

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
65G-13.001	Definitions
65G-13.002	Individual and Family Supports (IFS) Procedure
65G-13.003	Individual and Family Supports Criteria
65G-13.004	In-Home Subsidy Procedure
65G-13.005	In-Home Subsidy Criteria
65G-13.006	In-Home Subsidy Restrictions
65G-13.007	In-Home Subsidy Review
65G-13.008	Room and Board Payments

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Agency intends to update and clarify the rules as part of its Year 2 review under section 120.5435, F.S.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Removal of sunset provisions, updating citations to statutory authority in the rule histories, correcting miscellaneous typographical errors, updating Rule 65G-13.005 and the Individual Financial Profile form that is incorporated by reference in Rule 65G-13.004(1) to clarify that supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) funds are not used in calculating the amount of the in-home subsidy, and amending the Room and Board Reimbursement form incorporated by reference in Rule 65G-13.008 to remove the requirement to provide a client's name and replace it with the requirement to provide the client's Agency ID number instead. The purpose is to protect client privacy and confidential health information. 45 CFR Parts 160, 162, 164; § 393.13(4)(i)1., Fla. Stat.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 393.0662(15), 393.065(13), 393.066(8), 393.0663(5), 393.067(1), 393.067(7), 393.0695(5), 393.501(1), 402.33 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 393.063, 393.065, 393.066, 393.0662, 393.0663, 393.067, 393.0695, 402.33 FS.

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: Leslie E. Bryson, Rules Attorney, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, 4030 Esplanade Way, Suite 380, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)922-4464, leslie.bryson@apdcares.org

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

Section II

Proposed Rules

NONE

Section III

Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Sales and Use Tax, Surtax, Surcharge, and Fees; Communications Services Tax

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
12A-1.097	Public Use Forms

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following technical change has been made to the above rule:

12A-1.097 Public Use Forms.

Rulemaking Authority 201.11, 202.17(3)(a), 202.22(6), 202.26(3), 212.05(1)(a)2.f., (h), 212.0515(7), 212.06(5)(b)13., 212.0596(3), 212.07(1)(b), 212.08(7), 212.11(5)(b), 212.12(1)(b)2., ~~212.12(1)(a)2.,~~ 212.18(2), (3), 212.183, 213.06(1), 288.1258(4)(c), 376.70(6)(b), 376.75(9)(b), 403.718(3)(b), 403.7185(3)(b) FS. *Law Implemented* 125.0104, 125.0108, 201.01, 201.08(1)(a), 201.133, 202.11(2), (3), (6), (16), (24), 202.22(3)-(6), 202.28(1), 203.01, 212.03, 212.0305, 212.04, 212.05, 212.0501, 212.0515, 212.054, 212.055, 212.0596, 212.05965, 212.06, 212.0606, 212.07(1), (8), 212.08, 212.084(3), 212.085, 212.09, 212.096, 212.11(1), (4), (5), 212.12(1), (2), (9), (13), 212.14(2), (4), (5), 212.18(2), (3), 212.183, 212.1832, 213.235(1), (2), 213.29, 213.37, 213.755, 215.26(6), 219.07, 288.1258, 290.00677, 365.172(9), 376.70(2), 376.75(2), 403.718, 403.7185(3), 443.131, 443.1315, 443.1316, 443.171(2) FS. *History—New* 4-12-84, *Formerly* 12A-1.97, *Amended* 8-10-92, 11-30-97, 7-1-99, 4-2-00, 6-28-00, 6-19-01, 10-2-01, 10-21-01, 8-1-02, 4-17-03, 5-4-03, 6-12-03, 10-1-03, 9-28-04, 6-28-05, 5-1-06, 4-5-07, 1-1-08, 4-1-08, 6-4-08, 1-27-09, 9-1-09, 11-3-09, 1-11-10, 4-26-10, 6-28-10, 7-12-10, 1-12-11, 1-25-12, 1-17-13, 5-9-13, 1-20-14, 1-19-15, 1-11-16, 4-5-16, 1-10-17, 2-9-17, 1-17-18, 4-16-18, 1-8-19, 10-28-19, 12-12-19, 3-25-20, 12-31-20, 6-14-22, 1-1-23, 1-1-24, 2-11-24, 8-6-24, 2-20-25, 12-29-25, 1-1-26, *Technical Change* 2-4-26, 5-26-26, *Amended* 9-3-26(8), 9-3-26(22)(a), (b), *Technical Change* 9-8-26, 10-9-26.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Property Tax Oversight Program

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
12D-9.015	Petition; Form and Filing Fee

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 52 No. 190, September 30, 2026, issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

12D-9.015 Petition; Form and Filing Fee.

(1) through (18) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 194.011(5), 194.034(1), 195.027(1) FS. Law Implemented 193.155, 194.011, 194.013, 194.032, 194.034, 194.036, 195.022, 196.151, 196.193, 197.2425 FS. History—New 3-30-10, Amended 11-1-12, 6-14-16, 3-13-17, 9-19-17, 6-13-22.

Section IV Emergency Rules

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

NONE

Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Historical Resources

The Division of Historical Resources, the Bureau of Historic Preservation and the Ad Hoc Florida Main Street Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, November 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PLACE: Via Webinar:

<https://dos-myflorida.zoom.us/j/87622616630?pwd=uXXjiIjMHL5WevJPUOwhnaxjuPDEs.1>

Meeting ID: 876 2261 6630

Room 307, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To review and recommend new Florida Main Street communities for 2026-2027 designation. The recommendation of the Advisory Committee will be submitted to Florida Secretary of State Cord Byrd for review and approval.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Katherine Beck, Florida Main Street Program Coordinator, (850)245-6345 or Katherine.Beck@dos.fl.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 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Katherine Beck, Florida Main Street Program

Coordinator, (850)245-6345 or Katherine.Beck@dos.fl.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: Katherine Beck, Florida Main Street Program Coordinator, (850)245-6345 or Katherine.Beck@dos.fl.gov

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Food Safety

The Food Safety & Food Defense Advisory Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Cancel: October 9, 2026, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Cancel: Conner Building, Eyster Auditorium, 3125 Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399; via Microsoft Teams, Meeting ID: 237 132 973 632 973, Passcode: ud2Ea2cr; or Call-in Number: 1(850)391-8548, Phone ID: 118 494 459#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: CANCELLATION OF MEETING. The meeting scheduled for October 9, 2026 to consider advice or recommendations on food safety or food defense is CANCELLED.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Brandon Galloway at Brandon.Galloway@FDACS.gov, (850)245-5520, 3125 Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

For more information, you may contact: Brandon Galloway at Brandon.Galloway@FDACS.gov, (850)245-5520, 3125 Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: CANCELLED - Previously set for October 13-14, 2026.

PLACE: CANCELLED - Previously set for Tampa. FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Due to the potential for severe weather from Hurricane Isaias, the meeting previously set for October 13-14, 2026 has been cancelled.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Meeting has been cancelled.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Florida Department of Transportation, District One announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Kirkwood Church, 6101 Cortez West, Bradenton, FL 34210

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a

Pre-construction Public Information Session for the Cortez Road (SR 684) Bridge Replacement Project from Gulf Drive (SR 789) to 123rd Street West in Manatee County.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Kirkwood Church, 6101 Cortez Road West, Bradenton, FL 34210

Anytime between 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This information session will be an open house and the project team will be available for discussion.

The Pre-construction Public Information Session is being conducted to share information about construction activities and traffic phasing.

If you are unable to attend the Pre-construction Public Information Session, questions can also be provided through the project webpage www.SWFLROADS.com/project/430204-2. Questions can be answered by calling the FDOT Project Manager, Juan Carrillo at (941)708-4429.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FDOT Project Manager, Juan Carrillo by email at Juan.Carrillo@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (941)708-4429

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, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (863)519-2287. 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, Juan Carrillo by email at Juan.Carrillo@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (941)708-4429

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, October 19, 2026, 12:00 noon, Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative Meeting

PLACE: Town of Jupiter Utilities Field Office, 3133 Washington Street, Jupiter FL 33458

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a public meeting to discuss and consider Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative (LRPI) business, including current and future projects and activities.

Since its inception in 2000, the LRPI has guided regional watershed restoration projects within northeastern Palm Beach County and southern Martin County. The LRPI is a multi-agency partnership between the South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Florida Park Service), Friends of the Loxahatchee

River, Jupiter Inlet District, Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, Martin County, Palm Beach County, South Indian River Water Control District, Town of Jupiter, and Village of Tequesta.

Members of the public are invited to attend and provide public comment.

One or more members of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District may attend this meeting. No Governing Board action will be taken.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jenny Cadet at (561)682-6041 or jcadet@sfwmd.gov. The agenda will be posted to the LRPI website at www.LRPI.us seven days prior to the meeting.

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 seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Molly Brown, District Clerk, at mobrown@sfwmd.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: Jenny Cadet at (561)682-6041 or jcadet@sfwmd.gov

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 9:30 a.m., Resiliency Coordination Forum

PLACE: SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Building, Auditorium, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Members of the public may participate and provide public comment in person or via Zoom, a media technology free for the public to use.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The South Florida Resiliency Coordination Forum is a fact-finding forum to promote regional coordination and collaboration between the South Florida Water Management District, local, state, federal, and tribal partners on water management initiatives related to resiliency. The forum hosts proactive discussions to engage project partners, leverage technical knowledge, exchange information, and foster a constructive environment to discuss tangible asset-level solutions and support decision-making.

The public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the meeting by attending in person or utilizing the following link: <https://sfwmd.link/3MgeHzP> The link will go live at approximately 9:30 a.m. on October 21, 2026.

One or more members of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District may attend this forum. No Governing Board action will be taken.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Yvette Bonilla at ybonilla@sfwmd.gov. The agenda will be posted to the District's website www.SFWMD.gov/meetings, seven days prior to the meeting.

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 seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Molly Brown, District Clerk, at mobrown@sfwmd.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: Yvette Bonilla at ybonilla@sfwmd.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Office of Public and Professional Guardians

The Foundation for Indigent Guardianship (Subcommittee) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

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

PLACE: Microsoft Teams join on your computer, mobile app or room device by copy and pasting the link below: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/260540702067178?p=NePbO62OCbOXcrPXHs>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Foundation for Indigent Guardianship has established a subcommittee to discuss sustainability of the Direct Support Organization

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Vicki B. Simmons via email at: simmons.vickib@gmail.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 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: OPPG Information at: (850)414-2381. 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: OPPG Information at: (850)414-2381.

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Office of Public and Professional Guardians

The Foundation for Indigent Guardianship announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Microsoft Teams join on your computer, mobile app

or room device by copy and pasting the link below: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjKxMzU0ZjUtNzMwOC00YTdlTg0MjgtNmNlZTczMWJkYWQy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f75a7744-d4bf-4623-8660-bcfa3569c2a0%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%228af789f9-7136-4fff-b856-14d30236d98c%22%7d

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Board of Directors updates relative to the Foundation for Indigent Guardianship

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Vicki B. Simmons via email at: simmons.vickib@gmail.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 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: OPPG Information at: (850)414-2381. 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: OPPG Information at: (850)414-2381.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Florida Digital Service

The Department of Management Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 15, 2026, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, ET

PLACE: Virtual

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Government Technology Modernization Council Artificial Intelligence Risk, Ethics, and Governance Work Group announces the agenda to include: review and refinement of draft recommendations, recommendation implementation, and next steps. The public may also participate by phone by dialing: United States (toll-free) 1(305)224-1968; Meeting ID: 881 5106 9965.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Amber.Tyson@digital.fl.gov or

https://www.digital.fl.gov/technology_councils/government_technology_modernization_council/gtmc_full_calendar/gtmc_-_education_digital_literacy_workforce_work_group2

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 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Amber.Tyson@digital.fl.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).

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Department of Environmental Protection announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: CANCELED This is a revision (cancellation) to NOTICE ID 31349156 published September 10, 2026 (Vol. 52/176) The following meeting has been canceled. October 12, 2026, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Canceled

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Due to the potential impacts of Hurricane Isaias and the issuance of a Hurricane Warning for the area, the public meeting set for October 12, 2026, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. has been canceled. This meeting will be rescheduled and noticed in the Florida Administrative Register and in the Pensacola News Journal. For more information, please contact Richard Lobinske, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Underground Injection Control Program by U.S. mail at 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 3520, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, by phone at (850)245-8655 or by email at APP@FloridaDEP.gov.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: NA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Division of Recreation and Parks

The Myakka River Management Coordinating Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 23, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Nokomis Community Park, 234 Nippino Trail, Nokomis, Florida 34275

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Conduct Council Business for administering the Myakka River as a Wild and Scenic River.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Chris Oliver, Division of Recreation and Parks, District 4 Administration, 1843 S. Tamiami Tr. Osprey, FL 34229 or by calling (941)882-7191.

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: (941)882-7191. 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).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Medicine

The Board of Medicine - Probable Cause Panel South announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 6, 2026, 2:30 p.m., ET, or soon thereafter.

PLACE: You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone through the following link: <https://meet.goto.com/167078149> You may also join the meeting using your phone at the following number: (408)650-3123, access code: 167-078-149. To maximize your access to the meeting, the Department highly recommends that you download the GoToMeeting app on your computer, tablet, or smartphone prior to the meeting <https://meet.goto.com/install> GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The panel will conduct a meeting related to public disciplinary cases.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Sheila Autrey at (850)558-9813 or emailing her at sheila.autrey@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: Sheila Autrey at (850)558-9813 or emailing her at sheila.autrey@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).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Sheila Autrey at (850)558-9813 or emailing her at sheila.autrey@flhealth.gov.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m., ET.

PLACE: Tenoroc Education Center, 3755 Tenoroc Mine Rd., Lakeland, FL 33805

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The FWC is seeking public comment regarding a proposed amendment to the 10-year Management Plan for the FWC-managed portions of the Tenoroc Public Use Area. This amendment proposes building and extending the archery facilities on the property, including a new 3D Archery Course and Indoor Archery Center, and constructing an awning pole barn.

This hearing is being held EXCLUSIVELY for discussion of the DRAFT Tenoroc Public Use Area Management Plan Amendment. This meeting will not address area hunting or fishing regulations. For more information on the process for FWC rule and regulation development visit our Proposed Rules

Changes webpage at <https://myfwc.com/about/rules-regulations/proposed-rule-changes/>.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: (850)728-1601 or by email at FWCMgmtPlans@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: (850)728-1601 or by email at FWCMgmtPlans@MyFWC.com.

If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or if you need more information, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at: FWC, Office of Human Resources, 620 S Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)488-6411 Or write to: Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Civil Rights, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m., ET.

PLACE: Jensen Beach Community Center, 1912 NE Jensen Beach Boulevard, Jensen Beach, FL 34957

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The FWC is seeking public comment regarding a proposed amendment to the 10-year Management Plan for the FWC-managed portions of the John C. and Mariana Jones–Hungryland WEA. This amendment proposes removing the 263-acre Lemon Grove tract from Lease 4480 so it can be transferred to another state agency.

This hearing is being held EXCLUSIVELY for discussion of the DRAFT John C. and Mariana Jones–Hungryland WEA Management Plan Amendment. This meeting will not address area hunting or fishing regulations. For more information on the process for FWC rule and regulation development visit our Proposed Rules Changes webpage at <https://myfwc.com/about/rules-regulations/proposed-rule-changes/>.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: (850)728-1601 or by email at FWCMgmtPlans@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: (850)728-1601 or by email at FWCMgmtPlans@MyFWC.com.

If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or if you need more information, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at: FWC, Office of Human Resources, 620 S Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)488-6411, Or write to: Office of Diversity, Inclusion & Civil Rights, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Division of Law Enforcement

The Wildlife Alert Rewards Association announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 15, 2026, 9:00 a.m., CTS

PLACE: Panama City, FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Quarterly Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Wildlifealert@myfwc.com

NORTHEAST FLORIDA AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The ElderSource announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 13, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Via Zoom

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Governance Committee

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: adminsupport@myeldersource.org

For more information, you may contact: adminsupport@myeldersource.org

Florida Workers' Compensation Insurance Guaranty Assoc., Inc.

The FWCIGA Board of Directors' announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Orlando, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board will meet to discuss general business of the Association. The agenda will include but not limited to: Operations Report, Financial Report and Claims Report.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200

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: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200. 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: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200

American Guaranty Fund Group, Inc

The American Guaranty Fund Group, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 27, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Call

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The AGFG Board will meet to discuss general business of the Association. The agenda will include but not limited to: Operations and Financial reports.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200

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: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200. 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: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200

American Guaranty Fund Group, Inc

The FIGA Board of Directors' announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: November 6, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Orlando, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board will meet to discuss general business of the Association. The agenda will include but not limited to: Operations Report, Financial Report and Claims Report.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200

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For more information, you may contact: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200

THE VALERIN GROUP, INC.

The Polk Regional Water Cooperative announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, In-person public meeting

PLACE: 2005 Boy Scout Camp Road, Lake Wales, FL 33898

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Polk Regional Water Cooperative Board of Directors will conduct a site visit of the Southeast Wellfield and Water Production Facility to receive an update on the status of construction, review the current construction schedule, and discuss upcoming activities and next steps.

This meeting has been developed in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Polk Regional Water Cooperative, Public Relations Representative Shannon Estep at (321)539-3558 or info@prwewater.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: The Polk County Communications Division, located at 330 W Church Street, 1st Floor, Bartow, FL 33830, (863)534-6090. 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: A Polk Regional Water Cooperative, Public Relations Representative Shannon Estep at (321)539-3558 or info@prwewater.org

RK&K

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

DATES AND TIMES: IN PERSON October 22, 2026, 5:00 p.m.; LIVE ONLINE October 27, 2026, 5:45 p.m.

PLACES: Archbold Biological Center, 123 Main Drive, Venus, FL 33960 OR

<https://bit.ly/SR70VirtualHearing>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to a public hearing for the S.R. 70 Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study (FPID 414506-1-22-01) from Jefferson Avenue to C.R. 29 in Highlands County.

Participate in the October 22, 2026 hearing:

In-Person Option: at Archbold Biological Center, 123 Main Drive, Venus, FL 33960

Anytime between 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open house
6:00 p.m. Formal presentation and comment period

Displays will be available starting at 5:00 p.m. to review at your own pace and the project team will be available for discussion. The formal presentation and comment period will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Participate in the October 27, 2026, virtual hearing:

Live Online Option: starting at 5:45 p.m. at bit.ly/SR70VirtualHearing (please register in advance) This event will include a livestream of the in-person presentation and the formal comment portion. Please review the materials on project webpage before attending the virtual event (www.swflroads.com/project/414506-1). Materials will be posted by October 15, 2026, on the project webpage.

This hearing is being conducted to present the preferred alternative and all analysis to date, as well as to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location,

conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements.

Project documents will be available for public viewing from September 30 to November 9, 2026, at Lake Placid Memorial Library, 205 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, FL 33852, and FDOT District One, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830. All documents will also be available on the project webpage.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, comments can also be provided through the project webpage (www.swflroads.com/project/414506-1) or by email (Joe.Lauk@dot.state.fl.us) or mail (FDOT District One, Attn: Joe Lauk, 801 N. Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL 33830). While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by November 9, 2026, to be included in the formal hearing record. All comments are weighed equally. Questions can be answered by calling the FDOT project manager Joe Lauk at (863)519-2525.

As proposed, the project will impact approximately 46.37 acres of property of the Lake Wales Ridge Wildlife and Environmental Area's Lake Placid Scrub Tract. As part of the project development process and in accordance with Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, the FDOT is seeking comments from the public concerning the effects of the project

on the activities, features and attributes of this park. The FDOT intends to make a de minimis impact determination for this resource.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by FDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 26, 2022 and executed by FHWA and FDOT.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FDOT Project Manager, Joe Lauk, by phone at (863)519-2525 or by email at Joe.Lauk@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, FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator by email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us or by phone at (863)519-2287. 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, Joe Lauk, by phone at (863)519-2525 or by email at Joe.Lauk@dot.state.fl.us

Section VII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION

Board of Architecture and Interior Design

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Architecture and Interior Design has received the petition for declaratory statement from Cesar Hernando Lozano Cuellar filed on September 15, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Sections 481.203, 481.219, and 481.223, F.S. as it applies to the petitioner.

Petitioner asks the Board, "(1) Whether Petitioner's proposed urban-planning, comprehensive-planning, land-use, zoning, development-feasibility, due-diligence, regulatory-risk, and related consulting activities described in paragraph 18 constitute the practice of architecture requiring licensure under Chapter 481, Part 1, Florida Statutes, where Petitioner performs them subject to the exclusions stated in paragraphs 19 and 20?" And Petitioner asks additional questions outlined in the Petition. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Stacey Buccieri, Executive Director, Board of Architecture and Interior Design, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0790, (850)717-1400 or by electronic mail – Stacey.Buccieri@myfloridalicense.com

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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Division of Recreation and Parks

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID: BDC07-26/27, Long Key State Park – Long Key Beach Nourishment and Campground Rebuild

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Design and Construction, is soliciting formal, competitive, sealed bids from contractors for bid number BDC07-26/27, Long Key State Park – Long Key Beach Nourishment and Campground Rebuild. More info @ <https://tinyurl.com/mptf2s68>

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, October 2, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
1A-39.001	10/8/2026	10/28/2026
5CER26-14	10/2/2026	10/2/2026
15A-6.001	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15A-7.002	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15A-9.002	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15A-12.001	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15B-1.002	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15B-1.003	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15B-1.004	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15B-1.005	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15B-10.001	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15B-10.002	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15B-12.011	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
15C-14.002	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
20-3.007	10/2/2026	10/22/2026
20-9.008	10/2/2026	10/22/2026
20-10.001	10/2/2026	10/22/2026
59G-4.002	10/6/2026	10/26/2026
61-20.011	10/7/2026	10/27/2026
64B5-16.001	10/6/2026	10/26/2026
64B5-16.006	10/6/2026	10/26/2026
64B5-16.0051	10/6/2026	10/26/2026
64B5-16.0061	10/6/2026	10/26/2026
64B16-26.304	10/5/2026	10/25/2026
68D-24.003	10/8/2026	10/28/2026

LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL PURSUANT TO 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 HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES**Division of Motor Vehicles**

The establishment of BIJ Motors MBD LLC d/b/a Mercedes-Benz of Doral

Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Mercedes Benz USA LLC, intends to allow the establishment of BIJ Motors MBD LLC d/b/a Mercedes-Benz of Doral, as a dealership for the sale and service of automobiles manufactured by Mercedes Benz USA LLC (line make MERZ) at 10688 NW 12th Street, Doral, (Miami-Dade County), Florida, 33172, on or after January 1, 2027.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of BIJ Motors MBD LLC are dealer operator(s): Joseph Agresti, 2801 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, Florida 33134-6638; principal investor(s): Joseph Agresti, 2801 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, Florida 33134-6638, Dream Motor Group, 16917 1-45, The Woodlands, Texas 77385, Nicholas Saban, 2801 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, Florida 33134-6638.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of more than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Certain dealerships of the same line-make may have standing, pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes to file a petition or complaint protesting the application.

Written petitions or complaints must be received by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice and must be submitted to: Sondra L. Howard, Administrator, Dealer License Section, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Room A-312 MS65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Hannah J. Wilder, Mercedes Benz USA LLC, One Mercedes-Benz Drive, Sandy Springs, Georgia, 30328.

If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES**Division of Motor Vehicles**

The establishment of Salty Karts LLC for the sale of line make AREV

Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Aries EV Corporation, intends to allow the establishment of Salty Karts LLC, as a dealership for the sale of low-speed vehicles manufactured by Aries EV Corporation (line make AREV) at 875 E Nine Mile Road, Pensacola, (Escambia County), Florida, 32514, on or after November 7, 2026.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Salty Karts LLC are dealer operator(s): Christopher Glaze, 875 E Nine Mile Rd, Pensacola, Florida 32514-1707; principal investor(s): Christopher Glaze, 875 E Nine Mile Rd, Pensacola, Florida 32514-1707.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of more than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

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A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Albizu Moctezuma, Aries EV Corporation, 1540 N Frontage Rd Ste 108, Plant City, Florida, 33563.

If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**Notice of Completed Rule Review****RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:**

33-103.001 Inmate Grievances - General Policy

33-103.003 Inmate Grievances - Training Requirements

33-103.004 Inmate Grievances - Staff and Inmate Participation

33-103.008 Grievances of Medical Nature

33-103.009 Grievance Relating to Admissible Reading Material

33-103.010 Grievances Regarding Lost Personal Property

33-103.012 Grievance Records

33-103.016 Follow Through on Approved Grievances

33-103.017 Inmate Grievances - Reprisal

33-103.018 Evaluation of the Grievance Procedure

Notice is hereby given that on October 7, 2026, the above rules completed the rule review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Notice of Completed Rule Review

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

33-104.101 News Media Visitors

33-104.201 Representation of News Media at Executions

33-104.202 Procedures to be Applied to News Media Representatives Attending Executions

33-104.203 News Media Access to Inmates Under Sentence of Death

33-104.204 Evidence of Entitlement to Access

Notice is hereby given that on October 8, 2026, the above rules completed the rule review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Notice of Completed Rule Review

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

33-203.601 Employee Benefit Trust Fund

Notice is hereby given that on October 8, 2026, the above rule completed the rule review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Notice of Completed Rule Review

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

33-208.002 Rules of Conduct

Notice is hereby given that on October 8, 2026, the above rule completed the rule review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Notice of Completed Rule Review

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

33-210.202 Facility Requirements for Correctional Institutions

Notice is hereby given that on October 8, 2026, the above rule completed the rule review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Notice of Completed Rule Review

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

33-601.210 Custody Classification

33-601.237 Basic Training Program - Inmate Privileges and Restrictions

33-601.602 Community Release Programs

33-601.7115 Consulate Visitors

33-601.717 Visitation Denial

33-601.726 Visitor Searches

33-601.728 Inmate Visiting Appearance, Search, and Conduct

Notice is hereby given that on October 8, 2026, the above rules completed the rule review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Notice of Completed Rule Review

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

33-602.204 Searches of Inmates

33-602.205 Inmate Telephone Use

33-602.210 Use of Force

33-602.603 Employment Gender Policy for Security Positions

Notice is hereby given that on October 8, 2026, the above rules completed the rule review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Northwest Florida Water Management District

Notice of Completed Rule Review

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

40A-2.021 Definitions

40A-2.041 Permits Required

40A-2.051 Exemptions

40A-2.201 Fees

40A-2.351 Transfer of Permits

40A-2.361 Renewal of Permits

40A-2.381 Limiting Conditions

40A-2.501 Permit Classification

40A-2.511 Declaration of Water Shortage

40A-2.801 Declaration of Water Resource Caution Areas

40A-2.802 Water Resource Caution Areas

40A-2.901 Forms

Notice is hereby given that on October 7, 2026, the above rules completed the rules review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Northwest Florida Water Management District

Notice of Completed Rule Review

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

40A-7.001 Policy

40A-7.002 Definitions

40A-7.003 Determination and Notice of a Material Breach of a Contract with the District

40A-7.004 Determination and Notice of a Contractor Suspension

40A-7.005 Administrative Hearings

Notice is hereby given that on October 7, 2026, the above rules completed the rules review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development

Commerce Final Order No. COM-26-040

FINAL ORDER

APPROVING MONROE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 026-2026

The Florida Department of Commerce (“Department”) hereby issues its Final Order, pursuant to sections 380.05(6) and 380.0552(9), Florida Statutes, approving land development regulations adopted by the Monroe County, Florida (the “County”), Ordinance No. 026-2026 (the “Ordinance”).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.The Florida Keys Area is designated by Section 380.0552, Florida Statutes, as an area of critical state concern. The County is a local government within the Florida Keys Area.

2.The Ordinance was adopted by the City on July 15, 2026, and rendered to the Department on August 17, 2026.

3.The Ordinance amends Section 101-1, Definitions, of the Land Development Code to revise the definitions for the terms “grade” and “height.”

4.Additionally, the Ordinance amends Section 131-2, Maximum Height, by making several revisions and additions, including the following:

(a) Creates an exception to the existing 35-foot building height limitation to permit single family and multifamily residential structures developed exclusively with residential uses to have a maximum height of 42 feet, if the structures also meet the minimum flood elevation requirements of the Florida Building Code based on the current FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps;

(b) Removes the previous language that detailed when dwelling units and buildings could exceed the 35-foot height limit and removes the prohibition preventing the total building height from exceeding 40 feet; and

(c) Establishes a new maximum height limit of 45 feet for structures located at the Key West International Airport and Florida Keys Marathon International Airport, unless an excess height is required by the Federal Aviation Administration or required to support mechanical appurtenances for the subject structure.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5.The Department is required to approve or reject land development regulations that are adopted by any local government in an area of critical state concern. See Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes.

6. “Land development regulations” include local zoning, subdivision, building, and other regulations controlling the development of land. Section 380.031(8), Florida Statutes. The regulations adopted by the Ordinance are land development regulations.

7. The Ordinance is consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan as required by Section 163.3177(1), Florida Statutes, generally, and is specifically consistent with Objective 101.5, Policy 101.5.30, Policy 101.5.32, and Objective 501.5.

8. All land development regulations enacted, amended, or rescinded within an area of critical state concern must be consistent with the principles for guiding development for that area. See Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes.

9. The Principles for Guiding Development for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern are set forth in Section 380.0552(7), Florida Statutes.

10. The Ordinance is consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development as a whole, and is specifically consistent with the following Principles:

(a) Strengthening local government capabilities for managing land use and development so that local government is able to achieve these objectives without continuing the area of critical state concern designation.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Department finds that the Monroe County Ordinance No. 026-2026 is consistent with the Monroe County’s Comprehensive Plan and the Principles for Guiding Development for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern and is hereby APPROVED.

This Final Order becomes final 21 days after publication in the Florida Administrative Register unless a petition is timely filed as described in the Notice of Administrative Rights below.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Florida.

/s/ Leandro Garcia

Leandro Garcia, Assistant Deputy Secretary

Division of Community Development

Florida Department of Commerce

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS

ANY PERSON WHOSE SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER HAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.569, FLORIDA STATUTES.

FOR THE REQUIRED CONTENTS OF A PETITION CHALLENGING AGENCY ACTION, REFER TO RULES 28-106.104(2), 28-106.201(2), AND 28-106.301, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT MATERIAL FACTS ARE DISPUTED IN THE PETITION, A HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO EITHER SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, OR SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(2), FLORIDA STATUTES. ANY PETITION MUST BE FILED WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE FINAL ORDER BEING PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER. A PETITION IS FILED WHEN IT IS RECEIVED BY:

AGENCY CLERK

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
107 EAST MADISON ST., MSC 110
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-4128
FAX (850)921-3230

AGENCY.CLERK@COMMERCE.FL.GOV

YOU WAIVE THE RIGHT TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING IF YOU DO NOT FILE A PETITION WITH THE AGENCY CLERK WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE FINAL ORDER BEING PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order has been filed with the undersigned designated Agency Clerk, and that true and correct copies have been furnished to the following persons by the methods indicated this 8th day of October 2026.

/s/ Karis De Gannes

Agency Clerk, Karis De Gannes
Florida Department of Commerce
107 East Madison Street, MSC 110
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4128

By U.S. Mail:

The Honorable Michelle Lincoln
Mayor, Monroe County
530 Whitehead Street, Suite 102
Key West, Florida 33040
Kevin Madok, Clerk
Monroe County
Board of County Commissioners
500 Whitehead Street
Key West, Florida 33040

HERNANDO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS REPORT OF PUBLIC INTEREST
DETERMINATION REGARDING UNSOLICITED
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

Project: Northwest Waste Management Facility Landfill Gas-to-Renewable Natural Gas Project

Private Entity: Viridi Energy Asset Holdings IV, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Hernando County, Florida (the "County"), received an unsolicited proposal from Viridi Energy Asset Holdings IV, LLC ("Viridi") pursuant to section 255.065, Florida Statutes, and Sections 44 and 45 of the Hernando County Procurement Manual. Viridi proposes to finance, design, construct, own, operate, and maintain an integrated landfill gas collection, control, and beneficial-use project at the County's Northwest Waste Management Facility. The proposed project includes expansion and optimization of the landfill's gas collection and control system and construction of a renewable natural gas processing facility that would convert collected landfill gas into pipeline-quality renewable natural gas. The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners considered the unsolicited proposal at a duly noticed public meeting held on August 25, 2026. At the meeting, the proposal was presented, and affected public entities and members of the public were afforded an opportunity to provide comments. The Board authorized County staff to proceed with negotiating an interim agreement with Viridi and to continue consideration of the proposal without initiating a public bidding phase, subject to the additional public meeting, public-interest determination, agreement negotiations, and approval requirements of section 255.065, Florida Statutes, and the Hernando County Procurement Manual.

The Board considered the factors required by section 255.065(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and made the following preliminary findings:

Benefits to the Public

The proposed project would improve the collection and management of landfill gas at the Northwest Waste Management Facility, increase methane-capture efficiency, reduce emissions, support environmental and regulatory compliance, and convert an existing waste product into a beneficial renewable-energy resource. The project would also expand and improve the facility's gas collection and control infrastructure, including extraction wells, collection piping, flare systems, and associated monitoring and control systems. These improvements would support existing landfill operations and future landfill-cell development. The project is proposed to be funded entirely through private investment, thereby avoiding upfront County capital expenditures. It would also create a new long-term revenue stream for the County from an existing County resource and may support local employment and economic activity. The Board also considered that the County's prior agreement for the beneficial use and monetization of landfill gas has been terminated. At present, the collected landfill gas is not being put to its highest and best environmental or financial use for the benefit of County residents. The

proposed project would provide a means to convert that existing resource into renewable natural gas, improve its environmental use, and restore an opportunity for the County to receive revenue from the gas. Although Viridi proposes to own the renewable natural gas facility during the proposed term and ownership is not presently proposed to be conveyed to the County after commercial operations begin, the public benefits apart from ownership include privately funded infrastructure improvements, enhanced landfill-gas management, improved environmental performance, support for regulatory compliance, recurring revenue to the County, and preservation of County ownership and control of the underlying landfill property. Financial Structure and Economic Efficiencies Viridi proposes to fund 100 percent of the project's development and construction costs and to assume responsibility for financing, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the landfill gas collection and renewable natural gas systems. No upfront capital cost to the County is proposed. Compensation to the County would be performance-based and derived from a royalty on gross revenues generated by the sale of renewable natural gas and associated environmental attributes. Payments would be calculated monthly and remitted quarterly, accompanied by production and revenue reports. Based upon the proposal, estimated County revenue during the proposed twenty-year term ranges from approximately \$19,885,540 to \$40,000,168, with an estimated net present value ranging from approximately \$11,313,862 to \$19,659,423. These figures remain projections subject to validation, negotiation, market conditions, project performance, and approval of an interim agreement and comprehensive agreement. The proposed structure may produce economic efficiencies by combining project financing, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and optimization under a single private entity; using private capital instead of County capital; and generating revenue from landfill gas that would otherwise have limited beneficial use. The Board also considered the potential availability and financial significance of the federal investment tax credit ("ITC") to the proposed project. Based on the information presented at the meeting, the facility would need to be placed in service and producing renewable natural gas by the end of 2028 to obtain the maximum anticipated benefit associated with the ITC. The Board considered the proposed schedule important because the availability and value of the tax credit may affect the project's financial structure, economic feasibility, and potential financial return to the County. The availability, amount, and treatment of any tax credit remain subject to applicable federal law, project eligibility, timely completion, and further due diligence and negotiation. Qualifications, Experience, and Ability of the Private Entity to Perform the Project Viridi represented that it and its personnel have experience developing, financing,

constructing, commissioning, owning, and operating landfill gas-to-renewable-natural-gas projects throughout the United States. The proposal identifies representative projects in Alabama, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, and Nebraska. Viridi also represented that its financing platform is supported by institutional capital and relationships with infrastructure lenders. Based on the information submitted, Viridi and its proposed team appear to possess relevant experience and qualifications sufficient to warrant further consideration and negotiation. Final determinations concerning financial capacity, technical capability, performance requirements, security, and risk allocation will be addressed through additional due diligence and negotiation of any interim and comprehensive agreements.

Compatibility With Regional Infrastructure Plans

The proposed project is compatible with existing and planned operations at the Northwest Waste Management Facility. The site has established landfill operations, continuing disposal capacity, consistent waste intake, and proximity to pipeline infrastructure. The proposed project would be located within the existing landfill footprint and is expected to require approximately one-half to one acre for the renewable natural gas processing facility. Potential infrastructure considerations include utility service, pipeline interconnection, site access, landfill traffic, construction staging, and coordination with existing and future landfill operations. These matters would be evaluated and addressed during due diligence, project design, permitting, and negotiation of the interim and comprehensive agreements.

Public Comments

No comments opposing or raising concerns regarding the proposed project were submitted by affected public or private business entities during the August 25, 2026, meeting. During the August 25, 2026, meeting, members of the public asked questions and offered comments concerning project safety, regulatory oversight by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP"), the purpose of the proposed extraction wells, the need for appropriate protections during contract negotiations, opportunities to use qualified local contractors, the County's current disposition of landfill gas and any resulting unrealized revenue, and the project's anticipated financial and environmental benefits to the community. It was explained that the County's prior agreement to monetize landfill gas had been terminated and that the gas is not currently being used in a manner that provides the best available environmental and financial benefits to County residents. In response to the remaining questions, representatives explained that the facility would be operated in accordance with applicable federal and state safety requirements governing gas facilities and that local firefighters would be provided an opportunity to tour the facility and receive site-specific orientation. Representatives further

confirmed that the project would be subject to applicable FDEP permitting and regulatory requirements. Regarding the wells, it was clarified that they are gas-extraction wells, not injection wells, and that landfill-gas collection wells are required independently of the proposed project because landfill gases cannot be released uncontrolled into the atmosphere. Representatives also stated that reasonable efforts would be made to engage qualified local contractors. The County further advised that it would retain qualified external consultants with relevant industry expertise to assist with due diligence and contract negotiations and to protect the County's interests. The Board considered these questions, responses, and favorable public comments regarding the project's potential financial and environmental benefits and determined that the matters raised can be appropriately addressed through regulatory compliance, technical review, due diligence, and carefully negotiated agreement terms and therefore do not preclude further consideration of the proposal.

Public Interest Determination

Based upon the foregoing factors and findings, the Board determined that further consideration of the unsolicited proposal without initiating a public bidding phase is in the public interest. The proposed project has the potential to provide substantial environmental, operational, infrastructure, and financial benefits to the County while using private financing and avoiding upfront County capital costs. This determination authorizes continued evaluation and negotiation only. It does not constitute approval of an interim agreement, comprehensive agreement, lease, gas-rights agreement, construction activity, or final project. Any interim agreement and comprehensive agreement will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration and approval at duly noticed public meetings. The County reserves the right to discontinue negotiations or reject the proposal at any time before execution of a comprehensive agreement.

A second duly noticed public meeting will be held at a date and time to be determined in the John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, Hernando County Government Center, 20 North Main Street, Room 160, Brooksville, Florida 34601. At that meeting, the Board will receive additional public comment and determine whether to proceed with an interim agreement for the unsolicited proposal without engaging in a public bidding process.

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