social Security payments, Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation contributions, and similar payroll deductions from the wages of employees.

D. The Contractor shall maintain records conforming to usual accounting practices. As soon as may be practicable at the beginning of each month, the Contractor shall invoice the District for all services performed in the prior month and any other sums due to the Contractor. The District shall pay the invoice amount within thirty (30) days after the invoice date. The

Contractor may cease performing services under this Agreement if any payment due hereunder is not paid within thirty (30) days of the invoice date. Each monthly invoice will include such supporting information as the District may reasonably require the Contractor to provide.

SECTION 4. INSURANCE.

A. The Contractor shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement the following insurance:

(1) Worker's Compensation Insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

(2) Commercial General Liability Insurance covering the Contractor's legal liability for bodily injuries, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage liability, and covering at least the following hazards:

(i) Independent Contractors Coverage for bodily injury and property damage in connection with any subcontractors' operation.

(3) Employer's Liability Coverage with limits of at least \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) per accident or disease.

(4) Automobile Liability Insurance for bodily injuries in limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and for property damage, providing coverage for any accident arising out of or resulting from the operation, maintenance, or use by the Contractor of any owned, non-owned, or hired automobiles, trailers, or other equipment required to be licensed.

B. The District, its staff, consultants and supervisors shall be named as additional insured. The Contractor shall furnish the District with the Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with this requirement. No certificate shall be acceptable to the District unless it provides that any change or termination within the policy periods of the insurance coverage, as certified, shall not be effective within thirty (30) days of prior written notice to the District. Insurance coverage shall be from a reputable insurance carrier, licensed to conduct business in the State of Florida.

C. If the Contractor fails to have secured and maintained the required insurance, the District has the right but not the obligation to secure such required insurance in which event the Contractor shall pay the cost for that required insurance and shall furnish, upon demand, all information that may be required in connection with the District's obtaining the required insurance.

SECTION 5. INDEMNIFICATION.

- A. Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and its officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns, members, affiliates, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, liens, demands, costs, interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, judgments against the District, or loss or damage, whether monetary or otherwise, arising out of, wholly or in part by, or in connection with the Services to be performed by Contractor, its subcontractors, its employees and agents in connection with this Agreement, including litigation, mediation, arbitration, appellate, or settlement proceedings with respect thereto. Additionally, nothing in this Agreement requires Contractor to indemnify the District for the District's percentage of fault if the District is adjudged to be more than 50% at fault for any claims against the District and Contractor as jointly liable parties; however, Contractor shall indemnify the District for any and all percentage of fault attributable to Contractor for claims against the District, regardless whether the District is adjudged to be more or less than 50% at fault.
- B. Obligations under this section shall include the payment of all settlements, judgments, damages, liquidated damages, penalties, forfeitures, back pay awards, court costs, arbitration and/or mediation costs, litigation expenses, attorneys' fees, paralegal fees, expert witness fees (incurred in court, out of court, on appeal, or in bankruptcy proceedings), any interest, expenses, damages, penalties, fines, or judgments against the District.

SECTION 9. LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of the District's sovereign immunity or the District's limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, or other statute, and nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim which would otherwise be barred under such limitations of liability or by operation of law.

SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION. The Contractor shall keep, observe, and perform all requirements of applicable local, State, and Federal laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. If the Contractor fails to notify the District in writing within five (5) days of the receipt of any notice, order, required to comply notice, or a report of a violation or an alleged violation, made by any local, State, or Federal governmental body or agency or subdivision thereof with respect to the services being rendered under this Agreement or any action of the Contractor or any of its agents, servants, employees, or materialmen, or with respect to terms, wages, hours, conditions of employment, safety appliances, or any other requirements applicable to provision of services, or fails to comply with any requirement of such agency within five (5) days after receipt of any such notice, order, request to comply notice, or report of a violation or an alleged violation, the District may terminate this Agreement, such termination to be effective upon the giving of notice of termination.

SECTION 7. LIENS AND CLAIMS. The Contractor shall promptly and properly pay for all labor employed, materials purchased, and equipment hired by it to perform under this Agreement. The Contractor shall keep the District's property free from any materialmen's or mechanic's liens and claims or notices in respect to such liens and claims, which arise by reason

of the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, and the Contractor shall immediately discharge any such claim or lien. In the event that the Contractor does not pay or satisfy such claim or lien within three (3) business days after the filing of notice thereof, the District, in addition to any and all other remedies available under this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement to be effective immediately upon the giving of notice of termination.

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

SECTION 9. CUSTOM AND USAGE. It is hereby agreed, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, that the District shall have the right at all times to enforce the conditions and agreements contained in this Agreement in strict accordance with the terms of this Agreement, notwithstanding any conduct or custom on the part of the District in refraining from so doing; and further, that the failure of the District at any time or times to strictly enforce its rights under this Agreement shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner contrary to the specific conditions and agreements of this Agreement, or as having in any way modified or waived the same.

SECTION 10. SUCCESSORS. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Parties to this Agreement, except as expressly limited in this Agreement.

SECTION 11. TERMINATION. The District agrees that the Contractor may terminate this Agreement with cause by providing sixty (60) days' written notice of termination to the District stating a failure of the District to perform according to the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, that the District shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to cure any failure under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that the District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by providing written notice of termination to the Contractor. The District shall provide thirty (30) days' written notice of termination without cause. Upon any termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall be entitled to payment for all work and/or services rendered up until the effective termination of this Agreement, subject to whatever claims or off-sets the District may have against the Contractor.

SECTION 12. PERMITS AND LICENSES. All permits and licenses required by any governmental agency directly for the District shall be obtained and paid for by the District. All other permits or licenses necessary for the Contractor to perform under this Agreement shall be obtained and paid for by the Contractor.

SECTION 13. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the District nor the Contractor may assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other. Any purported assignment without such approval shall be void.

SECTION 14. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. In all matters relating to this Agreement, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Contractor nor employees of the Contractor, if there are any, are employees of the District under the meaning or application of any Federal or State Unemployment or Insurance Laws or Old Age Laws or otherwise. The Contractor agrees to assume all liabilities or obligations imposed by any one or more of such laws with respect to employees of the Contractor, if there are any, in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall not have any authority to assume or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the District and the Contractor shall have no authority to represent the District as an agent, employee, or in any other capacity, unless otherwise set forth in this Agreement.

SECTION 15. HEADINGS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall neither control nor affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 16. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT. A default by either Party under this Agreement shall entitle the other Party to all remedies available at law or in equity. In the event that either the District or the Contractor is required to enforce this Agreement by court proceedings or otherwise, then the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover all fees and costs incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for trial, alternative dispute resolution, or appellate proceedings.

SECTION 17. AGREEMENT. This instrument shall constitute the final and complete expression of this Agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. None of the provisions of **Exhibit A** shall apply to this Agreement and **Exhibit A** shall not be incorporated herein, except that **Exhibit A** is applicable to the extent that it states the scope of services for the labor and materials to be provided under this Agreement.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to and waivers of the provisions contained in this Agreement may be made only by an instrument in writing which is executed by both the Parties.

SECTION 19. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the appropriate body or official of the Parties, the Parties have complied with all the requirements of law, and the Parties have full power and authority to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 20. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("Notice" or "Notices") shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or sent by overnight delivery service, to the Parties, as follows:

A. If to District:

Stuart Crossing Community Development District
3200 Glades Road, Suite 410W
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to:

Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

B. If to the Contractor:

Ameriscape USA, Inc.
9702 Harney Road
Thonotosassa, Florida 33592
Attn: JOE AMAROSA

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

SECTION 21. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the Parties hereto and no right or cause of action shall accrue upon or by reason, to or for the benefit of any third party not a formal party to this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or corporation other than the Parties hereto any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of this Agreement or any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement; and all of the provisions, representations, covenants, and conditions contained in this Agreement shall inure to the sole benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective representatives, successors, and assigns.

SECTION 22. CONTROLLING LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement and the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Florida. All actions and disputes shall be brought in the proper court and venue, which shall be Polk County, Florida.

SECTION 23. COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS. Contractor understands and agrees that all documents of any kind provided to the District in connection with this Agreement may be public records, and, accordingly, Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Florida law in handling such records, including but not limited to Section 119.0701, *Florida Statutes*. Contractor acknowledges that the designated public records custodian for the District is **Kristen Suit** ("Public Records Custodian"). Among other requirements and to the extent applicable by law, the Contractor shall 1) keep and maintain public records required by the District to perform the service; 2) upon request by the Public Records Custodian, provide the District with the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time period at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, *Florida*

Statutes; 3) ensure that public records which are exempt or confidential, and exempt from public records disclosure requirements, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following the contract term if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the Public Records Custodian of the District; and 4) upon completion of the contract, transfer to the District, at no cost, all public records in Contractor's possession or, alternatively, keep, maintain and meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records pursuant to Florida laws. When such public records are transferred by the Contractor, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the District in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (561) 571-0010 SUITK@WHHASSOCIATES.COM, OR AT 2300 GLADES ROAD, SUITE 410W, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33431.

SECTION 24. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement not held to be invalid or unenforceable.

SECTION 25. ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTION. This Agreement has been negotiated fully between the Parties as an arm's length transaction. The Parties participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement with the assistance of their respective counsel. In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, the Parties are each deemed to have drafted, chosen, and selected the language, and any doubtful language will not be interpreted or construed against any party.

SECTION 26. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute, but one and the same instrument. Additionally, the Parties acknowledge and agree that the Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed versions of an original signature, electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g. via PDF) of an original signature, or signatures created in a digital format.

SECTION 27. E-VERIFY. The Contractor shall comply with and perform all applicable provisions of Section 448.095, *Florida Statutes*. Accordingly, to the extent required by Florida Statute, Contractor shall register with and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. The District may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause if there is a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated Section 448.091, *Florida Statutes*. By entering into

this Agreement, the Contractor represents that no public employer has terminated a contract with the Contractor under Section 448.095(2)(c), *Florida Statutes*, within the year immediately preceding the date of this Agreement.

SECTION 28. EFFECTIVE DATE. The agreement shall be effective on December 1, 2024.

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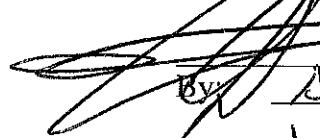
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have signed and sealed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

**STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

AMERISCAPE USA, INC

Chg. A&L LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT



By: Dominic Portoghesi

Its: Director of Business Development

Exhibit A: Scope of Services

Exhibit B: Map

Exhibit A



October 23, 2024

The Grove at Stuart Crossing
Bartow, FL

Attn: Clay Kollenbaum
Meritage Homes

ASI Representative
Dominick Portoghese
Director of Business Development
Cell: (813) 399-6666
dportoghese@asilandscapegmt.com

Common Areas and Ponds (Assuming Project Completed per Redlined areas on Map)

CONTRACT SERVICES	Monthly Price	Yearly Price
General Maintenance Program Mowing Services and Detail Services per ASI SOW - 38 property visits / yr.	\$ 13,945.00	\$ 167,340.00
Agronomy Program St. Augustine turf only, Shrub, tree, palm Fertilization, Pest and Disease Control per ASI SOW	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 16,680.00
Irrigation Maintenance Program Monthly system inspections, monthly reports. Per ASI SOW. Repairs are billable.	\$ 910.00	\$ 10,920.00
Total Contracted Services	\$ 16,245.00	\$ 194,940.00

Note: Prorated cost can be applied if project starts before completion.

DP

Optional Additional Services Pricing

- **Mulch Installation** – Proposed and invoiced separately per event. (Qty and cost TBD)
Current market installed pricing (price can be honored for 90-days from contract execution)
 - Hardwood Blends - \$70.00 / CY (Blown-in only) – Add \$ 5.00/CY for all Dyed mulch
 - Grade A Cypress - \$285 / CY (Blown-in)
 - Certified Playground Mulch - \$95/CY (Blown-in)
 - Mulch Hand Spread (Labor and Material) - \$85 / CY
 - Certified Playground Mulch - \$95/CY (Blown-in)
 - Rock (TBD) based on variety, size, location and amount needed

- **Palm / Tree Pruning** – All palm pruning (over 12') will be pruned and invoiced separately per request at time of service to reflect the most accurate current service market price. (Qty and cost TBD). Note: Assuming regularly maintained. Neglected and overgrown palms will be serviced at an additional cost based on condition.
Current market pricing for palm pruning (price can be honored for 90-days from contract execution)
 - Standard Palms – (12'-30') high \$ 58 per palm (Sabals, Queens, Washingtonia)
 - Standard Palms – (30'- +') high \$ 98 per palm (Sabals, Queens, Washingtonia)
 - Specialty Palms – \$ 125 per palm (Canary Island Date, Daks, Sylvester, Bismark)
 - Cluster Palms - \$ 15 per stalk (Paurotis, Reclinata)
 - General Tree lifting and pruning - \$TBD per project.

- **Specialty Palm OTC Inoculations** – Invoiced separately per request at time of service to reflect the most accurate current service market price. (Qty and cost TBD).
Current market pricing for palm inoculation (price can be honored for 90-days from contract execution)
 - \$ 95 per inoculation

- **Annual Flowers** – ASI will install and maintain annual flowers per client's direction. Proposed and invoiced separately per event. (Qty and cost TBD).
Current market installed pricing (price can be honored for 90-days from contract execution)
 - 4" unit, \$2.75 ea.
 - 6" unit, \$15.00 ea.
 - Bedding soil for new beds or replenishment of existing beds. \$95 per CY.

- **TopChoice (Fire Ant Control)** – Proposed and invoiced separately per event. (Qty and cost TBD).
Current market installed pricing (price can be honored for 90-days from contract execution)
 - \$15.00 / 1k Sq.ft.
 - \$660.00 / Ac.

- **Irrigation Repair** – Proposed and invoiced separately per event. (Qty and cost TBD).
Current market pricing (price can be honored for 90-days from contract execution)
 - \$75.00 /hour – per Tech during Regular hours for repair labor.
 - \$125.00 / hour – per Tech during overtime hours for repair labor.
 - Parts at an additional cost (TBD).



The following represents ASI's standard Scope of Work (SOW) for **The Grove at Stuart Crossing and Amenity Center**. ASI Landscape Management will provide services as detailed in the following SOW and as priced in **Exhibit A - Service Pricing Summary**. Additional services negotiated as part of this contract in addition to those described below, will be detailed separately in the included **Exhibit A - Service Pricing Summary** or provided via separate written authorization and Invoice outside of this agreement.

Part 1: General Maintenance Services

A. Mowing: All St. Augustine turf areas will be mowed weekly during the months of (April through September). From (October through March), turf will be mowed 2x per month unless specified otherwise in this contract. A total of approx. (38x/yr). If applicable, bahia common areas, ponds, and fields will be mowed on the same schedule unless otherwise directed. In the event weather or environmental conditions dictate a skipping of scheduled mowing service, the mow event will be rescheduled when conditions will allow or other services may be performed in lieu of mowing services per client's attention and authorization.

All mowing by the Contractor will use a (rotary/mulching) mower. Mower blades will be sharp at all times to provide a high-quality cut and minimize disease. Mowing typically removes not more than 1/3 of the leaf blades. Clippings will be left on the lawn as long as no readily visible clumps remain on the grass surface 24 hours after mowing. Otherwise, clippings will be collected and removed by the contractor. The Contractor will clean all clippings from sidewalks, curbs, and roadways after mowing and/or edging service.

B. String-Trimming: Turf will be line trimmed each mow service in areas that are not accessible with a mower or where there are obstacles. Pond banks/water's edge will be string-trimmed every other pond mow service at a minimum. *Note: Mono-filament line trimmers will not be used directly around trees and shrubs where injury to the bark of plants could occur.*

C. Edging: *Hard-Edging* of all sidewalks, fence lines, driveways, parking lots and other hard surfaced areas bordered by grass will be performed in conjunction with mowing services. *Soft-Edging* of plant beds, tree rings will be performed every-other mowing service.

D. Pruning/Trimming: Shrubs will be pruned as needed based on variety, type and growth habit with appropriate equipment to maintain proper informal but controlled shape, fullness, and bloom. Each detail cycle will be provided via (4) sectional rotations and will be completed in (1) month for a total of (12) detail cycles per year. High impact areas will receive weekly detail services. Select shrub varieties that may require formal pruning will be identified and agreed-upon with client prior to commencement. Blooming plant varieties will only be pruned when seasonally appropriate so not to remove blooming foliage or during the budding period. The Contractor will remove all litter found within plant beds. Trees and palms will be serviced up to twelve (12) feet in height from the ground and will be performed on a regular basis as needed during detail service cycles. Branches pruned will not exceed two (2) inches in diameter. Pruning services above 12' and greater than a 2" Caliper will be performed via separate written authorization and Invoice.

NOTE: No trees under utility lines will be pruned under this contract but can be accomplished via separate written authorization and approval. No pruning will be done during or immediately following growth flushes. Branches will be pruned just outside the branch collar. Pruning paint will not be applied. Sucker growth will be removed by hand from the base of trees. No herbicides will be used for this purpose!

E. Bed & Crack Weed Control: Weeds may be spot treated with non-select herbicide, removed by hand or by mechanical means when and as appropriate. Weeds in paved and/or concrete surfaces will be sprayed and is included in the scope. Weed control in plant beds, tree rings and open bed areas will be addressed every 4 weeks during each detail cycle and will be removed via chemical application, mechanically or by hand based on weed size and location.

Part 2: Agronomic Services

A. Fertilization: St. Augustine areas only will be fertilized with two to five pounds Nitrogen annually according to specifications and in accordance with all federal, state, and local regulations unless otherwise proposed. This equates to a standard program of approximately **four (4) blanket granular fertilization applications per year**. Appropriate seasonal products are in keeping with any state regulated nitrogen blackout timeframes. **Bahia areas and excessive weed areas will be excluded from any fertilization and agronomy programs unless otherwise negotiated.** Pond banks are excluded from fertilization and agronomy programs for environmental considerations. All complete fertilizer blends shall contain 30% - 75% of the nitrogen in a slow or controlled release form. The ratio of nitrogen to potash will be 1:1 or 2:1 for complete fertilizer formulations. They shall also contain magnesium and micronutrients (i.e. manganese, iron, zinc, copper, etc.). Fertilizers will be applied at a rate of one (1) pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet or its equivalent.

B. Ornamental shrubs and trees will be blanket fertilized (2x) annually and monitored for a variety for deficiencies. Mature palms should receive a complete, granular fertilizer formulated for palms at a rate of one (1) pound each application. Palms fewer than eight feet in height should receive 2-5 pounds two times per year. All fertilizers should contain nitrogen and potassium and at least 30% of both elements should be available in a slow-release form. The fertilizer should also contain additional magnesium and a complete micronutrient amendment. All fertilization will be done following BMP's and according to any specifications and regulations. Specialty Palms will be fertilized 2x per with "Southern Palm Special"

Note: Additional necessary fertilizations or soil amendments for turf, shrubs and trees to address deficiencies due to environmental conditions, poor soil conditions, etc., fall outside of this contractual program but can be provided via separate written authorization and invoice as needed as needs are discovered and identified.

C. Pest & Disease / Weed Control: St. Augustine turf only, and landscaping areas will be monitored during each service visit or Manager's visit. Service call will be scheduled as needed with spot treatments being performed as necessary to control pests. Post-emergent weed control will be applied annually in the winter months. Use of pre-emergent weed control can be provided at an additional cost and requires written Client approval unless specified in this contract.

Individual Ant mounds will be treated as needed via drench or granular. *Imported pests, including fire ants, can be treated via a property-wide or area blanket / broadcast application with TopChoice or similar under a separate proposal at an additional cost or included within scheduled contractual services.*

OTC Injections for high value palms can be provided via separate written authorization and Invoice.

Note: Upon confirmation of a specific problem requiring treatment, pesticides will be applied following the University of Florida, IFAS recommendations using least-toxic Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.) procedures. This includes weed and feed formulations. Records will be kept on pests identified and treatment(s) rendered for control. Pesticide applications will be made in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the use of pesticides in Florida.

Note: ASI practices Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.) to control insects, diseases and weeds on and around perennials, ground covers, shrubs and vines. Trees taller than twelve (12) feet on average may require additional specialty treatments at an additional cost to the Client.

Part 3: Irrigation Management Services

A. Irrigation System: All irrigation components and zones in the system will be activated and inspected twelve (12) times per year, (monthly), by an Irrigation Tech. Zone times will be reset according to seasonal changes. Each zone will be regularly re-calibrated for best possible performance. Calibration of irrigation zones will follow Cooperative

Extension Service recommendations. All heads will be checked during each monthly inspection by a Tech for proper operation, orientation, coverage and adjusted accordingly.

During weekly landscape maintenance service visits, ASI will visually note any symptoms of inadequate or excessive irrigation, drainage problems, etc., by any employees while on site and report such to Account Manager and then Client. Any necessary repairs or system service beyond that which may included in the contract will be performed at an additional charge and will require written Client approval. A billable "not to exceed" monthly \$500 repair contingency will be made part of this agreement for quicker and potentially less expensive repair or service turnaround and ease of administration at contract inception.

Disclaimer: With regards to the irrigation water source, water quality and/or water restriction mandates: - ASI will not be held responsible for any potential declining conditions or resulting death for turf, plants or trees that are the direct result of water "quality" issues, locally mandated "watering restrictions", reclaimed water system shut-downs, or any other conditions controlled by others that directly affect ASI's ability to satisfactorily provide the necessary water to contracted formal landscape areas. These conditions, if present, will be brought to the attention of the Client by ASI with best possible solutions provided but will in no way be deemed the fault or responsibility of ASI.

OPTIONAL SERVICES

Work performed under this category will be performed and charged using time and material basis. Estimates for proposed work will be discussed with the Client for approval before any work will begin.

Note: Unless otherwise noted within the scope and/or contract, this work is outside the contract and will be provided via separate written authorization and invoice per event.

Part 1: Traditional Service Options

A. Annual Flower Program: The replacement of existing annuals (0), shall be provided (TBD) times per year. The Contractor will apply fertilizer to annuals/bedding plants monthly, at a rate of 1/2 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of the area every two (2) weeks or a slow-release fertilizer such as Osmocote or Nutricote (3-4 month release) shall be incorporated in the bed at planting. The Contractor will be responsible for weed control by hand or mechanical means, no herbicides will be used in annual beds. Contractor will also tip / prune spent blooms as needed and prune/lower select flower varieties as appropriate. Pest control will follow I.P.M. principals. Annuals that are included as a part of this contract will be of standard variety; premium annuals are available at an increased cost. Annuals in addition to, or not included in this contract, will be provided via separate written authorization and invoice per event and upon Client approval.

B. Mulch: All mulched areas shall receive (TBD CYs) and shall be replenished (TBD) times per year or as otherwise negotiated. The material consists of cypress, pine bark, recycled, etc. (TBD) Blowing and clean-up are included. The unit cost of mulching is based on mulch type and method of installation. Default method and pricing will be based on a "Blown-In" application.

C. Palm Trimming: (TBD) Palms in excess of twelve (12) feet, on average, will be pruned (TBD) times per year, or as otherwise negotiated, to ensure a proper and appealing appearance. The cost of pruning will be per unit and to be based on palm type/variety, size, condition, location/accessibility for pruning and clean-up and frequency per year.

Part 2: Additional Service Options

A. Other Available Services: Examples of additional services available but not included unless otherwise negotiated are as follows:

- ❖ Preventative blanket "Fire ant" control with TopChoice or similar. Turf fungicide applications.
- ❖ Seasonal leaf removal during heavy leaf-drop season.
- ❖ Landscape additions and renovations, Landscape Lighting
- ❖ Plant replacement not attributed to Contractor negligence.
- ❖ Turf/Sod replacement
- ❖ Repairs & modifications to the irrigation system

Exhibit B - Map



STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STUART CROSSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE
DISTRICT MANAGER IN REDESIGNATING THE TIME AND LOCATION FOR
LANDOWNERS' MEETING; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION, PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Supervisors (the "Board") previously adopted Resolution 2024-10, Ratifying the Actions of the District Manager in Redesignating the Time and Location for Landowners' Meeting; Providing for Publication, Providing for an Effective Date [SEATS 2, 3 & 5]; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to ratify its actions in redesignating the time of the Landowners' Meeting and the District Manager's action in providing the required notice landowners' meeting and election, proxy, ballot form and instructions, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

SECTION 1. The actions of the District Manager in redesignating the time of the Landowners' Meeting and providing the notice are hereby ratified. Resolution 2024-10 is hereby amended to reflect that the time and location of Landowners' Meeting as declared in Resolution 2024-10 is redesignated to 10:00 a.m., on November 25, 2024, at the Lake Alfred Public Library (Study Room), 245 N Seminole Avenue, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850.

SECTION 2. Except as otherwise provided herein, all of the provisions of Resolution 2024-10 continue in full force and effect.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

**STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A

**NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Stuart Crossing Community Development District (the "District") in Polk County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) persons to the District Board of Supervisors. Immediately following the landowners' meeting, there will be convened a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 25, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Lake Alfred Public Library (Study Room)
245 N Seminole Avenue
Lake Alfred, Florida 33850

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

The landowners' meeting and the Board of Supervisors meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. One or both of the meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Office at (877) 276-0889, at least 48 hours before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

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

District Manager

Run Date(s): _____ & _____

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

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

DATE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING: **November 25, 2024**

TIME: **10:00 a.m.**

LOCATION: **Lake Alfred Public Library (Study Room)
245 N Seminole Avenue
Lake Alfred, Florida 33850**

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

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

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

Three (3) seats on the Board will be up for election by landowners. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The candidate receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The term of office for each successful candidate shall commence upon election.

A proxy is available upon request. To be valid, each proxy must be signed by one of the legal owners of the property for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy; the street address, legal description of the property or tax parcel identification number; and the number of authorized votes. If the proxy authorizes more than one vote, each property must be listed and the number of acres of each property must be included. The signature on a proxy does not need to be notarized.

LANDOWNER PROXY

**STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, the fee simple owner of the lands described herein, hereby constitutes and appoints _____ ("**Proxy Holder**") for and on behalf of the undersigned, to vote as proxy at the meeting of the landowners of the Stuart Crossing Community Development District to be held at 10:00 a.m., on November 25, 2024, at Lake Alfred Public Library, 245 N Seminole Avenue, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850, and at any adjournments thereof, according to the number of acres of unplatted land and/or platted lots owned by the undersigned landowner that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present, upon any question, proposition, or resolution or any other matter or thing that may be considered at said meeting including, but not limited to, the election of members of the Board of Supervisors. Said Proxy Holder may vote in accordance with his or her discretion on all matters not known or determined at the time of solicitation of this proxy, which may legally be considered at said meeting.

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

Printed Name of Legal Owner

Signature of Legal Owner

Date

Parcel Description

Acreage

Authorized Votes

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

Total Number of Authorized Votes: _____

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

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
LANDOWNERS' MEETING – NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

For Election (3 Supervisors): The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will each receive a four (4)-year term, and the one (1) candidate receiving the next highest number of votes will receive a two (2)-year term, with the term of office for the successful candidates commencing upon election.

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

Description

Acreage

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

or

Attach Proxy.

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

SEAT	NAME OF CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES
2		
3		
5		

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION 2025-04

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

WHEREAS, the Stuart Crossing Community Development District (“District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government created and existing pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated within the City of Bartow, Polk County, Florida; and

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

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

SECTION 1. The District’s local records office shall be located at: _____

_____.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

**STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RATIFICATION

ITEMS A

Upon recording, this instrument should be returned to:

K. Bennett Davenport
Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301

RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

This Right-of-Way Improvement and Maintenance Agreement ("**Agreement**") is made and entered into this 7th day of **October, 2024** by and between:

Stuart Crossing Community Development District, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, and located in the City of Bartow, Florida, with a mailing address of 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (the "**District**"); and

The City of Bartow, Florida, a Florida Municipality, whose address is 450 N. Wilson Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830 (the "**City**").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of certain street rights-of-way within the incorporated limits of the City of Bartow generally known as those portions of Osprey Boulevard and JK Stuart Boulevard as shown on the attached Exhibit A (the "**Osprey & JK Stuart ROW**"); and

WHEREAS, these public rights-of way are held by the City for the benefit and general use of the public for functions including, but not limited to, vehicular and pedestrian travel and land access, and installation and maintenance of various public utilities, and for conveyance of stormwater; and

WHEREAS, it is City policy to preserve the utility of these public rights-of-way for the above stated purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District is a neighboring unit of local government whose use of the rights-of-way is also recognized as serving a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the District has requested authorization from the City to utilize and/or improve portions of the public right-of-way that are part of a development plan approved by the City, for installation, maintenance, repairs and replacement of certain landscaping, signage and related activities (the "**Improvements**").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises herein the parties agree as follows:

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

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Agreement is to document agreements and conditions there whereby the City will agree to a right-of-way use or Improvements by the District of the Osprey & JK Stuart ROW, as depicted in Exhibit A. The agreement will allow the District to install, maintain, repair or replace the Improvements on the Osprey & JK Stuart ROW as shown in Exhibit A subject to the following conditions:

- A. No work beyond the installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the Improvements may be accomplished by the District without prior written approval by the City.

SECTION 3. MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES. The District, and its successors and assigns, shall be responsible for maintenance of the Improvements, including Improvements within the Osprey & JK Stuart ROW. District may, during the term of this Agreement, with written City authorization, and upon expiration of this Agreement remove said Improvements, fully restoring the Osprey & JK Stuart ROW to its previous condition.

If the District does not continuously maintain the Improvements and area in accordance with previous stated criteria, or completely restore the Osprey & JK Stuart ROW to its previous condition in the event District elects to remove Improvements, the City shall, after appropriate notice and an opportunity to cure, restore the area to its previous condition at the District's expense.

SECTION 4. TERMINATION. The City may only terminate this Agreement for cause and as a result of a material breach by the District. Before terminating the Agreement in accordance with this Section, the City shall provide the District with notice and a 90-day opportunity to cure the default. The City shall have the right to terminate the Agreement only if District does not cure the deficiency within 90 the District's receipt of the notice.

SECTION 5. NOTICES. All notices, requests, consents and other communications under this Agreement ("Notices") shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed by First Class Mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery service, to the parties, as follows:

A. If to City:

City of Bartow, Florida
450 North Wilson Avenue
Bartow, Florida 33830
Attn: City Manager

With copy to:

Sean R. Parker, City Attorney
Boswell & Dunlap, LLP
245 South Central Avenue
Bartow, Florida 33830
Email: srp@bosdun.com

B. If to District:

Stuart Crossing Community
Development District
2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W

Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Attn: District Manager

With a copy to:

Kutak Rock LLP
107 West College Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Attn: District Counsel

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Agreement shall become effective on the date set forth above (the "Effective Date").

SECTION 7. TERM. This agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall not expire unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

SECTION 8. RECORDATION. This document shall be recorded in the official records of the City of Bartow, Florida.

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IN WITNESS WHERETO, the parties have made and executed this agreement on the date first written above.

WITNESS:

STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Kytrina DeJesus
Signature
10117 Princess Palm Ave, Ste 550
Address Tampa, FL 33610

Gert Mel
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Matthew
Signature
10117 Princess Palm Ave, Ste 550
Address Tampa, FL 33610

WITNESS:

THE CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA,
a Florida Municipality

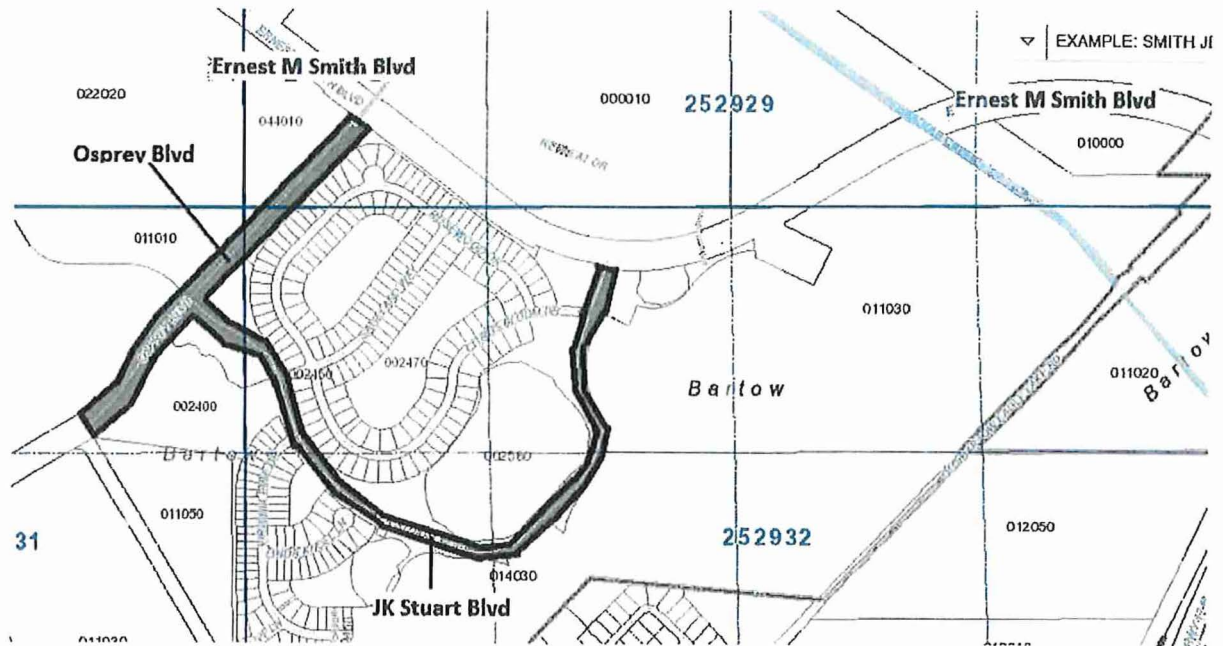
Jacqueline Poole
City Clerk

By: Mike Herr
Mike Herr, City Manager

Jacqueline Poole
Print Name

Date: 10/07/2024

EXHIBIT A



ITEM NO. 11(e)

CITY OF BARTOW, FLORIDA

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners, City of Bartow City Commission

THROUGH: Mike Herr, City Manager

FROM: Sean R. Parker, City Attorney

DATE: October 3, 2024

SUBJECT: **Right of Way Improvement and Maintenance Agreement – Stuart Crossing**
Consider approval of a Right of Way Improvement and Maintenance Agreement with the Stuart Crossing Community Development District (CDD)

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

The Commission should be very familiar with the Stuart Crossing Development. As part of the planning and funding for the project by the Developer, a CDD was created to finance and manage certain infrastructure throughout the neighborhood. In the particular case of Stuart Crossing, the public rights-of-way are dedicated to the City and are like any other public streets as far as utilization for transportation and utilities.

The Stuart Crossing CDD has requested from the City the ability to utilize certain portions of the rights of way (Osprey Boulevard for example) for the installation and maintenance of items like landscaping, signage and other such improvements. The proposed Agreement would formalize the understandings of the parties regarding these desired improvements. The CDD agrees that any proposed improvements to rights of way would require City approval in accordance with a development plan. The CDD will be responsible for the costs of installation and ongoing maintenance. A map is included with the proposed Agreement showing the portions of Osprey Boulevard and J.K. Stuart Boulevard that would be affected by this Agreement.

STAFF ANALYSIS

City Staff reviewed this proposed Agreement along with legal representatives of the CDD. The staff agree that the Agreement covers the intentions and expectations of the parties. In essence, the CDD from time to time will desire to install landscaping and signage, and they must run all of that by the City first before doing so. The agreement may also be terminated by the City for cause if necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT

There should be no fiscal impact to the City based on this Agreement. If anything, the plans of the CDD will beautify and enhance the rights of way and add aesthetic value to their community.

RECOMMENDATION

City Staff recommends the City Commission approve the Right of Way Improvement and Maintenance Agreement with Stuart Crossing CDD.

ATTACHMENTS

Agreement with Exhibit A

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

RATIFICATION

ITEMS B

QUIT CLAIM BILL OF SALE
STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

THIS BILL OF SALE is made to be effective as of the 22 day of October, 2024, by and among **MERITAGE HOMES OF FLORIDA, INC.**, a Florida corporation, with a mailing address of 18655 North Claret Drive, Suite 400, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255 ("**Grantor**"), and for good and valuable consideration, to it paid by the **STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**, a local unit of special-purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, being situated in the City of Bartow, Polk County, Florida, and whose mailing address is c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 ("**Grantee**").

(Wherever used herein, the terms "Grantor" and "Grantee" include all of the parties to this instrument, the heirs, legal representatives and assigns of individuals, and the successors and assigns of trustees, partnerships, limited liability companies, governmental entities, and corporations.)

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor and Grantee, intending to be legally bound, do hereby agree as follows:

1. Grantor, to the extent of its respective interests, if any, hereby remises, releases and quit claims to Grantee forever, all right, title, interest, claim and demand which the Grantor has in and to the landscape and irrigation improvements and work product as described below, to have and to hold for Grantee's own use and benefit forever (together, "**Property**"):

- a. **Landscape and Irrigation Improvements** - All of the right, title, interest, and benefit, if any, the Grantor has in, to, and under the landscape and irrigation improvements located within the real property and easement areas described in **Exhibit A**, including but not limited to all plants, trees, shrubbery, and other landscaping and plantings, pumps, lines, spray heads, and related system components.
- b. **Work Product** – All of the right, title, interest, and benefit the Grantor, if any, has in, to, and under any and all site plans, construction and development drawings, plans and specifications, documents, surveys, engineering and soil reports and studies, licenses, permits, zoning approvals, entitlements, building permits, demolition and excavation permits, curb cut and right-of-way permits, utility permits, drainage rights, bonds, and similar or equivalent private and governmental documents of every kind and character whatsoever pertaining or applicable to or in any way connected with the development, construction, and ownership of the above-referenced landscape and irrigation improvements.
- c. **Additional Rights** - All of the right, title, interest, and benefit of Grantor, if any, has in, to and under any and all contracts, guaranties, affidavits, warranties, bonds, claims, lien waivers, and other forms of indemnification, given heretofore and with respect to the construction, installation, or composition of the foregoing work product and landscape and irrigation improvements.

2. By execution of this document, the Grantor affirmatively represents that it has the contractual right, consent and lawful authority of any and all forms to take this action in this document

and in this form. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of Grantee's limitations on liability as provided in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, and other statutes and law.

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WHEREFORE, the foregoing Quitclaim Bill of Sale is hereby executed and delivered on the date first set forth above.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

MERITAGE HOMES OF FLORIDA, INC.

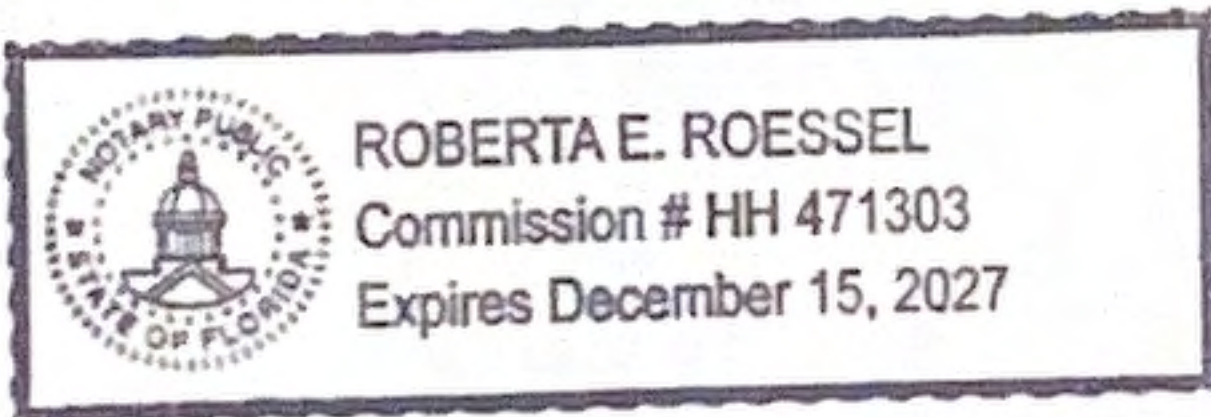
[Signature]
Print Name: Colin Seal

By: [Signature]
Name: R Tyler Vansant
Title: Vice President

CLAY KOLLER
Print Name: [Signature]

STATE OF FL
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 22 day of October, 2024, by R Tyler Vansant, as VP of Meritage Homes, Inc., on its behalf. He ☒ is personally known to me or ☐ produced _____ as identification.



[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Florida

EXHIBIT A: Description of Property

EXHIBIT A

All landscape and irrigation elements including but not limited to all plants, trees, shrubbery, and other landscaping and plantings, pumps, lines, spray heads, and related system components located within Tracts R-2, OS-1, SW-1, SW-2, SW-3, SW-4, SW-5, SW-19, SW-20, SW-22 and SW-23 on the plat entitled *Grove at Stuart Crossing Phase One*, as recorded at Plat Book 203, Pages 18-25, of the Official Records of Polk County, Florida.

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**STUART CROSSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
UNAUDITED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**STUART CROSSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 1,896	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,896
Investments				
Reserve	-	149,782	-	149,782
Construction	-	-	14,945	14,945
Cost of issuance	-	70	-	70
Interest	-	139,195	-	139,195
Due from Landowner	6,667	-	1,263	7,930
Prepaid expense	5,408	-	-	5,408
Total assets	<u>13,971</u>	<u>289,047</u>	<u>16,208</u>	<u>319,226</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 6,663	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,663
Contracts payable	-	-	16,154	16,154
Due to Landowner	-	4,571	-	4,571
Due to other	1,312	-	-	1,312
Landowner advance	6,000	-	-	6,000
Total liabilities	<u>13,975</u>	<u>4,571</u>	<u>16,154</u>	<u>34,700</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred receipts	<u>6,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u>7,930</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>6,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,263</u>	<u>7,930</u>
Fund balances:				
Restricted for:				
Debt service	-	284,476	-	284,476
Unassigned	<u>(6,671)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,671)</u>
Total fund balances	<u>(6,671)</u>	<u>284,476</u>	<u>(1,209)</u>	<u>276,596</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 13,971</u>	<u>\$289,047</u>	<u>\$ 16,208</u>	<u>\$ 319,226</u>

**STUART CROSSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	% of Budget
REVENUES				
Landowner contribution	\$ 16,385	\$ 71,473	\$ 102,290	70%
Total revenues	<u>16,385</u>	<u>71,473</u>	<u>102,290</u>	70%
EXPENDITURES				
Professional & administrative				
Management/accounting/recording**	4,000	38,000	48,000	79%
Legal	1,664	15,542	25,000	62%
Engineering	816	1,157	2,000	58%
Audit	-	-	5,500	0%
Arbitrage rebate calculation*	-	-	500	0%
Dissemination agent*	83	583	1,000	58%
Trustee*	-	-	5,500	0%
Telephone	17	200	200	100%
Postage	41	130	250	52%
Printing & binding	42	500	500	100%
Legal advertising	-	5,352	6,500	82%
Annual special district fee	-	175	175	100%
Insurance	-	5,200	5,500	95%
Contingencies/bank charges	4	32	750	4%
Appraisal	-	6,738	-	N/A
Meeting room rental	-	1,462	-	N/A
Property taxes	-	798	-	N/A
Website hosting & maintenance	-	705	705	100%
Website ADA compliance	-	-	210	0%
Total expenditures	<u>6,667</u>	<u>76,574</u>	<u>102,290</u>	75%
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	9,718	(5,101)	-	
Fund balances - beginning	(16,389)	(1,570)	-	
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ (6,671)</u>	<u>\$ (6,671)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

*These items will be realized when bonds are issued

**WHA will charge a reduced management fee of \$2,000 per month until bonds are issued.

**STUART CROSSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
DEBT SERVICE FUND SERIES 2024
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Current Month	Year To Date
REVENUES		
Interest	\$ 1,199	\$ 6,179
Total revenues	<u>1,199</u>	<u>6,179</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Trustee fee	(5,925)	-
Cost of issuance	5,925	189,705
Total debt service	<u>-</u>	<u>189,705</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	1,199	(183,526)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)		
Bond proceeds	-	581,937
Original issue discount	-	(22,864)
Underwriter's discount	-	(86,500)
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>472,573</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,199	289,047
Fund balances - beginning	283,277	(4,571)
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 284,476</u>	<u>\$ 284,476</u>

**STUART CROSSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND SERIES 2024
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Current Month	Year To Date
REVENUES		
Landowner contribution	\$ -	\$ 14,891
Interest	54	54
Total revenues	<u>54</u>	<u>14,945</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Construction costs	-	3,759,217
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>3,759,217</u>
Excess/(deficiency) of revenues over/(under) expenditures	54	(3,744,272)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)		
Bond proceeds	-	3,743,063
Total other financing sources/(uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>3,743,063</u>
Fund balances - beginning	(1,263)	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ (1,209)</u>	<u>\$ (1,209)</u>

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES

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MINUTES OF MEETING
STUART CROSSING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Stuart Crossing Community Development District held Public Hearings and a Regular Meeting on August 5, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at the Hampton Inn Bartow, 205 Old Bartow Eagle Lake Rd., Bartow, Florida 33830.

Present:

Garth Noble	Chair
Martha Schiffer	Vice Chair
Megan Germino	Assistant Secretary

Also present:

Kristen Suit	District Manager
Jere Earlywine (via telephone)	District Counsel
Bennett Davenport (via telephone)	Kutak Rock LLP
Mark Wilson (via telephone)	District Engineer

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Suit called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Supervisors Noble, Schiffer and Germino, were present. Supervisors Wang and Kakridas were not present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

No members of the public spoke.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Public Hearing on Adoption of Fiscal Year
2024/2025 Budget**

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened.

A. Affidavit of Publication

B. Consideration of Resolution 2024-11, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending September 30, 2025; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2024-11. She reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

No affected property owners or members of the public spoke.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-11, Relating to the Annual Appropriations and Adopting the Budget(s) for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending September 30, 2025; Authorizing Budget Amendments; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing to Hear Comments and Objections on the Imposition of Maintenance and Operation Assessments to Fund the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, Pursuant to Florida Law

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was opened.

A. Proof/Affidavit of Publication

B. Mailed Notice(s) to Property Owners

These items were included for informational purposes.

C. Consideration of Resolution 2024-12, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments, Including but Not Limited to Penalties and Interest Thereon; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; And Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2024-12 and read the title.

No affected property owners or members of the public spoke.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-12, Making a Determination of Benefit and Imposing Special Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; Providing for the Collection and Enforcement of Special Assessments, Including but Not Limited to Penalties and Interest Thereon; Certifying an Assessment Roll; Providing for Amendments to the Assessment Roll; Providing a Severability Clause; And Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of FY2025 Deficit Funding Agreement**

Ms. Suit presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Deficit Funding Agreement.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the Fiscal Year 2025 Deficit Funding Agreement, was approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of Resolution 2024-13, Directing the Chairman and District Staff to Request the Passage of an Ordinance by the City Commission of the City of Bartow, Florida, Amending the District's Boundaries, and Authorizing Such Other Actions as are Necessary in Furtherance of that Process; and Providing an Effective Date**

Ms. Suit presented Resolution 2024-13 and read the title. Mr. Davenport stated the Boundary Amendment petition and a few outstanding exhibits to the Boundary Amendment will be affixed to the Resolution. After all documents are executed, Staff will proceed with the Boundary Amendment and try to get on the City Commission docket as soon as possible.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, Resolution 2024-13, Directing the Chairman and District Staff to Request the Passage of an Ordinance by the City Commission of the City of Bartow, Florida, Amending the District's Boundaries, and Authorizing Such Other Actions as are Necessary in Furtherance of that Process; and Providing an Effective Date, was adopted.

A. Consideration of Boundary Amendment Funding Agreement

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the Boundary Amendment Funding Agreement, was approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Ratification Items****A. Envera Systems Items**

I. Envera Services Agreement Change Order Quote Number 14355

II. Envera Services Agreement [Active Video Surveillance; Access Control; Passive Video Surveillance]

B. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Agreement for Engineering Services**C. Kastro Lawn and Maintenance Landscaping LLC Agreement for Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Services**

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Mr. Noble, with all in favor, the Envera Systems Services Agreement Change Order Quote Number 14355; Envera Services Agreement for Active Video Surveillance, Access Control, and Passive Video Surveillance; the Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Agreement for Engineering Services and the Kastro Lawn and Maintenance Landscaping LLC Agreement for Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Services in the amount of \$75,000 per month, were ratified.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of Goals and Objectives Reporting [HB7013 - Special Districts Performance Measures and Standards Reporting**

Ms. Suit presented the Memorandum explaining the requirement for the CDD to develop goals and objectives. She presented the Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form developed for the CDD, which explains how the CDD will meet the goals.

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Mr. Noble, with all in favor, the Goals and Objectives and the Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form, were approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Consideration of Resolution 2024-02, Designating the Location of the Local District Records Office and Providing an Effective Date**

This item was deferred.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial
Statements as of June 30, 2024**

On MOTION by Mr. Noble and seconded by Ms. Schiffer, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of June 30, 2024, were accepted.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Approval of May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting
Minutes**

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Staff Reports****A. District Counsel: Kutak Rock LLP**

Mr. Davenport reminded the Board to complete the required annual ethics training by December 31, 2024. He will re-send the memorandum with the links to online courses.

B. District Engineer: Kimley-Horn

There was no report.

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

- **NEXT MEETING DATE: October 7, 2024 at 11:00 AM**

- **QUORUM CHECK**

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Board Members' Comments/Requests**

There were no Board Members' comments or requests.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Public Comments**

No members of the public spoke.

FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**Adjournment**

On MOTION by Ms. Schiffer and seconded by Ms. Germino, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chair/Vice Chair

STUART CROSSING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

STAFF

REPORTS

STUART CROSSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT		
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 MEETING SCHEDULE		
LOCATION <i>Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lakeland North I-4</i> <i>4500 Lakeland Park Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33809</i> ¹ <i>Lake Alfred Public Library (Study Room), 245 N Seminole Avenue, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850</i>		
DATE	POTENTIAL DISCUSSION/FOCUS	TIME
October 7, 2024 CANCELED <i>Inclement Weather</i>	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
November 4, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
November 5, 2024¹ <i>Rescheduled to November 25, 2024</i>	Landowners' Meeting	5:00 PM
November 25, 2024¹	Landowners' Meeting	10:00 AM
December 2, 2024	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
January 6, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
February 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
March 3, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
April 7, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
May 5, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
June 2, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
July 7, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM
August 4, 2025	Regular Meeting	1:00 PM