

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-1.001 District Financial Records

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To incorporate by reference an updated version (2026) of the publication “Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools, 2023.” Changes in law, accounting principles and district practices require periodic revision of this publication, which includes a chart of accounts. Changes in the publication and the chart of accounts include: (1) the addition of elements of financial statements for presentation in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board principles; and (2) account modifications to clarify reporting purposes.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: District financial records

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1010.01, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1010.01, F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Li Liu, Chief, Bureau of School Business Services, Finance and Operations, (850)245-0405. To request a rule development workshop, please go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Available at <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules>.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-1.004 School District Budget Requirements

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To revise Form ESE 139, which is incorporated by reference in the rule.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: School district budget submission procedures

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1001.42(12)(b), 1011.01(2)(a), (3)(a), 1011.60(1), (5), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 200.065, 1001.42(12)(b), 1011.01(2)(a), (3)(a), 1011.02, 1011.03, 1011.60(1), (5), F.S. IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-1.0071 Fiscal Reporting Dates

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Revise form ESE 348, Report of Financial Data to the Commissioner of Education, from the reporting requirements. The effect is that districts will have updated annual financial reporting forms.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Annual financial reporting submission procedures

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1011.01(2)(a), (3)(a), 1011.60(1), (5), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1011.01(3)(a), 1011.60(1), (5), F.S.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**State Board of Education**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
 6A-1.0451 Florida Education Finance Program Student Membership Surveys

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To incorporate by reference the full-time equivalent (FTE) student membership reporting instructions publication, "Full-time Equivalent (FTE) General Instructions, 2026-27," including an appendix with eligibility and reporting requirements for student transportation funding, for fiscal year 2026-27.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Florida Education Finance Program student membership surveys and transportation student member surveys.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1011.60(1), 1011.62(1), 1011.68, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1011.62(1), 1011.68, F.S.

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THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Available at <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules>.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**State Board of Education**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
 6A-20.0281 Benacquisto Scholarship Program

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Florida Department of Education will be implementing changes to the Benacquisto Scholarship Program associated with the approval of Chapter 2026-59, Laws of Florida (House Bill 1279) during the 2026 Legislative Session. Effective July 1, 2026, qualified National Merit Scholars will have the option to enroll full time in a baccalaureate degree program in the fall term immediately following high school graduation or choose to defer the acceptance of their initial award until no later than the second fall term following high school graduation. The Benacquisto Scholarship Program procedures are modified to ensure that students and administrators understand the available one-year deferment period and increase access to scholarship funds for

students in need of a deferment period. Per Rule 6A-20.0281(10)(b), Florida Administrative Code, eligible postsecondary institutions will continue to notify the department's Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) at the beginning of each term of enrollment and identify which students have accepted their initial Benacquisto Scholarship Program award.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Benacquisto Scholarship Program procedures will be modified to address the available one-year deferment period for eligible students.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1009.893(14), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1009.893, F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Shawn Haskin, Director, State Scholarships and Grants, Finance and Operations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, (850)410-5485. To comment on this rule development or to request a rule development workshop, please go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> or contact Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Available at <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules>.

COMMISSION ON ETHICS

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:
 34-6.006 Receipt of Requests for Advisory Opinions and Withdrawal of Requests
 34-6.009 Publication of the Name of the Person Seeking the Advisory Opinion

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Clarify how the Commission will handle procedurally the receipt of a request for an advisory opinion as well as the Commission's practices regarding that portion of Section 112.322(3)(a), Florida Statutes, concerning the publication of the requestor's name.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Advisory opinions issued under Section 112.322(3), Florida Statutes

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 112.322(9), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 16.715(1)(d), 112.3215(12), 112.322(3), 350.041(4), 350.043, F.S.

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THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Gray Schafer, Assistant General Counsel, schafer.grayden@leg.state.fl.us, or Amelia Naomi, Staff Attorney, naomi.amelia@leg.state.fl.us, (850)488-7864
THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: 61G20-1.005
RULE TITLE: Statewide Uniform Building Permit Applications

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: House Bill 803 (2026) directs the Florida Building Commission to adopt by rule statewide uniform commercial and residential building permit applications. The Commission intends to develop these applications and house them in a new section of the Florida Administrative Code.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Mandatory adoption of statewide uniform commercial and residential building permit applications.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 553.76(1), FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 553.77(1)(b), FS.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Mo Madani, Technical Director, Florida Building Commission, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)717-1825, mo.madani@myfloridalicense.com

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Section II Proposed Rules

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

RULE NO.: 40C-8.031
RULE TITLE: Minimum Surface Water Levels and Flows and Groundwater Levels

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect of the proposed rule amendment will be to establish minimum surface water levels for Johns Lake in Lake and Orange counties and to clarify the location of Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva in Bradford and Clay counties. These minimum water levels, if adopted by rule, will represent the limit at which further withdrawals would be significantly harmful to the water resources of the area or ecology of the area. The proposed minimum water levels for Johns Lake will not be in prevention or recovery. Thus, they will not have an adverse impact on small businesses or increase regulatory costs.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule would establish minimum surface water levels for Johns Lake pursuant to the mandate of Section 373.042, Florida Statutes, and clarify the location of Lakes Brooklyn and Geneva. The terms used herein are already defined in Chapter 40C-8, F.A.C. As with all minimum surface water levels established by the District, if adopted, the minimum surface water levels in this rule amendment would be used as a basis for imposing limitations on withdrawals of groundwater and surface water in the consumptive use permit regulatory process and for reviewing proposed surface water management systems in the environmental resource permit regulatory process.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this rule will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The District has completed for the Governor's Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform (OFARR) the "Is a SERC Required?" form and prepared a summary of the proposed rule amendments, which are both available upon request. Based on the completed "Is a SERC Required?" form and summary and the analysis performed by the District in preparing and completing those documents, the proposed rule amendments are not expected to require legislative ratification pursuant to subsection 120.541(3), F.S.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 373.042, 373.044, 373.113, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.042, 373.0421, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Tom Mayton, Deputy General Counsel, St. Johns River Water Management District, Office of General Counsel, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177, (386)329-4108 tmayton@sjrwmd.com.

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

40C-8.031 Minimum Surface Water Levels and Flows and Groundwater Levels.

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) The following minimum surface water levels are established as exceedance percentiles:

System Name	County	Minimum Level	Level (ft NAVD)
Apshawa South	Lake	P25	83.6
		P50	82.3
		P75	80.8
Brooklyn	Bradford and Clay	P25	111.5
		P50	106.2
		P75	98.6
Butler	Volusia	P50	20.1
Geneva	Bradford and Clay	P25	101.7
		P50	98.3
		P75	89.3
Johns Lake	Lake and Orange	P25	94.8
		P50	93.7
		P75	92.2
Lochloosa	Alachua	P50	56.5

The minimum P25, P50, and P75 levels for Apshawa Lake South are based on the MFLs condition lake level time series (1/27/1959 – 12/31/2018), effective {February 2025} which is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17728> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

MFL status of Apshawa Lake South will be assessed by comparing the minimum P25, P50, and P75 to the current P25, P50, and P75, respectively. The current P25, P50, and P75 for Apshawa Lake South are calculated by updating the current-pumping condition lake level time series (1/27/1959 – 12/31/2018) with post-2018 observed data at SJRWMD gage

2930258. The current-pumping condition lake level time series is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17728> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

The minimum P25, P50, and P75 levels for Lake Brooklyn are based on the MFLs condition lake level time series (7/17/1957 – 12/31/2018), effective 9/28/2021, which is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13524> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

MFL status of Lake Brooklyn will be assessed by comparing the minimum P25, P50, and P75 to the current P25, P50, and P75, respectively. The current P25, P50, and P75 for Lake Brooklyn are calculated by updating the current-pumping condition lake level time series (7/17/1957 – 12/31/2018) with post-2018 observed data at SJRWMD gage 3360373. The current-pumping condition lake level time series is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13524> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

The minimum P50 level for Lake Butler is a long-term median lake level based on the MFLs condition lake level time series (1949 – 2018), effective September 30, 2020, which is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-12168> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

MFL status of Lake Butler will be assessed by comparing the minimum P50 to the current P50. The current P50 for Lake Butler is calculated by updating the simulated historical lake level time series (1949 – 2018) with post-2018 observed data at SJRWMD gage 03390378. The simulated historical lake level time series is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-12168> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

The minimum P25, P50, and P75 levels for Lake Geneva are based on the MFLs condition lake level time series (7/1/1957 – 12/31/2018), effective 9/28/2021, which is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13525> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water

Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

MFL status of Lake Geneva will be assessed by comparing the minimum P25, P50, and P75 to the current P25, P50, and P75, respectively. The current P25, P50, and P75 for Lake Geneva are calculated by updating the current-pumping condition lake level time series (7/1/1957 – 12/31/2018) with post-2018 observed data at SJRWMD gage 11590497. The current-pumping condition lake level time series is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13525> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

The minimum P25, P50, and P75 levels for Johns Lake are based on the MFLs condition lake level time series (1/1/1948 – 12/31/2020), effective {effective date}, which is incorporated by reference and available at <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20147> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

MFL status of Johns Lake will be assessed by comparing the minimum P25, P50, and P75 to the current P25, P50, and P75, respectively. The current P25, P50, and P75 for Johns Lake are calculated by updating the current-pumping condition lake level time series (1/1/1948 – 12/31/2020) with post-2020 observed data at SJRWMD gage 03840562. The current-pumping condition lake level time series is incorporated by reference and available at <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20147> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

The minimum P50 level for Lochloosa Lake is a long-term median lake level based on the MFLs condition lake level time series (1957 – 2015), effective 1-30-19, which is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10225> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

MFL status of Lochloosa Lake will be assessed by comparing the minimum P50 to the current P50. The current P50 for Lochloosa Lake is calculated by updating the simulated historical lake level time series (1957 – 2015) with post-2015 observed data at SJRWMD gage 71481615. The simulated historical lake level time series is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-10225> and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

(6) through (13) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.042, 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.042, 373.0421, 373.103, 373.415 FS. History—New 9-16-92, Amended 8-17-94, 6-8-95, 1-17-96, 8-20-96, 10-20-96, 11-4-98, 6-27-00, 2-13-01, 3-19-02, 5-12-03, 11-10-03, 1-12-04, 2-1-06, 12-3-06, 5-10-07, 5-24-07, 1-11-10, 8-22-13, 4-3-14, 11-25-14, 12-31-14, 1-31-16 (4)(aaa), 1-31-16 (4)(ssss), 2-1-17 (4)(w), 2-1-17 (6), (8), 6-27-17 (7), 6-29-17 (5), (8), (9), 1-30-19, 9-30-20, 9-28-21, 2-24-25, effective date.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Thomas Mayton, Deputy General Counsel, St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177-2529, (386)329-4108

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District

DATE PROPOSED RULE WAS APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 8, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN FAR: September 10, 2026

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

OIR – Insurance Regulation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

690-197.005 Independent Professional Examiners
NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with section 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 51 No. 204, October 20, 2025, issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

690-197.005 Independent Professional Examiners

(1) No Change

(2) Conflict of Interest. The Office of Insurance Regulation (“Office”) shall ensure that a person performing a pharmacy benefit manager market conduct examination(s), including said person’s employees, management, contractors, subcontractors, agents, and consultants, has no conflicts of interest which might affect that person’s ability to independently perform that person’s responsibilities for the examination. The contract entered into by the Office with the person shall include a prohibition on conflicts of interest as identified herein, and failure to disclose a conflict of interest shall be deemed a breach of contract.

(a) Definitions.

1. “Conflict of interest,” is any circumstance in which a person, including all those employees, management,

contractors, subcontractors, agents, and consultants of such person, has a financial, professional, personal, or other interests that compromise, or reasonably appear to compromise, the duty of such persons to act impartially and solely in the public interest when performing pharmacy benefit market conduct examinations for the Office. A conflict of interest includes, but is not limited to, instances when a person performing a pharmacy benefit manager market conduct examination, including all those employees, management, contractors, subcontractors, agents, and consultants of such person, meet any of the following conditions in the 6 months preceding the commencement of a pharmacy benefit manager market conduct examination:

a. through b. No Change

c. Engagement to represent, lobby, or otherwise advocate for or against a drug supply chain member in regulatory or legislative matters; ~~or~~

d. Served as an employee, officer, director, trustee, advisor, consultant, or board member to any drug supply chain member whose interests may be affected by pharmacy benefit manager operations; or

d. renumbered e. No Change

2. through 3. No Change

(b) No Change

(3) No Change

Rulemaking Authority 624.308(1), 626.8828(2), (7), 626.8991 FS. Law Implemented 626.8828 FS. History – New 12-19-23, Amended _____.

Section IV Emergency Rules

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Disease Control

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64DER26-13 Definitions

SPECIFIC FACTS AND REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE: The Ryan White Grant program is a voluntary federal program that issues grant money to states for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. There is no state statute compelling the Department to participate in that grant program nor is there any federal requirement that the Department participate. The Department has, however, applied for the grant as part of the Department's broad authority to implement programs and policies that provide for the prevention and control of communicable diseases. See § 381.0011, Fla. Stat. Specifically, the Department has broad authority and discretion to determine which programs, if any, to implement (and the contours of those programs) for the prevention and control of human immunodeficiency virus

infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. See § 381.003, Fla. Stat.

That authority and discretion have been exercised, in part, by applying for and administering a federal grant program to provide certain medications to low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS. The program, as implemented by the Department prior to March 2026, included, among other things, direct dispense medication and the payment of insurance premiums for full healthcare coverage (not just limited to medication) to certain individuals who qualified under the Department's program parameters. Health insurance was acquired and provided through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace exchange.

The federal government implemented enhanced subsidies in 2021 that helped maintain ACA insurance premiums at a certain level. The federal government ended those enhanced subsidies for ACA insurance premiums in 2025. Since then, ACA insurance costs have significantly increased. Concurrently, the federal government has not increased Ryan White Grant funding to offset the ACA insurance cost increases.

The Department is allotted a finite sum of money under the Ryan White Grant and a much smaller amount of state dollars is allocated yearly by the legislature for this program. The Department does not have sufficient funds through the 2026 calendar year to implement the programs as they currently exist under Chapter 64D-4, Florida Administrative Code, such that it could have to terminate all services to all eligible persons. Approximately 32,000 persons with HIV/AIDS could lose access to some or all medications as a result.

In response, the Department initiated rulemaking to amend its rules and also adopted Emergency Rules 64DER26-1, 64DER26-2, and 64DER26-3 which were superseded by Emergency Rules 64DER26-4, 64DER26-5, and 64DER26-6 (Emergency Rules), after concluding that the exhausting of funds would create an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare because without any continued medication, the viral loads in 32,000 infected persons could elevate and could facilitate transmission of HIV within the state. Accordingly, the Department attempted by emergency rules to mitigate that situation and ensure the greatest number of people could receive some direct dispense medication within the constraints of available funding, which is the baseline federal requirement under the grant.

Following the Department's adoption of the Emergency Rules, the legislature passed House Bill 697 (the Bill) during the 2026 regular session, which was signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis on March 24, 2026, and codified at Chapter 2026-4, Laws of Florida.

Section 3 of the Bill addressed the funding shortages noted above and appropriated to the Department \$30,901,933 to implement ADAP as specified in the Bill through June 30,

2026. The Bill also commanded the Department to adopt emergency rules to implement ADAP in accordance with that section. Consequently, the Department adopted Emergency Rules 64DER26-7, 64DER26-8, and 64DER26-9. Pursuant to section 3, paragraph (5) of the Bill, those rules expired on June 30, 2026.

During a special session in May 2026, the legislature passed the General Appropriations Act contained in House Bill HB5001E (the GAA). Governor Ron DeSantis signed the GAA on June 29, 2026. Section 101 of the GAA addresses funding shortages noted above and appropriates to the Department \$75,000,000 to implement ADAP through June 30, 2027. Additionally, the GAA requires that for purposes of ADAP eligibility, “low-income” means household income at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level. It further requires that ADAP services may be provided through distribution of medication directly to up to 21,000 eligible individuals and for payment assistance with co-payments and deductibles. It does not provide for the purchase of general health insurance. Subsequently, the Department adopted Emergency Rules 64DER26-10, 64DER26-11, and 64DER26-12. The Department also published a Notice of Rule Development on July 1, 2026, and remains engaged in the rulemaking process to propose and adopt permanent rules.

In the absence of the proposed emergency rule, on September 30, 2026, the program will revert to operating under the existing Rule 64D-4.002, Florida Administrative Code (effective October 12, 2022). That rule does not conform to the GAA and would result in expenditures that are not authorized by the GAA, including payment of health insurance premiums that would deplete appropriated money before June 30, 2027. Such a sudden reversion would also create confusion and uncertainty among the eligible population as to the services offered by the Department. As explained in detail above, that creates an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

REASONS FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE USED IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The program parameters are set by existing rules that do not conform with the GAA, which was signed by the Governor on June 29, 2026. Additionally, the federal enhanced subsidies for ACA insurance ended in December 2025 without replacement by the federal government or by the Florida Legislature. The Department must implement the GAA through the adoption of emergency rules for the reasons described above, while it conducts regular rulemaking to amend Chapter 64D-4, Florida Administrative Code, to comply with law and avoid adverse public health consequences. As stated above, the Department has initiated non-emergency rulemaking procedures to ensure public participation in the rulemaking process through the adoption of emergency rules for the reasons described above, while it conducts regular rulemaking to amend Chapter 64D-4,

Florida Administrative Code, to comply with law and avoid adverse public health consequences. As stated above, the Department has initiated non-emergency rulemaking procedures to ensure public participation in the rulemaking process.

SUMMARY: The emergency rule will update definitions of “HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs,” “low income,” “federal poverty level,” and other defined terms.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Peyton Pavlik at Peyton.Pavlik@flhealth.gov or (850)245-4421.

THE TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

64DER26-13 64D-4.002 Definitions.

For the purpose of Emergency Rules 64DER26-14 and 64DER26-15 ~~this chapter~~, the words and phrases below are defined as follows:

~~(1) “ADAP Approved Plans” – insurance plans that will, at minimum, include pharmaceutical benefits for HIV antiretroviral medications; have at least one drug from each class of core antiretroviral; and are assessed for cost effectiveness. Cost effective is defined as the aggregate cost of paying for the health insurance option versus paying for the full cost for medications.~~

~~(1)(2) “Federal Poverty Level” – the poverty income guidelines (effective January 2026 2022) as published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/FPL-2026-FederalRegister.pdf> <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14755>.~~

~~(3) through (4) renumbered (2) through (3) No change~~

~~(4)(5) “HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs:” – include the following programs:~~

~~(a) Ryan White Part B Consortia Program, a federal grant program authorized by 42 U.S.C. §300ff-23, that assesses the service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS in an area that received Ryan White Part B funding, and secures providers to deliver the needed core medical and support services based on available funding;~~

~~(b) Ryan White Part B AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), a federal grant program that provides medications to uninsured or underinsured individuals living with HIV/AIDS disease, authorized under 42 U.S.C. §300ff-26. Services are provided through the distribution of medications directly to up to 21,000 eligible individuals clients or by the purchase of health insurance that includes coverage for HIV/AIDS medications;~~

(c) ADAP Program for Medication Co-Payment and Medication Deductibles Premium Plus Insurance Program, a component of ADAP designed to assist eligible individuals ~~clients~~, as defined in Emergency Rule 64DER26-15 ~~rule 64D-4.007~~, F.A.C., who have insurance and need assistance with medication premiums, copays, and/or medication deductibles; and

(d) State Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program, as defined by 24 C.F.R. Part 574 (04/01/13), a housing program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the state, that is intended to prevent the condition of homelessness from occurring to individuals or families living with HIV/AIDS; or if already homeless, to transition the individuals or families back into stable housing as soon as possible, as well as to create a strategy for long term housing stability for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The program funds short term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, permanent housing placement, transitional housing, resource identification and case management, and,

(e) renumbered (d) No change

(5) State Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program, as defined by 24 C.F.R. Part 574 (04/01/13), a housing program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the state, that is intended to prevent the condition of homelessness from occurring to individuals or families living with HIV/AIDS; or if already homeless, to transition the individuals or families back into stable housing as soon as possible, as well as to create a strategy for long-term housing stability for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The program funds short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance, permanent housing placement, transitional housing, resource identification and case management.

(6) "Low Income" – is defined as follows:

(a) For ADAP, ADAP Program for Medication Co-Payment and Medication Deductibles, and all other HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs under paragraphs 64DER26-13(4)(a) and (d), F.A.C., adjusted gross household income at or below 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

(b) For HOPWA, 80 percent of a county's median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, County Income Limits 2026 2022, effective June 01, 2026 ~~April 18, 2022~~, which is incorporated by reference and is available at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/median-county-income-2026> ~~https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14754~~.

(7) "Notice of Eligibility" – a document issued by the department, a Ryan White Part A program, or a contractor or subcontractor of either entity, that indicates an individual

~~applicant/client~~ meets the eligibility requirements to receive allowable Ryan White services, as stated in Emergency Rule 64DER26-14 ~~Rule 64D-4.003~~, F.A.C., and that lists, at a minimum, the individual's ~~applicant's/client's~~ name, address, household size and income, which must meet the definition of low income.

Rulemaking Authority 381.0011(2), 381.003(2) FS. Law Implemented 381.0011, 381.003(1)(b) FS. History—New 1-23-07, Amended 8-31-07, 3-21-08, 10-27-08, 3-30-09, 7-4-16, 5-5-21, 10-12-22, Supersedes 64D-4.002, 9-30-26.

THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Disease Control

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64DER26-14 Eligibility and Documentation Requirements SPECIFIC FACTS AND REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE: The Ryan White Grant program is a voluntary federal program that issues grant money to states for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. There is no state statute compelling the Department to participate in that grant program nor is there any federal requirement that the Department participate. The Department has, however, applied for the grant as part of the Department's broad authority to implement programs and policies that provide for the prevention and control of communicable diseases. See § 381.0011, Fla. Stat. Specifically, the Department has broad authority and discretion to determine which programs, if any, to implement (and the contours of those programs) for the prevention and control of human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. See § 381.003, Fla. Stat.

That authority and discretion have been exercised, in part, by applying for and administering a federal grant program to provide certain medications to low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS. The program, as implemented by the Department prior to March 2026, included, among other things, direct dispense medication and the payment of insurance premiums for full healthcare coverage (not just limited to medication) to certain individuals who qualified under the Department's program parameters. Health insurance was acquired and provided through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace exchange.

The federal government implemented enhanced subsidies in 2021 that helped maintain ACA insurance premiums at a certain level. The federal government ended those enhanced subsidies for ACA insurance premiums in 2025. Since then, ACA

insurance costs have significantly increased. Concurrently, the federal government has not increased Ryan White Grant funding to offset the ACA insurance cost increases.

The Department is allotted a finite sum of money under the Ryan White Grant and a much smaller amount of state dollars is allocated yearly by the legislature for this program. The Department does not have sufficient funds through the 2026 calendar year to implement the programs as they currently exist under Chapter 64D-4, Florida Administrative Code, such that it could have to terminate all services to all eligible persons. Approximately 32,000 persons with HIV/AIDS could lose access to some or all medications as a result.

In response, the Department initiated rulemaking to amend its rules and also adopted Emergency Rules 64DER26-1, 64DER26-2, and 64DER26-3 which were superseded by Emergency Rules 64DER26-4, 64DER26-5, and 64DER26-6 (Emergency Rules), after concluding that the exhausting of funds would create an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare because without any continued medication, the viral loads in 32,000 infected persons could elevate and could facilitate transmission of HIV within the state. Accordingly, the Department attempted by emergency rules to mitigate that situation and ensure the greatest number of people could receive some direct dispense medication within the constraints of available funding, which is the baseline federal requirement under the grant.

Following the Department's adoption of the Emergency Rules, the legislature passed House Bill 697 (the Bill) during the 2026 regular session, which was signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis on March 24, 2026, and codified at Chapter 2026-4, Laws of Florida.

Section 3 of the Bill addressed the funding shortages noted above and appropriated to the Department \$30,901,933 to implement ADAP as specified in the Bill through June 30, 2026. The Bill also commanded the Department to adopt emergency rules to implement ADAP in accordance with that section. Consequently, the Department adopted Emergency Rules 64DER26-7, 64DER26-8, and 64DER26-9. Pursuant to section 3, paragraph (5) of the Bill, those rules expired on June 30, 2026.

During a special session in May 2026, the legislature passed the General Appropriations Act contained in House Bill HB5001E (the GAA). Governor Ron DeSantis signed the GAA on June 29, 2026. Section 101 of the GAA addresses funding shortages noted above and appropriates to the Department \$75,000,000 to implement ADAP through June 30, 2027. Additionally, the GAA requires that for purposes of ADAP eligibility, "low-income" means household income at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level. It further requires that ADAP services may be provided through distribution of medication directly to up to 21,000 eligible individuals and for payment assistance

with co-payments and deductibles. It does not provide for the purchase of general health insurance. Subsequently, the Department adopted Emergency Rules 64DER26-10, 64DER26-11, and 64DER26-12. The Department also published a Notice of Rule Development on July 1, 2026, and remains engaged in the rulemaking process to propose and adopt permanent rules.

In the absence of the proposed emergency rule, on September 30, 2026, the program will revert to operating under the existing Rule 64D-4.003, Florida Administrative Code (effective October 12, 2022). That rule does not conform to the GAA and would result in expenditures that are not authorized by the GAA, including payment of health insurance premiums that would deplete appropriated money before June 30, 2027. Such a sudden reversion would also create confusion and uncertainty among the eligible population as to the services offered by the Department. As explained in detail above, that creates an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

REASONS FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE USED IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The program parameters are set by existing rules that do not conform with the GAA, which was signed by the Governor on June 29, 2026. Additionally, the federal enhanced subsidies for ACA insurance ended in December 2025 without replacement by the federal government or by the Florida Legislature. The Department must implement the GAA through the adoption of emergency rules for the reasons described above, while it conducts regular rulemaking to amend Chapter 64D-4, Florida Administrative Code, to comply with law and avoid adverse public health consequences. As stated above, the Department has initiated non-emergency rulemaking procedures to ensure public participation in the rulemaking process.

SUMMARY: These updates will clarify eligibility and documentation requirements for individuals who wish to apply for assistance from HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs and the HOPWA Program and includes updates to the application. It will also provide that an individual may confirm eligibility up to 45 days prior to expiration of their Notice to Eligibility to avoid a lapse in eligibility.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Peyton Pavlik at Peyton.Pavlik@flhealth.gov or (850)245-4421.

THE TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

64DER26-14 ~~64D-4.003~~ Eligibility and Documentation Requirements.

Only an individual seeking assistance, or their court-appointed representative, legal representative, or legal guardian seeking assistance on their behalf, may apply for services. Program enrollment and services are subject to available funding. An

applicant for HIV/AIDS ~~P~~atient ~~C~~are and/or HOPWA ~~P~~rograms is eligible to be linked to services based on a preliminary positive HIV test result from a test approved by the Food and Drug Administration to determine the presence of HIV infection. For this rule, linkage to service is defined as referring the applicant to eligibility determination and counseling services and the scheduling of medical appointments. To be considered eligible for receive services ~~from~~ an HIV/AIDS ~~P~~atient ~~C~~are and/or HOPWA ~~P~~rogram an applicant:

(1) No change

(2) Must be living in Florida which may be documented by providing one of the following: current state or local Florida photo identification; utility bill, with name and street address; housing, rental or mortgage agreement in client's name; recent school records; bank statement, with name and street address; letter from person with whom the applicant ~~client~~ resides; property tax receipt or W-2 form for previous year; unemployment document with street address; current voter registration card; official correspondence, postmarked in last 3 months; prison records, if recently released; current documentation from the Florida Medicaid Managed Information System (FLMMIS) or the Medical Eligibility Verification System (MEVSNET) showing that the applicant ~~client~~ is currently receiving Medicaid or assistance from the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), formally known as food stamps; Florida Department of Corrections offender search website photo print out; or a Declaration of Domicile, as per section 222.17, F.S. If homeless: a statement from the shelter in which the applicant ~~client~~ resides or visits; physical observation of location of residence by eligibility staff; a written statement from the applicant ~~client~~ describing living circumstances may be used, signed and dated by the applicant ~~client~~. Eligibility staff may provide assistance with writing the statement; or a statement from a social service agency attesting to the homeless status of the applicant ~~client~~.

(3) No change

(4) Must have low-income, which must be verified through the provision of W2s, tax returns, pay stubs, documentation of unemployment, or Medicaid award documentation.

(5) Must submit a completed and signed Application to Receive Allowable Services ~~for HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs, DH8028-DCHP-02/2026 (eff. 02/2026) DH 150-884 (08/2014),~~ which is incorporated by reference and available at https://www.floridahealth.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/DH8028-DCHP-02.2026_ER-application.pdf ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref 06962,~~ be willing to cooperate with eligibility staff during the

eligibility process, and comply with the Rights and Responsibilities stated in the application.

(6) Must have their eligibility confirmed every 366 days or at shorter intervals if the individual's ~~client's~~ income or other factors change. To avoid a lapse in eligibility, individuals may confirm eligibility up to 45 days before the expiration of their Notice of Eligibility.

The above items can be satisfied by providing a current Notice of Eligibility from a Ryan White Part A program.

Rulemaking Authority 381.0011(2), 381.003(2) FS. Law Implemented 381.0011, 381.003(1)(b) FS. History—New 1-23-07, Amended 10-27-08, 7-4-16, 10-12-22, Supersedes 64D-4.003, 9-30-26.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Disease Control

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64DER26-15 AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
SPECIFIC FACTS AND REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE: The Ryan White Grant program is a voluntary federal program that issues grant money to states for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. There is no state statute compelling the Department to participate in that grant program nor is there any federal requirement that the Department participate. The Department has, however, applied for the grant as part of the Department's broad authority to implement programs and policies that provide for the prevention and control of communicable diseases. See § 381.0011, Fla. Stat. Specifically, the Department has broad authority and discretion to determine which programs, if any, to implement (and the contours of those programs) for the prevention and control of human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. See § 381.003, Fla. Stat.

That authority and discretion have been exercised, in part, by applying for and administering a federal grant program to provide certain medications to low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS. The program, as implemented by the Department prior to March 2026, included, among other things, direct dispense medication and the payment of insurance premiums for full healthcare coverage (not just limited to medication) to certain individuals who qualified under the Department's program parameters. Health insurance was acquired and provided through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace exchange.

The federal government implemented enhanced subsidies in 2021 that helped maintain ACA insurance premiums at a certain

level. The federal government ended those enhanced subsidies for ACA insurance premiums in 2025. Since then, ACA insurance costs have significantly increased. Concurrently, the federal government has not increased Ryan White Grant funding to offset the ACA insurance cost increases.

The Department is allotted a finite sum of money under the Ryan White Grant and a much smaller amount of state dollars is allocated yearly by the legislature for this program. The Department does not have sufficient funds through the 2026 calendar year to implement the programs as they currently exist under Chapter 64D-4, Florida Administrative Code, such that it could have to terminate all services to all eligible persons. Approximately 32,000 persons with HIV/AIDS could lose access to some or all medications as a result.

In response, the Department initiated rulemaking to amend its rules and also adopted Emergency Rules 64DER26-1, 64DER26-2, and 64DER26-3 which were superseded by Emergency Rules 64DER26-4, 64DER26-5, and 64DER26-6 (Emergency Rules), after concluding that the exhausting of funds would create an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare because without any continued medication, the viral loads in 32,000 infected persons could elevate and could facilitate transmission of HIV within the state. Accordingly, the Department attempted by emergency rules to mitigate that situation and ensure the greatest number of people could receive some direct dispense medication within the constraints of available funding, which is the baseline federal requirement under the grant.

Following the Department's adoption of the Emergency Rules, the legislature passed House Bill 697 (the Bill) during the 2026 regular session, which was signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis on March 24, 2026, and codified at Chapter 2026-4, Laws of Florida.

Section 3 of the Bill addressed the funding shortages noted above and appropriated to the Department \$30,901,933 to implement ADAP as specified in the Bill through June 30, 2026. The Bill also commanded the Department to adopt emergency rules to implement ADAP in accordance with that section. Consequently, the Department adopted Emergency Rules 64DER26-7, 64DER26-8, and 64DER26-9. Pursuant to section 3, paragraph (5) of the Bill, those rules expired on June 30, 2026.

During a special session in May 2026, the legislature passed the General Appropriations Act contained in House Bill HB5001E (the GAA). Governor Ron DeSantis signed the GAA on June 29, 2026. Section 101 of the GAA addresses funding shortages noted above and appropriates to the Department \$75,000,000 to implement ADAP through June 30, 2027. Additionally, the GAA requires that for purposes of ADAP eligibility, "low-income" means household income at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level. It further requires that ADAP services

may be provided through distribution of medication directly to up to 21,000 eligible individuals and for payment assistance with co-payments and deductibles. It does not provide for the purchase of general health insurance. Subsequently, the Department adopted Emergency Rules 64DER26-10, 64DER26-11, and 64DER26-12. The Department also published a Notice of Rule Development on July 1, 2026, and remains engaged in the rulemaking process to propose and adopt permanent rules.

In the absence of the proposed emergency rule, on September 30, 2026, the program will revert to operating under the existing Rule 64D-4.007, Florida Administrative Code (effective October 12, 2022). That rule does not conform to the GAA and would result in expenditures that are not authorized by the GAA, including payment of health insurance premiums that would deplete appropriated money before June 30, 2027. Such a sudden reversion would also create confusion and uncertainty among the eligible population as to the services offered by the Department. As explained in detail above, that creates an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

REASONS FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE USED IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The program parameters are set by existing rules that do not conform with the GAA, which was signed by the Governor on June 29, 2026. Additionally, the federal enhanced subsidies for ACA insurance ended in December 2025 without replacement by the federal government or by the Florida Legislature. The Department must implement the GAA through the adoption of emergency rules for the reasons described above, while it conducts regular rulemaking to amend Chapter 64D-4, Florida Administrative Code, to comply with law and avoid adverse public health consequences. As stated above, the Department has initiated non-emergency rulemaking procedures to ensure public participation in the rulemaking process.

SUMMARY: The emergency rule updates the eligibility requirements for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Peyton Pavlik at Peyton.Pavlik@flhealth.gov or (850)245-4421.

THE TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

64DER26-15 ~~64D-4.007~~ AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

(1) To participate in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program an individual must be determined eligible as defined in Emergency Rule 64DER26-14 ~~Rule 64D-4.003~~, F.A.C

(2) To receive ADAP Program for Medication Co-Payment and Medication Deductibles Premium Plus Insurance Program benefits, individuals ~~participants~~ must be deemed eligible according to subsection (1), ~~above~~, and use an ADAP

contracted pharmacy(ies) to receive medication co-payment and/or assistance with medication deductibles.:

~~(a) Use the ADAP contracted insurance benefits manager to enroll in an ADAP approved plan to receive insurance premium assistance.~~

~~(b) Need insurance policy pharmaceutical coverage to the extent that payment cannot be made or cannot reasonably be expected to be made by another payer source.~~

~~(c) Use an ADAP contracted pharmacy(ies) to receive premium assistance, medications co-payment and/or deductible.~~

~~(3) To receive ADAP insurance benefits for plans purchased through the federally facilitated Marketplace, participants must be deemed eligible according to subsection (1) above; meet the ADAP Premium Plus Insurance Program requirements in subsection (2) above; and comply with the following requirements:~~

~~(a) Determination of available subsidies must be requested when submitting a Marketplace application. If an individual qualifies for a premium tax credit, the individual must select the advanced premium tax credit that is paid directly to the insurance provider.~~

~~(b) All supporting documentation submitted to the Marketplace as part of the application and/or enrollment process must also be submitted to ADAP.~~

Rulemaking Authority 381.0011(2), 381.003(2) FS. Law Implemented 381.0011, 381.003(1)(b) FS. History—New 7-4-16, Amended 4-5-21, 11-1-22, Supersedes 64D-4.007, 9-30-26.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2026

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed by going to <https://flrules.org/Notice/emergencyRules.asp>.

Section V

Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-1.004 General Sanitation and Safety Requirements

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 01, 2026, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, received a petition for a An

Emergency Variance from Maya Mexican Grill LLC located in Orlando.

Paragraph 61C-1.004(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code and Paragraph 5-202.11(A), 2017 FDA Food Code. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that each establishment have an approved plumbing system installed to transport potable water and wastewater. They are requesting to utilize holding tanks to provide potable water and to collect wastewater at the handwash sink and 3 compartment sink.

The Division of Hotels and Restaurants will accept comments concerning the Petition for 5 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received before 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the Petition may be obtained by contacting: Daisy.Aleman@myfloridalicense.com, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-1.004 General Sanitation and Safety Requirements

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER
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Paragraph 61C-1.004(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code and Paragraph 5-202.11(A), 2017 FDA Food Code. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that each establishment have an approved plumbing system installed to transport potable water and wastewater. They are requesting to utilize holding tanks to provide potable water and to collect wastewater at the handwash sink.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Securities

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 01, 2026, the Office of Financial Regulation, issued a Final Order Denying Petition for a Waiver from paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b),

Florida Administrative Code, submitted on behalf of Savanna Ritchey. On June 29, 2026, the Office issued a Notice of Intent to enter a Final Order Denying the Petition for Waiver from paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code, and Notice of Rights. Petitioner's failure to file a petition for hearing or to file any other document in compliance with Rules 28-106.201, 28-106.2015, or 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code, constitutes a waiver of Petitioner's right to an administrative hearing. Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Petition is denied. **The original petition was published April 2, 2026 in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 52, Number 64.

A copy of the Order may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@lofr.gov.

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

The Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 16, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84769802705?pwd=CCTVs9Jr2Yja3u7OiIbmOzb0TmUQ3c.1>

Meeting ID: 847 6980 2705

Passcode: 910902

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The TBRPC coordinates the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee (CCSHCAC) to convene representatives from all local government and planning agencies that touch the highway.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 4 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

The Resilient Shorelines and Spaces Work Group announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Virtual meeting via Zoom. Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85239796384?pwd=2ajiQkYQoh2ML2ochH8XILkgW2gjAD.1>

Meeting ID: 852 3979 6384

Passcode: 117803

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Meeting attendees will discuss an update to the Regional Resiliency Action Plan, a new FDEP living shoreline rule in development, and permitting resources.

Meeting materials can be found here:

<https://tampabayplanning.sharepoint.com/:f/s/Public/IgByXSt2x1JpQ5vifdEFGXeLAZhv7DPlsk6rwAeSgCe2w1M?e=4trDld>

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Maria Robles, Maria@tbrpc.org

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For more information, you may contact: Maria Robles, Maria@tbrpc.org

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

59G-4.130 Home Health Visit Services

The AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 15, 2026, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Agency is scheduling a hearing for the purpose of discussing Rule 59G-4.130, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Home Health Visit Services.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com or at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/rules.html>.

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contacting: MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Children's Medical Services

The Child Abuse Death Review Circuit 13 Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 14, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Microsoft Teams Meeting:

Meeting ID: 251 310 458 637 952

Passcode: zd2V3NK9

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Committee will address administrative issues, review cases, and discuss the CADR Action Plan. A portion of the meeting is required by paragraph 383.412(3)(a), F.S. to be closed to the public to allow the Committee to discuss information that is confidential and exempt from public meetings and public records. This portion of the meeting will be announced at the meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: denise.martinez@flhealth.gov

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: denise.martinez@flhealth.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: denise.martinez@flhealth.gov

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

68B-27.001 Additional Applicable Regulations

68B-27.002 Definitions

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68B-27.009 License Requirements

68B-27.011 Commercial Oyster Harvest Monitoring

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 29, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (ET)

PLACE: Cedar Key School, 951 Whiddon Ave, Cedar Key, FL 32625

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is holding a public workshop to gather input on recommendations for the management of commercial and recreational oyster harvest in Dixie, Levy, and Citrus counties. FWC staff are seeking input on recommendations to update oyster management, including changing the unattached undersized tolerance to 11 oysters per bag and the attached undersized tolerance to 33 oysters per bag; establishing a regional endorsement; a seasonal bag limit for recreational and commercial harvesters; changing the harvest season to be October 1 through the end of February; and requiring harvesters to report harvest. Staff will accept feedback on all subjects encompassed by the above-cited rules.

During the in-person workshop, staff will deliver a presentation reviewing recommendations that staff are planning to bring before the FWC Commissioners. Public feedback gathered during this workshop will be considered while refining rule recommendations for the Commission to consider in 2027.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jessica McCawley, at 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554, or Jessica.McCawley@MyFWC.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Jessica McCawley, at 620 South Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850)487-0554, or Jessica.McCawley@MyFWC.com.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

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DATE AND TIME: Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (ET)

PLACE: Salt Creek Restaurant & Marker 29, 23440 SE Co Rd 349, Suwannee, FL 32692

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is holding a public workshop to gather input on recommendations for the management of commercial and recreational oyster harvest in Dixie, Levy, and Citrus counties. FWC staff are seeking input on recommendations to update oyster management, including changing the unattached undersized tolerance to 11 oysters per bag and the attached undersized tolerance to 33 oysters per bag; establishing a regional endorsement; a seasonal bag limit for recreational and commercial harvesters; changing the harvest season to be October 1 through the end of February; and requiring harvesters to report harvest. Staff will accept feedback on all subjects encompassed by the above-cited rules.

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RK&K

The Florida Department of Transportation District 1 announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: City of Sarasota City Hall, 1565 1st St, Sarasota, FL 34236, Conference Room 112 or

bit.ly/LittleRinglingBAC

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Design Bridge Aesthetic Committee for the Little Ringling (SR 789) Bridge Reconstruction Project from Bird Key Drive to Sarasota Harbour West (FPID 436680-2-52-01) in Sarasota County, Florida, has been established to determine aesthetic features on the new Little Ringling Bridge.

The public is invited to attend as observers.

In-Person

September 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

City of Sarasota City Hall, 1565 1st St, Sarasota, FL 34236, Conference Room 112

Virtual

Register in advance: bit.ly/LittleRinglingBAC

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FDOT Project Manager, Jeffrey Mednick, by phone at (863)519-2304 or by email at Jeffrey.Mednick@dot.state.fl.us

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, Florida 33830, call (863)519-2287, or via email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: FDOT Project Manager, Jeffrey Mednick, by phone at (863)519-2304 or by email at Jeffrey.Mednick@dot.state.fl.us

ALLIANCE FOR AGING, INC.

The Alliance for Aging announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 15, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

PLACE:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/246366052469604?p=p7eVPIuhNrSeDkS4H8>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Board of Directors meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Rhina Jaar, jaarr@allianceforaging.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Rhina Jaar, jaarr@allianceforaging.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

Section VII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Board of Massage Therapy has received the petition for declaratory statement from Serhii Tkachuk filed on September 30, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Section 480, Florida Statutes as it applies to the petitioner.

Petitioner ask question to the Board whether or not Petitioner is required the specific non-medical, non-invasive wellness, sensory-stimulation, functional-feedback, and proper-movement-education activities described in this Petition constitute "massage therapy" under Chapter 480, Florida Statutes, and whether or not I am required to obtain a license under Chapter 480, Florida Statutes, to perform these specifically described activities. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after the publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Brittany Auclair, Executive Director, Board of Massage Therapy, at the above listed address, (850)245-4162, or by electronic mail – brittany.auclair@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Finance

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Office of Financial Regulation has received the petition for declaratory statement from Greencard Payments Inc. filed on August 14, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 560, Florida Statutes, as it applies to the petitioner.

On September 30, 2026 the Petition was WITHDRAWN. The original petition sought a declaratory statement on whether Petitioner's proposed business model (of a payment technology facilitator providing software infrastructure that allows consumers and merchants to connect for ACH-based payments. Petitioner does not issue payment instruments, hold stored value, or engage in currency exchange) requires licensure as a money transmitter or other money services business under Part II, Chapter 560, Florida Statutes. *The original petition was published August 18, 2026 in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 52, Number 160.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

Please refer all comments to: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

Section VIII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Section IX

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X

Announcements and Objection Reports of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

NONE

Section XI

Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and Purchasing

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR RFP-27-052-SETTLES GYM WINDOW REPLACEMENTS

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) requests proposals for the subject project and has issued a Competitive Solicitation to obtain competitive responses from qualified

firms consistent with the requirements outlined in the Solicitation Document.

Selection will be made in accordance with the published Solicitation Document. Firm(s) must be properly licensed in the State of Florida at the time of submittal.

Be sure to read the entire solicitation document before contacting the Agency with questions, which must be submitted via e-mail. Only procedural questions will be answered on receipt – all other questions will only be answered according to the published timeline.

PRE-BID QUALIFICATION RESPONSE DUE DATE: November 16, 2026, no later than 1:45 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTAL: Firms interested in being considered for this project should access the Solicitation Document from: Purchasing | Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind Click “View Active Competitive Solicitations” and navigate to the project folder. **RESPONDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE** for checking the FSDB website for amendments and addendums. Failure to comply with any changes published to the FSDB website may be grounds for rejecting a proposal.

Primary Contact: Christine Skaggs, Purchasing Analyst - skaggs@fsdbk12.org; Kim Whitwam, Director of Purchasing – whitwamk@fsdbk12.org.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

FSA27-VEF21.0: Fire & Rescue Vehicles, Boats & Equipment INVITATION TO BID ADVERTISEMENT:

FSA27-VEF21.0: Fire & Rescue Vehicles, Boats & Equipment
The Florida Sheriffs Association invites interested vendors, including manufacturer representatives, to submit responses in accordance with these solicitation documents. The Florida Sheriffs Association will serve as the Contract Administrator in the solicitation process and the administration of the resulting contract. The purpose of this bid is to establish a twenty-four (24) month contract, beginning April 1, 2027, and ending March 31, 2029, with manufacturers and manufacturer’s authorized representatives for the purchase of the purchase of Fire & Rescue Vehicles, Boats & Equipment.

The Florida Sheriffs Association invites interested bidders to submit bids. Refer to the Bid Calendar for major bid tasks, activities, and dates. All prospective bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting on December 18, 2026, for FSA27-VEF21.0: Fire & Rescue Vehicles, Boats & Equipment.

This contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder by brand, manufacturer, and specification.

Bidder warrants by virtue of bidding it is submitting a firm bid and the prices quoted in their bid response will be good for an evaluation period of sixty (60) calendar days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise agreed to by the FSA.

All bidders must submit a complete bid package online via the VendorLink bid system by March 1, 2027, containing the following signed documents and supporting materials.

Qualification Packet (forms and materials required for bid qualification) include:

- Bidder Qualifications Form
 - o Contact Information
 - o Business Profile
 - o References
 - o Disqualifications & Defaults
 - o Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT) Certification
 - o Ambulance Remount Services
- Compliance Attestations
 - o Completion of a digital attestation confirming compliance with SunBiz registration requirements
 - o Completion of a digital attestation confirming compliance with E-Verify requirements pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes
 - o Anti-Human Trafficking
 - o Workers Compensation
 - o Drug-Free Workplace
 - o Compliance with Applicable Federal, State, and Local Laws and Ordinances
- Federal Compliance
 - o Federal Funding Willingness to Comply Form
 - o Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension
 - o Certification Regarding Lobbying
- W-9 Form
- Valid Certificate of Insurance per Section 2.03 Insurance and Indemnification

Bid Package:

- Price for each item bid
 - Build sheets for each item bid on merged into a pdf document
- Failure to submit the above items will result in disqualification for the contract. Bidders are hereby advised that the Florida Sheriffs Association reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or separate portions thereof, and to waive any irregularity, technicality or omission if the FSA determines that doing so will serve in the FSA’s best interest. The FSA may also reject any bid not submitted in the manner specified by the solicitation documents.

FSA27-VEF21.0 Bid Calendar	Date
Bid Announcement	8/26/2026
Voluntary Interested Bidder Workshop FSA27-VEF21.0	11/4/2026
New Items & Specifications Submissions Due	11/13/2026
Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting FSA27-VEF21.0 and VendorLink Training	12/18/2026

Requests for Clarifications Due to FSA	1/5/2027
FSA Response to Requests for Clarifications	1/14/2027
Bid System Opens	1/20/2027
Cone of Silence	1/20/2027 3/18/2027
Bid Submissions Due	3/1/2027
Bid Tabulations Posted	3/3/2027
Public Bid Opening	3/3/2027
Bid Evaluations	3/8/2027 3/12/2027
Intent To Award	3/18/2027
Final Award	4/1/2027

CHARLES PERRY PARTNERS, INC.

Advertisement of Prequalification

Charles Perry Partners, Inc. has been selected to provide Construction Management services for the Columbia County Schools – Summers Elementary School – Phase 2 – Classroom Renovation project at 1388 Southwest McFarlane Avenue, Lake City, Florida at the Columbia County School District.

Charles Perry Partners, Inc. is currently accepting subcontractor/vendor prequalification applications and bid proposals for the following scopes of work:

FINAL CLEANING, MATERIALS TESTING, SELECTIVE DEMOLITION, CONCRETE, MISC. STEEL, ROOFING, DOORS/FRAMES/HARDWARE, SPRAY INSULATION, WINDOWS, DRYWALL/FRAMING, STUCCO, PAINTING, ACOUSTICAL CEILINGS, FLOORING, MISC. SPECIALTIES, SIGNAGE, CASEWORK, WINDOW COVERINGS, WALKWAY CANOPIES, PLUMBING, HVAC, TEST & BALANCE, ELECTRICAL, SITEWORK

All parties interested in bidding on this project must be prequalified for their bid to be considered. To receive a link to start the prequalification process, send an email to prequalification@cpipi.com.

Bid documents are now available.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at 1388 Southwest McFarlane Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

To RSVP, please send an email to bids@cpipi.com.

Sealed bids are due no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 5, 2026. Sealed bids must either be submitted electronically through BuildingConnected or delivered in a sealed envelope to the Columbia County School District Office (372 W Duval St, Lake City, FL 32055) with the project name, bid package number and submitting contractor's name clearly marked on the envelope.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in January 2027. The Columbia County School District and CPPI reserve the right to reject any bid if considered to be non-compliant or in the best interest of the project.

Please contact Amy Jordan with any questions at amy.jordan@cpipi.com or (813)892-7665.

**SARASOTA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL BOARD
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
FOR ARCHITECTURE AND PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES (CONTINUING CONTRACTS)
FOR SARASOTA MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Sarasota County Public Hospital District d/b/a Sarasota Memorial Hospital and Sarasota Memorial Health Care System, and its governing board (collectively, “the Hospital” or “SMHCS”), located in Sarasota County, Florida, announces that it is soliciting Statements of Qualifications for continuing contracts (as defined in Section 287.055(2)(g)1., Florida Statutes) from qualified: (1) architecture firms (“Procurement 1”), (2) professional mechanical/electrical/plumbing/fire protection (M/E/P/Fp) engineering firms (“Procurement 2”), (3) professional structural engineering firms (“Procurement 3”), and (4) civil engineering firms (“Procurement 4”), all under the provisions of the Consultants’ Competitive Negotiation Act, Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (the “CCNA”).

REQUESTED SERVICES DESCRIPTIONS:

Procurement 1 – Architecture Services: Architectural services to be provided by the selected architecture firm(s) may include but are not necessarily limited to: study activities, programming, conceptual design, schematic design, design development, construction documents, record drawings, construction administration services, and post-occupancy services. As part of its services, the selected architecture firm(s) may be asked to provide the services of sub-consultants, based upon specific project need.

Procurement 2 – M/E/P/Fp Engineering Services: M/E/P/Fp engineering services to be provided by the selected M/E/P/Fp engineering firm(s) may include but are not necessarily limited to: study activities, programming, conceptual design, schematic design, design development, construction documents, record drawings, construction administration services, and post-occupancy services. As part of its services, the selected M/E/P/Fp engineering firm(s) may be asked to provide the services of sub-consultants, based upon specific project need.

Procurement 3 – Structural Engineering Services: Structural engineering services to be provided by the selected structural engineering firm(s) may include but are not necessarily limited to: study activities, structural evaluations and assessments, wind analyses, programming, conceptual design, schematic design, design development, construction documents, record

drawings, construction administration services, and post-occupancy services. As part of its services, the selected structural engineering firm(s) may be asked to provide the services of sub-consultants, based upon specific project need.

Procurement 4 – Civil Engineering Services: Civil engineering services to be provided by the selected civil engineering firm(s) may include but are not necessarily limited to: study activities, site development, utility infrastructure, water and wastewater systems, stormwater management, roadways and transportation improvements, parking facilities, drainage improvements, environmental permitting, campus planning, cost estimating, infrastructure assessments, regulatory compliance reviews, programming, conceptual design, schematic design, design development, construction documents, record drawings, construction administration services, and post-occupancy services. As part of its services, the selected civil engineering firm(s) may be asked to provide the services of sub-consultants, based upon specific project need.

GENERAL PROJECT(S) DESCRIPTION: The foregoing services may be used for projects anywhere at/in/on/over/under the facilities, buildings, and properties owned, leased, or operated, now or in the future, by SMHCS for (a) projects in which the estimated construction cost of each individual project under the continuing contract does not exceed \$7,500,000 (as such amount may be adjusted in accordance with Section 287.055(2)(g)1., Florida Statutes); (b) study activities with the fee for each individual study under the continuing contract does not exceed \$500,000; and/or (c) work of a specified nature as outlined in the continuing contract, with the term being fixed or with no time limitation, except the contract shall provide a termination clause, all as permitted by the CCNA. Projects for SMHCS facilities, buildings, and/or properties may include clinical and non-clinical spaces and services in connection with existing and to-be constructed facilities and buildings, including, without limitation, renovations, alterations, new construction, and additions.

ANTICIPATED TERM/NO EXCLUSIVITY: Continuing contracts are anticipated to be for a term of three (3) years, subject to extension or early termination as will be provided therein. A firm receiving an award of a continuing contract will not have an exclusive contract to perform services for the aforementioned projects. The Hospital may have additional continuing service firms in the same discipline under contract during the same time period.

NUMBER OF CONTRACTS AND COMPLIANCE WITH CCNA: The Hospital intends to, but reserves the right not to, award multiple continuing contracts for each professional services discipline described in each of the above-referenced Procurements. Each firm submitting a Statement of Qualifications, and each continuing contract, shall comply with the provisions of the CCNA.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Firms interested in being considered as candidates are required to submit ten (10) bound statements of Statements of Qualifications that: (a) include at least the following information, and (b) are organized in the following order:

1. Identification of the Procurement or Procurements to which the firm is responding.
2. A copy of the firm's current applicable Florida professional license(s) (e.g., Certificate of Authorization from the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design or the Florida Board of Professional Engineers) and corporate registration certificates.
3. Proof of insurance in the following categories:
 - a. Commercial General Liability, on an occurrence basis, including Damage to Rented Premises, Medical Expenses; Personal Injury; Products Completed Operations Aggregate and General Aggregate;
 - b. Excess / Umbrella Liability;
 - c. Worker Compensation at statutory limits;
 - d. Employer Liability; and
 - e. Professional Liability.
4. A statement as to whether the firm is a Florida-based woman, veteran, or minority owned Florida Certified Business Enterprise. If your firm claims Florida-based woman, veteran, or minority owned Florida Certified Business Enterprise status, a copy of the firm's current, valid Office of Supplier Diversity certificate is required as part of the submission package.
5. A list of the firm's proposed team to be assigned to projects under the continuing contract, including resumes of each team member with relevant experience.
6. A list of at least five client references consisting of name, title, organization, address, telephone number and project name(s) for each reference specified. Reference responses are mandatory. Firms must ensure that all listed references are current, available and willing to reply to the Hospital's inquiries during the evaluation period. No Hospital employees shall be used as references for purposes of this Request for Statements of Qualifications. Failure to provide five responsive references may result in the submittal being deemed non-responsive.
7. Related experience of the firm. Provide past five (5) years of completed healthcare facility projects that demonstrate the firm's experience. Include related experience with authorities having jurisdiction in SMHCS's geographic service area, including, without limitation, AHCA, City of Sarasota, City of Venice, City of North Port, and Sarasota County, Florida.
8. The location of the firm's main office and location of firm's office that will support the services under the continuing contract, if different than the main office.
9. An explanation of how the firm will respond expeditiously to urgent project matters.
10. A statement addressing the following:

11. a. The firm's approach to successful project delivery and quality control;

12. b. The firm's financial capacity to perform projects of similar size and complexity as described above;

c. Whether the firm has had any projects in the past five (5) years terminated for cause, defaulted, or not completed, and if so, a brief description of the circumstances; and

d. Any material claims, litigation, or regulatory actions involving the firm within the past five (5) years, including a brief description and resolution or current status.

The basis for selection criteria for the continuing contract(s) includes, but is not limited to:

1. The firm's relevant experience, including, without limitation, relevant experience with regulatory agencies with applicable jurisdictional authority, including, but not limited to, federal, state, and local agencies;

2. The adequacy of the firm's personnel and the resources available for assignments under the continuing contract. This includes (without limitation) recent, current and projected workloads of the firm;

3. The location of the firm's team members' office(s);

4. The firm's approach to projects under the continuing contract;

5. The firm's ability to respond quickly;

6. To the extent permitted by law, whether or not the firm is a Florida-based woman, veteran, or minority owned Florida Certified Business Enterprise (valid certificate from the Office of Supplier Diversity required);

7. The volume of previously awarded projects to the firm by the Hospital; and

8. Other factors determined by the Hospital to be applicable to its particular requirements.

The Hospital's Selection Committee may use a scoring rubric or consensus method to evaluate qualifications based on the criteria described above. No price or fee proposals shall be considered during the evaluation phase, in accordance with the CCNA. The Hospital will negotiate a fair, competitive and reasonable compensation per the CCNA.

All interested firms are further informed as follows:

1. The Hospital reserves the right to reject any or all submittals at any time during this process.

2. The Hospital reserves the right to request additional information beyond the data set forth above.

3. The Hospital reserves the right to waive any minor irregularities, informalities, or technical deficiencies in a submittal, provided that such waiver does not materially affect the qualifications of the responding firm.

4. Questions regarding submissions shall be directed only to the Hospital's Executive Director of Construction, Beth Moser, (941)917-1804.

5. Only the Hospital's Executive Director of Construction, Beth Moser, shall be contacted regarding this Request for Statements of Qualifications. Requests for in-person meetings by individual firms will not be granted. No communication shall take place between the applicants and the Hospital's Selection Committee members or employees of the Hospital except Beth Moser, Executive Director of Construction. Failure to comply could result in immediate disqualification at the discretion of the Executive Director of Construction.

6. Submissions shall be titled:

Statement of Qualifications for

Architecture and Professional Engineering Services

(Continuing Contracts)

Sarasota Memorial Health Care System

7. Submittals must be received by the Hospital no later than 3:30PM on Thursday, November 05, 2026. Submit Statements of Qualifications to Beth Moser, Executive Director of Construction, 1515 S. Osprey Avenue, Building A-3, Sarasota, FL 34239. Submittals received after this deadline will not be accepted. Facsimile or electronic submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered. Submittals that are late or do not comply with the above instructions may be deemed non-responsive and rejected at the sole discretion of the Hospital. Submittals are part of the public record. Application materials will not be returned.

8. The Selection Committee will meet in a public meeting located at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Old Board Room, located on the first floor next to the Auditorium, 1700 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34239, on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss their evaluation of the firms providing Statements of Qualifications rank and select no fewer than the three firms that the Selection Committee determines to be the most qualified with which to conduct further discussions (the "First Selected Candidates").

9. Thereafter, the Selection Committee will meet in a second public meeting located at Sarasota Memorial Hospital's Kolschowsky Research and Education Building, 1880 Arlington Street, 1st Floor Morganroth Auditorium (Section D), Sarasota, FL 34239, on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 8:00 a.m., in accordance with the requirements of the CCNA, with the First Selected Candidates to conduct discussions with, and may require public presentations by, to further evaluate the First Selected Candidates qualifications, approach to the Hospital's projects, and ability to furnish the required services. The Hospital will rank in order of preference the firms of the First Selected Candidates deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services and subsequently engage in contract negotiations with the firm or firms deemed by the Selection Committee to be the most highly qualified.

Section XII Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraphs 120.55(1)(b)7. – 8., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 25, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 1, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5I-4.002	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
5I-4.003	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
5I-4.005	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
5I-4.006	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
5I-4.007	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
5I-4.008	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
5I-4.011	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
6A-1.0014	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
6A-4.0021	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
6A-4.00821	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
6A-6.0576	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
6A-14.012	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
6A-14.0719	9/30/2026	10/20/2026
60CC-1.101	9/28/2026	10/18/2026
64B18-16.006	9/29/2026	10/19/2026
64B18-17.001	9/29/2026	10/19/2026
64DER26-13	9/30/2026	9/30/2026
64DER26-14	9/30/2026	9/30/2026
64DER26-15	9/30/2026	9/30/2026
68D-24.0041	9/28/2026	10/18/2026
75-14.001	9/28/2026	10/18/2026
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75-14.039	9/28/2026	10/18/2026
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**LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE
APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7)
AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES**

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
14-10.0043	4/11/2025	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Proposed Temporary Airport Site Approval Order Application for Epic Universe Airport

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Transportation intends to issue an “Temporary Airport Site Approval Order,” in accordance with Chapter 330, Florida Statutes, “Regulation of Aircraft, Pilots, and Airports” and Chapter 14-60, Florida Administrative Code, “Airport Licensing, Registration, and Airspace Protection” for the following site: Epic Universe Airport, a temporary private airport, in Orange County, at Latitude 28° 26' 37.05" and Longitude 81° 26' 56.97", to be owned and operated by Universal City Development Partners, LTD, 1000 Universal Studios Plaza, Orlando, FL 32819. A copy of the Temporary Airport Site Approval Order, the Temporary Airport’s Site Approval Order Application, the applicable rules, and other pertinent information may be obtained by contacting David Roberts, State Aviation Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 46, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450; (850)414-4514; aviation.fdot@dot.state.fl.us.

Website:

<http://www.fdot.gov/aviation>.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING RIGHTS: Any person whose substantial interests will be determined or affected by this Airport Site Approval Order has the right, pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, to petition for an administrative hearing. The petition for an administrative hearing must conform to the requirements of Rule Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and must be filed, in writing, within twenty-one days of the publication of this notice, with the Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Office of General Counsel, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 58, Room 550, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450. Failure to file a petition within the allowed time constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to request a hearing under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Notice of Receipt of Temporary Airport Registration Application for Epic Universe Airport

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Transportation is in receipt of a “Temporary Airport Registration Application”, in accordance with Chapter 330, Florida Statutes, “Regulation of Aircraft, Pilots, and Airports” and Chapter 14-60, Florida Administrative Code, “Airport Licensing, Registration, and Airspace

Protection” for the following site: Epic Universe Airport, a temporary private airport, in Orange County, at Latitude 28° 26' 37.05" and Longitude 81° 26' 56.97", to be owned and operated by Universal City Development Partners, LTD, 1000 Universal Studios Plaza, Orlando, FL 32819. A copy of the Temporary Airport Registration Application, the applicable rules, and other pertinent information may be obtained by contacting David Roberts, State Aviation Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 46, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450; (850)414-4500; aviation.fdot@dot.state.fl.us. Website: <http://www.fdot.gov/aviation>.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Notice of Publication of 2026-2027 Regulatory Plan

Notice is hereby given that on September 30, 2026, the DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES published its 2026-2027 Regulatory Plan in accordance with subsection 120.74(2), Florida Statutes. The Regulatory Plan can be accessed at <https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/ogc/annualregulatoryplan.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Notice of Publication of Annual Regulatory Plan

Pursuant to Section 120.74(2)(a)3., Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Florida Department of Corrections has published its 2026-2027 Regulatory Plan on its website, effective October 1, 2026. The following hyperlink provides direct access to the regulatory plan:

<https://www.fdc.myflorida.com/content/download/45429/file/2026-2027%20FDC%20ANNUAL%20REGULATORY%20PLAN%20-%20signed.pdf>

COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

Notice of Publication of 2026-2027 Annual Regulatory Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 1, 2026, the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged published its 2026-2027 Annual Regulatory Plan in accordance with Section 120.74, F.S. The Annual Regulatory Plan is available on the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged's website at <https://www.fdot.gov/ctd/ctd-home> (CTD Home).

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Certificate of Need

NOTICE OF FIXED NEED POOLS FOR COMMUNITY NURSING HOME BEDS

The Agency for Health Care Administration has projected a fixed bed need pool for community nursing home beds for July 2029 pursuant to the provisions of Section 408.034(5), Florida

Statutes and Rules 59C-1.008 and 59C-1.036, F.A.C. Net bed need projections for community nursing home beds have been adjusted according to occupancy rate thresholds as prescribed by the above-mentioned rules. Letters of intent to apply for Certificates of Need pursuant to this notice must be filed with the Certificate of Need Office, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 2, Room C-1, MS 28, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308, on or before 5 pm, October 19, 2026.

Any person who identifies an error in the fixed need pool numbers must advise the agency of the error within ten (10) days of publication of the number. If the agency concurs with the error, the fixed need pool number will be adjusted and republished in the first available edition of the Florida Administrative Register. Failure to notify the agency of the error during this ten day time period will result in no adjustment to the fixed need pool number for this cycle and a waiver of the person's right to raise the error at subsequent proceedings. Any other adjustments will be made in the first cycle subsequent to identification of the error including those errors identified through administrative hearings or final judicial review.

Any person whose substantial interest is affected by this action and who timely advised the agency of an error in the action has a right to request an administrative hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, Florida Statutes. In order to request a proceeding under Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, a request for an administrative hearing must state with specificity which issues of material fact or law are in dispute. All requests for hearings shall be made to the Agency for Health Care Administration and must be filed with the agency clerk at 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Room 3431, MS 3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308. All requests for hearings must be filed with the agency clerk within 21 days of this publication or the right to a hearing is waived.

Community Nursing Home Bed Need Bed Need

District 1	
Subdistrict 1	66
Subdistrict 2	0
Subdistrict 3	0
District 2	
Subdistrict 1	0
Subdistrict 2	0
Subdistrict 3	13
Subdistrict 4	64
Subdistrict 5	0
District 3	
Subdistrict 1	4
Subdistrict 2	0
Subdistrict 3	0
Subdistrict 4	0
Subdistrict 5	0
Subdistrict 6	3

Subdistrict 7	0		
District 4			
Subdistrict 1	0		
Subdistrict 2	21		
Subdistrict 3	81		
Subdistrict 4	0		
District 5			
Subdistrict 1	0		
Subdistrict 2	0		
District 6			
Subdistrict 1	37		
Subdistrict 2	0		
Subdistrict 3	5	Subdistrict 4	0
Subdistrict 5	2		
District 7			
Subdistrict 1	0		
Subdistrict 2	22		
Subdistrict 3	0		
Subdistrict 4	0		
District 8			
Subdistrict 1	29		
Subdistrict 2	49		
Subdistrict 3	0		
Subdistrict 4	0		
Subdistrict 5	0		
Subdistrict 6	0		
District 9			
Subdistrict 1	35		
Subdistrict 2	0		
Subdistrict 3	0		
Subdistrict 4	0		
Subdistrict 5	0		
District 10	0		
District 11			
Subdistrict 1	0		
Subdistrict 2	0		
Total Statewide	449		

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF AGENCY REGULATORY PLAN

Pursuant to Section 120.74(2)(a)3., Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services Board's Plan is available at the following web address: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/funeralcemetery/board>

BROWARD COUNTY PURCHASING

Notice of Unsolicited Proposal and Report of Public Interest Determination

Pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes

Proceeding With Unsolicited Proposal from Dependable Equities, LLC, Pursuant to Section 255.065(3)(d), Florida Statutes

On May 22, 2026, Broward County ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, received an unsolicited proposal ("Original Proposal") from Dependable Equities, LLC ("Dependable Equities") to demolish the existing County-owned structure and perform site clearing at 400 NE 4th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida ("400 Property"), at its sole cost and expense, in exchange for temporary use of the cleared 400 Property for construction logistics and support activities associated with its adjacent Ombelle development. On August 12, 2026, Dependable Equities amended the Original Proposal by addendum to request temporary use of additional County-owned property located at 408 NE 4th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida ("408 Property") (the 400 Property and the 408 Property are collectively referred to herein as the "Properties") (the Original Proposal, as amended by the August 12, 2026, addendum, collectively, the "Proposal").

As part of the County's further evaluation of the Proposal, demolition of the existing County-owned structure and site clearing at the 408 Property are also contemplated as part of the proposed arrangement.

The demolition, site clearing, and temporary use at the Properties for construction logistics and support activities associated with the Ombelle development, as contemplated by the Proposal and the County's further evaluation thereof, are collectively referred to herein as the "Project."

On August 20, 2026, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") directed the County Administrator to proceed with further evaluation of the Proposal pursuant to the public meeting process set forth in Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, rather than the public bidding process set forth in Section 255.065(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

On September 10, 2026, the Board held the first duly noticed public meeting required by Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes. County staff presented the Proposal, and affected public entities and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment. No public comments regarding the Proposal were received.

On September 22, 2026, the Board held the second duly noticed public meeting required by Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and considered the statutory factors required to determine whether the Proposal is in the public's interest, including the public-comment record of the September 10, 2026, meeting and any public comments received at the September 22, 2026, meeting. Following consideration of those factors, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-395, determining that the Project, as reflected in the Proposal and the County's further evaluation thereof, was in the public's interest in accordance with Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and

directing the County Administrator to proceed with further evaluation of the Proposal and negotiation of a comprehensive agreement with Dependable Equities, subject to the remaining requirements of Section 255.065, Florida Statutes.

In making its public interest determination, the Board considered the factors required by Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and made the following findings:

1. Benefits to the public. The existing vacant County-owned structure at the 400 Property was constructed in approximately 1956, was significantly impacted by the April 2023 flooding, is not currently used for a County purpose, and is at the end of its useful life. The County incurred approximately \$36,000 in maintenance expenses for the 400 Property in Fiscal Year 2025. Additionally, the existing County-owned structure at the 408 Property is also vacant and currently not needed for County use. Under the Proposal, Dependable Equities would demolish the existing structures and perform the required site clearing at the Properties at its sole cost and expense. The Proposal would eliminate unused County-owned structures, including the deteriorated structure at the 400 Property, reduce ongoing County maintenance and security obligations, avoid County expenditures for demolition, site clearing, and ultimately return the Properties to the County in a cleared condition for future County-determined uses following expiration or earlier termination of the temporary use by Dependable Equities.

2. Financial structure and economic efficiencies. Dependable Equities proposes to bear, at its sole cost and expense, the costs associated with demolition, debris removal, and site clearing at the Properties. In exchange, Dependable Equities would receive temporary and revocable use of the Properties for construction logistics and support activities associated with the adjacent Ombelle development. The contemplated comprehensive agreement would have a 36-month initial term encompassing demolition, site clearing, and temporary use and would permit the County to terminate or recapture the temporary use rights as provided in the comprehensive agreement. The proposed structure would avoid County expenditures for the demolition, debris removal, and site clearing work and reduce the County's ongoing maintenance, security, and other carrying obligations associated with the Properties. Based upon these considerations and the proposed terms of the arrangement, the Board found that the financial structure provides economic efficiencies and benefits to the County. The final consideration and other business terms remain subject to negotiation and subsequent Board approval of a comprehensive agreement.

3. Qualifications, experience, and ability to perform. Dependable Equities has represented that it owns and manages a real estate portfolio valued at approximately \$4 billion. County staff has also identified the adjacent Ombelle Project as a 775-unit development being undertaken by Dependable Equities. The Proposal contemplates that

Dependable Equities will be responsible for coordinating and undertaking the demolition, debris removal, site clearing, site security, stabilization, and temporary construction-logistics activities comprising the Project. Based upon Dependable Equities' real estate development experience, its ongoing development of the adjacent Ombelle Project, and the information reviewed by County staff, the Board found that Dependable Equities possesses, directly and through appropriately qualified contractors, the qualifications, experience, and ability necessary to perform the Project.

4. Compatibility with regional infrastructure plans. The Project is temporary in nature, preserves County ownership of the Properties, and does not grant Dependable Equities permanent rights in either property. County staff considered the temporary nature and proposed use of the Project, including its location adjacent to the Ombelle development, the County's continued ownership of the Properties, the absence of any permanent property interest in favor of Dependable Equities, and the requirement that the Properties be used only for temporary construction logistics and support activities. The contemplated arrangement includes fencing and site-security measures, controls the handling, storage, removal, and disposal of hazardous or regulated materials in accordance with applicable law, and requires site clearing, stabilization, and return of the affected Properties to the County in a clean and cleared condition. Based upon that analysis, the Board found that the Project is compatible with applicable regional infrastructure plans.

5. Public comments. Affected public entities and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the Proposal at the September 10, 2026, and September 22, 2026, duly noticed public meetings. No public comments regarding the Proposal were received at either meeting. No public comments regarding the Proposal were received. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Board determined that the Proposal should proceed under Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, because it would avoid County expenditures for demolition and site clearing of unused County-owned structures, reduce ongoing County maintenance and security obligations, and provide Dependable Equities only temporary and revocable use of the Properties. The contemplated arrangement would preserve County ownership of the Properties and the County's ability to determine their future use following expiration or earlier termination of the temporary use rights.

Pursuant to Section 255.065(3)(d), Florida Statutes, Broward County publishes this report of the Board's public interest determination. Any comprehensive agreement resulting from the negotiations must be returned to the Board for separate approval.

Resolution No. 2026-395, which contains the Board's complete findings, is incorporated into this report by reference and is available, together with the supporting materials, at: Broward County - File #: 26-1083

BROWARD COUNTY PURCHASING

Notice of Unsolicited Proposal and Report of Public Interest Determination

Pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes

Proceeding With Unsolicited Proposal from Filthy Organics, LLC, Pursuant to Section 255.065(3)(d), Florida Statutes

On May 26, 2026, Broward County ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, received an unsolicited proposal ("Proposal") from Filthy Organics, LLC ("Filthy Organics") for the design, construction, and operation of a composting operation for the processing and beneficial reuse of yard waste on approximately eight acres of County-owned land located within the Broward County Landfill at 7101 SW 205th Avenue, Unincorporated Broward County, Florida ("Property"). On August 17, 2026, the County received a written supplement from Filthy Organics providing additional information and clarification regarding certain terms of the Proposal.

The design, permitting, construction, operation, and maintenance of the composting operation for the processing and beneficial reuse of yard waste on the Property, as contemplated by the Proposal, are collectively referred to herein as the "Project."

On August 20, 2026, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") directed the County Administrator to proceed with further evaluation of the Proposal pursuant to the public meeting process set forth in Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, rather than the public bidding process set forth in Section 255.065(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

On September 10, 2026, the Board held the first duly noticed public meeting required by Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes. County staff presented the Proposal, and affected public entities and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment.

On September 22, 2026, the Board held the second duly noticed public meeting required by Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and considered the statutory factors required to determine whether the Proposal is in the public's interest, including the public comments received at the September 10, 2026, meeting. Following consideration of those factors, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2026-396, determining that the unsolicited proposal is in the public's interest and directing the County Administrator to proceed with further evaluation and negotiation of a comprehensive agreement with Filthy Organics, subject to the remaining requirements of Section 255.065, Florida Statutes.

In making its public interest determination, the Board considered the factors required by Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and made the following findings:

1. Benefits to the public. The Proposal would provide additional capacity within Broward County for processing and beneficial reuse of yard waste, support diversion of yard waste from landfill disposal, increase recycling, and produce finished compost and other beneficial-use material. The Project would be privately financed and would not require County capital funding. The Proposal also contemplates the possibility of providing certain finished compost and screened material to the County for County uses.

2. Financial structure and economic efficiencies. Filthy Organics proposes to bear the costs associated with the design, permitting, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project without County capital funding. Filthy Organics has indicated a willingness to negotiate adjustments to the financial terms based on intake levels, escalation provisions, performance guarantees, and other protections. The privately financed compost field avoids the need for County capital funding and provides the opportunity for the County to receive financial consideration for use of the County-owned land. The final compensation structure and other financial protections will be established through negotiation of the comprehensive agreement.

3. Qualifications, experience, and ability to perform. Filthy Organics is a Broward County-based organic waste recycling company that has operated a community-scale aerated static pile composting facility in Broward County since 2021 and currently processes approximately 22,000 pounds of organic waste per week. Filthy Organics has identified existing relationships with local municipalities, institutions, and commercial customers. Although the Project represents a significant increase in scale from Filthy Organics' existing operations, the Board found that Filthy Organics has the relevant operating experience and existing market relationships supporting its ability to undertake the Project. Prior to approval of any comprehensive agreement, the County will require satisfactory evidence of financial capacity and financing, qualified personnel, suitable equipment, permitting capability, and other information necessary to demonstrate Filthy Organics' ability to develop and operate the Project at the proposed scale.

4. Compatibility with regional infrastructure plans. The Project would be located within the existing Broward County Landfill footprint and would utilize existing landfill access and related infrastructure. County staff considered the Project in relation to

existing and planned landfill activities, including ingress and egress, future landfill development, cover operations, emergency and hurricane-debris operations, regulatory requirements, stormwater and environmental controls, fire protection, and long-term solid waste planning. These matters can be addressed through appropriate conditions, operating requirements, and protections in the comprehensive agreement. Accordingly, the Board found that the Project is compatible with applicable regional infrastructure plans.

5. Public comments. Affected public entities and members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment on the Proposal at the September 10, 2026, duly noticed public meeting. Oral public comments included support for expanding composting and yard-waste diversion, producing compost for beneficial use, and advancing a privately financed project without County capital funding. A speaker familiar with Filthy Organics' work in Southwest Ranches described a positive service relationship and praised its customer service and professionalism. A representative of the League of Women Voters of Broward County supported the Proposal while recommending evaluation of the financial terms and contract duration, geographically distributed processing locations, and expedited competitive procurements to allow participation by multiple providers. Representatives of an existing composting operator supported the County's waste-diversion objectives and requested an opportunity for dialogue and participation, including an opportunity to compete. They stated that their company had substantial composting experience and could offer greater financial compensation to the County than the proposed terms in the Proposal. They also expressed concern that favorable access to County-owned land could provide Filthy Organics a competitive advantage that could adversely affect their existing business. Having considered these comments, the Board determined that the Proposal should proceed under Section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, because it offers an initial, privately financed opportunity to expand yard-waste processing and beneficial reuse while the County continues planning for its broader solid waste needs.

Pursuant to Section 255.065(3)(d), Florida Statutes, Broward County publishes this report of the Board's public interest determination. Any proposed comprehensive agreement must be returned to the Board for approval.

Resolution No. 2026-396, which contains the Board's complete findings and consideration of the public comments, is incorporated into this report by reference and is available, together with the supporting materials, at: Broward County - File #: 26-1198

Section XIII

Index to Rules Filed During Preceding Week

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.
