## Section I

# Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

# DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

#### Florida Real Estate Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61J2-24.001 Disciplinary Guidelines

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes an amendment that updates the penalty to \$500.00 per violation for schools failing to retain course completion certificates for the retention period required by the rule after Notices of Noncompliance and Minor Violations are issued.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Update the Disciplinary Guidelines.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 455.2273, 475.05, 475.2801 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 455.227, 455.2273, 475.22, 475.24, 475.25, 475.2755, 475.278, 475.42, 475.453 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: Giuvanna Corona, Executive Director, Florida Real Estate Commission, 400 W. Robinson Street, #N801, Orlando, FL 32801, Giuvanna.Corona@myfloridalicense.com.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

# DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

#### Florida Real Estate Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE: 61J2-24.002 Citation Authority

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a rule amendment that updates the violations for failure to retain copies of course completion certificates for the period required by rule after previously receiving a Notice of Noncompliance. SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Updates to citation authority.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 475.05, 475.2801, 475.2801 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 455.224, 475.25(1) FS.

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

### Florida Real Estate Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61J2-24.003 Notification of Noncompliance

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a rule amendment that updates the violations for failure to retain copies of course completion certificates for the period required by rule after previously receiving a Notice of Noncompliance.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Update the Notification of Noncompliance requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 475.05, 475.2801 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 120.695, 455.225(3) 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.

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# Section II Proposed Rules

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **State Board of Education**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-7.0715 Certifications and Plans for Instructional

Materials and Library Media

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To set forth the certifications and plans that must be filed by school district superintendents with the Florida Department of Education relating to instructional and library materials.

SUMMARY: This new rule is designed, in part, to implement House Bill 1467 regarding certification of training of persons who select library materials. It is also designed to incorporate existing forms, certifications, and plans required for the release of the instructional materials allocation to school districts. This rule clarifies that library materials, including classroom libraries, must be approved and selected by a media specialist. **SUMMARY** OF **STATEMENT** OF **ESTIMATED** COSTS **LEGISLATIVE** REGULATORY AND **RATIFICATION:** 

The Agency has determined that this 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 proposed rule is not expected to have any adverse impact on economic growth or business competitiveness, or increase regulatory costs or any other factor set forth in s. 120.541(2), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. This is based upon the nature of the proposed rule, which describes the instructional materials and library media certifications and plans that must be filed by school district superintendents with the Florida Department of Education.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1006.28(2)(d), 1006.29(6), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1006.28, 1006.283, 1006.29, 1011.67, F.S.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Nassau County School Board Office, 1201 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Amber Baumbach, Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support, Florida Department of Education; (850)245-9115 or Amber.Baumbach@fldoe.org.

#### THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

# 6A-7.0715 Certifications and Plans for Instructional Materials and Library Media.

- (1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to set forth the certifications and plans that must be filed by school district superintendents with the Florida Department of Education relating to instructional and library materials.
- (2) Definitions. In this rule, the following definitions apply:
  (a) "Core courses" means core-curricula courses as defined in section (s.) 1003.01(14), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and any course covering a subject area for which instructional materials have been adopted by the Department;
  - (b) "Department" means the Department of Education;
- (c) "Instructional materials" means the definition set forth in s. 1006.29(2), F.S.;
- (d) "Librarians" means school district employees who meet the definition set forth in s. 1012.01(2)(c), F.S.;
- (e) "Library Media Center" means any collection of books, ebooks, periodicals, and videos maintained and accessible to students on the site of a school, including classrooms;
- (f) "Media specialist" means school district employee who meets the definition set forth in s. 1012.01(2)(c), F.S.;
- (g) "State academic standards" means the standards set forth in s. 1003.41, F.S., and Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.;
- (h) "Superintendent" means the president of the Florida Virtual School under s. 1002.37, F.S., the president of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind under s. 1002.36, F.S., the directors of developmental research (laboratory) schools under s. 1002.32, F.S., and school district superintendents under s. 1001.46, F.S.;
- (3) School District Annual Requisition Plan for Instructional Materials under s. 1006.28(3)(b), F.S.
- (a) Each superintendent must provide notice of the instructional materials the school district intends to requisition for use in the following school year. This notice must include the following:
- 1. Core courses offered by the school district in kindergarten through grade 12;
- 2. The instructional materials the school district intends to requisition by International Standard Book Number, publisher, and course; and
- 3. A school district plan for the use of instructional materials.

- (b) This information must be submitted electronically to <a href="https://districts.flimadoption.org">https://districts.flimadoption.org</a>.
  - (c) The notice is due annually by April 1.
- (4) Certification Requirements for School District Instructional Materials Programs under s. 1006.283(1) and (4), F.S.
- (a) Where a school district implements its own instructional materials program under the provisions of s. 1006.283, F.S., a superintendent must certify annually on the form entitled "Certification of Alignment and Adoption of Instructional Materials" (Form IM-A), the following:
- 1. Instructional materials used by the school district in core courses are aligned with state academic standards, as set forth in s. 1003.41, F.S., and Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C.; and
- 2. The school district's process for the review, selection and adoption of instructional materials complies with hearing requirements established by a district school board and the public meeting requirements set forth in s. 1006.283(2)(b)8., F.S.
- (b) This certification must be submitted electronically to <a href="https://districts.flimadoption.org">https://districts.flimadoption.org</a>.
  - (c) The certification is due annually by March 31.
- (5) Certification Requirements for Release of Funds for Instructional Materials under s. 1011.67(2), F.S.
- (a) Each superintendent must certify on the form entitled "Certification of Implementation of Instructional and Library Media Materials" (Form IM-B), the following:
- 1. The school board has approved a comprehensive staff development plan that supports fidelity of implementation of instructional materials and includes a process for verifying completion of the training:
- 2. Instructional materials are being implemented as designed;
- 3. All instructional materials for core courses used in the school district are aligned to applicable state academic standards;
- 4. Core reading materials and reading intervention materials used in kindergarten through grade 5 meet the requirements of s. 1001.215(8), F.S.; and
- 5. Any material objected to by a parent or resident of the county where the school district is located during the preceding school year, under the provisions of s. 1006.28, F.S., has been identified, along with the reason for the objection and the grade and courses for which the material was removed or discontinued, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 6A-7.0714, F.A.C.
- (b) This certification must be submitted electronically to https://districts.flimadoption.org.
  - (c) The certification is due annually by July 1.

- (6) Selection, Training and Certification Requirements Regarding School District Library Materials under ss. 1006.28(2)(d) and 1006.29(6), F.S.
- (a) Media Specialist. Materials maintained in a school district library media center that are accessible to students or included in a recommended or assigned school or grade-level reading list must be selected by a school district employee who holds an Educational Media Specialist Certificate, as described in Rule 6A-4.0251, F.A.C.
- (b) Training Requirements. School librarians, educational media specialists and other persons employed by a school district who are involved in the selection of school district library materials must complete the online training, entitled Library Media Training, before selecting library materials. This training must be completed annually and can be accessed at https://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/instructional-materials/.
- (c) Certification of Training. In accordance with s. 1006.29(6), F.S., each superintendent must certify that school librarians and media specialists who are employed by the school district and who are involved in the selection of library media materials for students, have completed the Library Media Training incorporated in this rule.
- 1. This certification must be made on the form entitled "Certification of Library Media Training" (Form IM-C) and include the number of those who completed the training by job code.
- 2. This certification must be submitted electronically to <a href="https://districts.flimadoption.org">https://districts.flimadoption.org</a>.
  - 3. The certification is due annually by July 1.
- (7) Documents Incorporated by Reference. The following documents are incorporated by reference and may be obtained at <a href="https://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/instructional-materials/">https://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/instructional-materials/</a>.
- (a) Certification of Alignment and Adoption of Instructional Materials, Form IM-A, (DOS Link) effective February 2023, due annually on or before March 31.
- (b) Certification of Implementation of Instructional and Library Media Materials, Form IM-B, (DOS Link) effective February 2023, due annually on or before July 1.
- (c) Certification of Library Media Training, Form IM-C, (DOS Link) effective February 2023, due annually on or before July 1.
- (d) Library Media Training, (DOS Link) effective February 2023.
- Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1006.28 FS. Law Implemented 1006.28(3), (6), 1006.283(1), (4), 1006.29(6), 1011.67(2) FS. History-New

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Amber Baumbach, Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr., Commissioner, Department of Education.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 15, 2022

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 1, 2022

# Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

## **NONE**

# Section IV Emergency Rules

## **NONE**

# Section V Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62-6.009Alternative Systems

The Department of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice:

That it has issued an order on December 22, 2022 granting Infiltrator Water Technologies, LLC's Petition for a Variance. The Petition was received on June 21, 2022. Notice of receipt of this Petition was published in the Florida Administrative Register on June 28, 2022. The petition requested a variance from subparagraphs 62-6.009(8)(a)3., 62-6.009(8)(a)4., and a portion of paragraph 62-6.009(8)(d), F.A.C., which specify standards for onsite sewage treatment receptacles. No public comment was received. The Order, file number OGC # 22-2089, granted the Petition to subparagraphs 62-6.009 (8)(a)3., 62-6.009(8)(a)4., and a portion of paragraph 62-6.009(8)(d), F.A.C., based on a showing that the Petitioner demonstrated that a strict application of the rule would result in substantial hardship to Petitioner and because Petitioner demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Debby Tipton, telephone: 850-245-8629, e-mail: Debby.Tipton@floridaDEP.gov, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Resource Management, Onsite Sewage Program, Mail Station 3596, 2600 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399; during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Physical Therapy Practice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 22, 2022, the Board of Physical Therapy Practice, received a petition for Variance or Waiver filed by Lawrence Haley. Petitioner is seeking a variance or waiver from subsection 64B17-3.001(4), F.A.C., which states that an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist who has failed to pass the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapists or an applicant for licensure as a physical therapist assistant who has failed to pass the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapist Assistants by or on the fifth attempt, regardless of the jurisdiction through which the examination was taken, is precluded from licensure.

Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board of Physical Therapy Practice, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C05, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Allen Hall, Executive Director, Board of Physical Therapy Practice, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C05, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253, or by electronic mail-Allen.Hall@flhealth.gov.

# Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Florida Public Service Commission announces its regularly scheduled Commission Conference, to which all interested persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To consider those matters ready for decision.

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION: Chapters 120, 350, 364, 366, and 367, F.S. Persons who may be affected by Commission action on certain items on the Conference agenda may be allowed to address the Commission, either informally or by oral argument, when those items are taken up for

discussion, pursuant to Rules 25-22.0021 and 25-22.0022, F.A.C. The Commission Conference Notice, Agenda, related documents, and FPSC contact information are available at www.floridapsc.com.

ADA: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the conference at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or 850-413-6770 (Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8770 Voice or 1-800-955-8771 TDD). Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF CONFERENCE: If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the Conference, Commission staff will attempt to give timely notice. Notice of cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website (www.floridapsc.com) under the Hot Topics link on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of Commission Clerk at 850-413-6770.

# DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Employee Leasing Companies

The Board of Employee Leasing Companies announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Via Telephone Conference Call. To connect, dial 1(888)585-9008, Conference Pass Code: 258-893-642

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Board of Employee Leasing Companies, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1984.

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: Board of Employee Leasing Companies, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1984. 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: Board of Employee Leasing Companies, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1984.

### 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: January 11, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtcOGhrDoqG9 XIwLH0c6Gqon4cmz-C1NzU

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 Section 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: melissa.iturraspe@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: melissa.iturraspe@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: melissa.iturraspe@flhealth.gov.

# FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

68A-9.006 Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit

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

DATE AND TIME: Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  $-\,8:00$  p.m. EST

PLACE: Hilton Garden Inn Panama City Airport 5625 Venture Crossings Blvd. Panama City, FL 32409

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will be hosting a public meeting to discuss captive wildlife regulations in Florida regarding permits to operate a native wildlife rehabilitation facility. The primary purpose of this meeting is for stakeholders to engage staff and make recommendations on draft rule regarding requirements to operate a native wildlife rehabilitation facility.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Major Grant Burton, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600, (850)488-6253, email: Grant.Burton@myfwc.com. For more information, you may contact: Major Grant Burton, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600, (850)488-6253, email: Grant.Burton@myfwc.com.

# Section VII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

# DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Finance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Office of Financial Regulation has received the petition for declaratory statement from PennyMac Loan Services LLC. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 494, Florida Statutes, as it applies to the petitioner.

On 12/21/2022 the Petition was WITHDRAWN. The original petition sought a declaratory statement from the Office whether an unlicensed Vendor may speak with borrowers to fulfill their request to make a payment within the Petitioner's servicing system where the Petitioner will receive and process the payment and remain responsible for the quality of the Vendor's borrower communications without needing to obtain a Florida mortgage lender servicer license under Chapter 494, Florida Statutes.\*\*\*The original petition was published October 26, 2022 in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 48, Number 209.

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 JUVENILE JUSTICE

"ITN 10776 - Public Meetings"

ITN 10776 - The Department is seeking a thirty-two (32) bed Residential Program for boys appropriate for non-secure residential placement, between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18). The program shall include innovations in delinquency programming and treatment services. Also, the services shall include Substance Abuse Treatment Overlay Services (SAOS), and Mental Health Overlay Services (MHOS), as described in the relevant Office of Health Services (OHS) Attachments, listed below. The Department shall allow for the flexibility of MHOS and SAOS beds, based on the Department's needs for treatment services. The program shall be in a Respondent-owned/leased building located in the State of Florida. All public meetings for this ITN are advertised on Vendor Information **Portal** at: https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/bids/detail/37 27.

# Section XII Miscellaneous

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 16, 2022 and 3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 22, 2022.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
12DER22-13	12/20/2022	1/1/2023
29J-2.002	12/20/2022	1/9/2023
29J-2.003	12/20/2022	1/9/2023
29J-3.001	12/20/2022	1/9/2023
29J-3.013	12/20/2022	1/9/2023
59G-4.170	12/22/2022	1/11/2023
61G19-7.004	12/20/2022	1/9/2023
64B3-5.007	12/16/2022	1/5/2022
64B3-5.0011	12/22/2022	1/11/2023
64B10-14.006	12/16/2022	1/5/2022
64ER22-9	12/16/2022	12/16/2022
64ER22-10	12/16/2022	12/16/2022
68A-6.001	12/22/2022	1/11/2023
68A-6.009	12/22/2022	1/11/2023
68A-6.018	12/22/2022	1/11/2023

# 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
5K-4.020	12/10/2021	**/**/***
5K-4.035	12/10/2021	**/**/***
5K-4.045	12/10/2021	**/**/***
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/***
62-6.001	5/10/2022	**/**/***
62-600.405	11/16/2021	**/**/***
62-600.705	11/16/2021	**/**/***
62-600.720	11/16/2021	**/**/***
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/***
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/***
69L-7.020	10/22/2021	**/**/***
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/***

BABCOCK RANCH COMMUNITY INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT

# BABCOCK RANCH COMMUNITY INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT

# NOTICE OF RULEMAKING FOR WATER UTILITY RATES

A public hearing will be conducted by the Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District ("District") on the following date, time and place:

Time & Date: January 26, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Location: The Hatchery – East Conference Room 42881 Lake Babcock Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Punta Gorda, Florida 33982.

The public hearing will be a rulemaking hearing and will provide an opportunity for the public to address proposed rules that set policies, fees and charges related to the District's water utilities. The purpose and effect of the proposed rules is to provide for efficient and effective District operations, and to provide sufficient revenues to meet expenses and provide services within the boundaries of the District. Prior notice of rule development for the rulemaking hearing was published in the Florida Administrative Record on December 22, 2022. The proposed rules adopt updates and amendments to the District's existing water utility rates as follows:

## **Water Utility Rates**

# A. INITIAL FEES – CONNECTION FEES/AFPI, DEPOSIT FEES, TAP IN, ROAD PUSH

RESIDENTIAL		PROPOSED
INITIAL FEES - CONNECTION FEES/AFPI, TAP IN, ROAD PUSH		
Account Setup fee	\$	45.00
Potable Water		
Connection Fee/AFPI	\$	2,761.39
Meter Installation Fee		
3/4"	\$	532.37
1"	\$	643.78
1 1/2"	\$ \$	1,530.68
2"	\$	1,700.64
Greater than 2"		Cost + 3%
Customer Deposit	\$	45.00
Tap In Fee (if service not currently available) *	\$	1,529.82
Road Push (if service not currently available at property line) *	\$	2,404.00
Private Fire Protection		
Connection Fee/AFPI (based upon fire flow)		
0-50 GPM	\$	4,579.14
51-100 GPM	\$	5,958.67
101-150 GPM	\$	6,944.03
151-300 GPM	\$	9,019.14
301-500 GPM	\$	10,831.10
501-750 GPM	\$	12,745.06
751-1000 GPM	\$	14,206.90
1001-1500 GPM	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	16,554.43
1501-3000 GPM	\$	21,504.54
3001-4500 GPM	\$	25,058.86
RESIDENTIAL (continued)		PROPOSED

Meter Inst	allation Fee		
	3/4"	\$	532.37
	1"	\$ \$ \$	643.78
	1 1/2"	\$	1,530.68
	2"	\$	1,700.64
	Greater than 2"		Cost + 3%
	Customer Deposit	\$	45.00
	Tap In Fee (if service not currently available) *	\$	1,529.82
	Road Push (if service not currently available at property line) *	\$	2,404.00
Wastewater			
Connection	n Fee/AFPI	\$	2,899.35
	Customer Deposit	\$	50.00
	Tap In Fee (if service not currently available) *	\$ \$	1,529.82
	Road Push (if service not currently available at property line) *	\$	2,404.00
Irrigation Water			
Connection	n Fee/AFPI	\$	2,182.91
Meter Insta	allation Fee		
	3/4"	\$	532.37
	1"	\$	643.78
	1 1/2"	\$	1,530.68
	2"	\$	1,700.64
	Greater than 2"		Cost + 3%
	Customer Deposit	\$	40.00
	Tap In Fee (if service not currently available) *	\$	1,529.82
	Road Push (if service not currently available at property line) *	\$	2,404.00

<sup>\*</sup> Or Actual Cost + 3% whichever is greater

NON- RESIDENTIAL		PROPOSED
INITIAL FEES - CONNECTION FEES/AFPI, TAP IN, ROAD PUSH		
Account Setup fee	\$	45.00
Potable Water		
Connection Fee/AFPI	\$	2,761.39
Meter Installation Fee		
3/4"	\$	532.37
1"	\$	643.78
1 1/2"	\$	1,530.68
2"	\$	1,700.64
Greater than 2"	(	Cost + 3%
Customer Deposit	2X Est	Bill/Not Less Resi Dep
Tap In Fee (if service not currently available) *	\$	1,529.82

#### **NON- RESIDENTIAL (continued) PROPOSED**

Road Push (if service not currently available at property line) \*

Private	Fire	Pro	tection
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Connection Fee/AFPI (based upon fire flow) 0-50 GPM 4,579.14 51-100 GPM 5,958.67 101-150 GPM 6,944.03 151-300 GPM \$ 9,019.14 301-500 GPM 10,831.10 501-750 GPM 12,745.06 751-1000 GPM 14,206.90 1001-1500 GPM 16,554.43 1501-3000 GPM 21,504.54 3001-4500 GPM 25,058.86

2,404.00

Meter In:	stallation Fee		
	3/4"	\$	532.37
	1"	\$	643.78
	1 1/2"	\$ \$	1,530.68
	2"	\$	1,700.64
	Greater than 2"	(	Cost + 3%
	Customer Deposit	\$	45.00
	Tap In Fee (if service not currently available) *	\$	1,529.82
	Road Push (if service not currently available at property line) *	\$	2,404.00
Wastewater			
Connecti	on Fee/AFPI	\$	2,899.35
	Customer Deposit	2X Est	Bill/Not Less Resi Dep
	Tap In Fee (if service not currently available) *	\$	1,529.82
	Road Push (if service not currently available at property line) *	\$	2,404.00
Irrigation Water			
Connecti	on Fee/AFPI	\$	2,182.91
Meter In	stallation Fee		
	3/4"	\$	532.37
	1"	\$	643.78
	1 1/2"	\$	1,530.68
	2"	\$	1,700.64
	Greater than 2"	C	Cost + 3%
	Customer Deposit	2X Est	Bill/Not Less Resi Dep
	Tap In Fee (if service not currently available) *	\$	1,529.82
	Road Push (if service not currently available at property line) *	\$	2,404.00

<sup>\*</sup> Or Actual Cost + 3% whichever is greater

#### B. MONTHLY USE AND COMMODITY FEES -WATER, WASTEWATER AND IRRIGATION RESIDENTIAL **PROPOSED**

**Residential** - Applicable to single-family Customers or mutli-

family Customers which are individually metered

	Monthly Base Charge			
	3/4"		\$	29.71
	1"		\$	74.27
	1 1/2"		\$	148.54
	2"		\$ \$ \$	237.66
	Over 2"		\$	29.71
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)			
	0-5999 gallons		\$	5.89
	6000-and above gallons		Ś	8.60
	Temporary Water Service (<2")		•	
	Deposit		\$	337.65
		Deposit plus	Actual Cost (6) plu	15
			Admistrative Fee	
				ility Charge Fee plus
			Commodity Charg	
Fire Prote	ection Service 2			_
	Monthly Base Charge			
	2" or less		\$	19.81
	3"			39.60
	4"		\$ \$ \$	61.90
	6"		Š	123.80
	8"		\$	198.08
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)		Ś	5.89
Wastewa			Ÿ	3.83
wastewa	Monthly Base Facility Charge		\$	34.76
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)		Ś	6.17
	Temporary Water Service		,	0.17
	Deposit	Deposit plus	Ś	354.54
	Берозіс	Deposit plus	Actual Cost (6) plu	
			Admistrative Fee	
				ility Charge Fee plus
			Commodity Charg	
Irrigation	3		and the same	-
<b>5</b>	Monthly Base Facility Charge (all meters)		\$	9.55
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)		Ś	2.86
	Temporary Water Service (<2")			
	Deposit ( 2 )	Deposit plus	Ś	327.82
	F	prosit plus	Actual Cost (6) plu	
			Admistrative Fee	

**RESIDENTIAL** (continued)

Monthly Base Facility Charge Fee plus Commodity Charge

<u>Multi-Family</u> <u>Residential</u> – Applicable to multi-family Customers and mobile home park Customers which are being served by a mater meter.

	USE AND COMMODITY FEES			
Account Se			\$	45.00
Water			*	
	Monthly Base Charge (per unit in building)		\$	29.71
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)			
	0-5999 gallons		\$	5.89
	6000-and above gallons		\$	8.60
	Temporary Water Service (<2")			
	Deposit	Deposit plus	\$	337.65
			Actual Cost	(6) plus
			Admistrativ	e Fee Plus
			Monthly Ba	se Facility Charge Fee plus
			Commodity	Charge
	tion Service			
	Monthly Base Charge			
	2" or less		\$	19.81
	3"		\$	39.60
	4"		\$ \$ \$	61.90
	6"		\$	123.80
	8"			198.08
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)		\$	5.89
Wastewate				
	Monthly Base Facility Charge (per unit in build	ding)	\$	34.76
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)		\$	6.17
	Deposit		\$	354.54
		Deposit plus	Actual Cost	(6) plus
			Admistrativ	e Fee Plus
			Monthly Ba	se Facility Charge Fee plu
			Commodity	Charge
Irrigation				
	Monthly Base Facility Charge (per meter)		\$	9.55
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)		\$	2.86
	Temporary Water Service (<2")			227.65
	Deposit		\$	337.65
		Deposit plus		
			Admistrativ	
				se Facility Charge Fee plus
			Commodity	Charge

## NON - RESIDENTIAL PROPOSED

<u>Non-Residential</u> – Applicable to non-residential commercial, industrial, office, civic, mixed use master meter or other Customers for which no other rate appplies.

Water				
	Monthly Base Charge			
	3/4"		\$	29.71
	1"		\$	74.27
	1 1/2"		\$	148.54
	2"		\$	237.66
	Over 2"		\$	29.71
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)			
	0-5999 gallons		\$	5.89
	6000-and above gallons		\$	8.60
	Temporary Water Service (<2")			
	Deposit		\$	337.65
	Temporary Water Service (<2")			
	Deposit		\$	337.65
	De	eposit plus	Actual Cost (6)	plus
			Admistrative F	ee Plus
			Monthly Base	Facility Charge Fee p
			Commodity Cl	range
ire Prote	ction Service			
	Monthly Base Charge			
	2" or less		\$	19.81
	3"		\$	39.60
	4"		\$	61.90
	6"		\$	123.80
	8"		\$	198.08
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)		\$	5.89
Nastewat	er			
	Monthly Base Facility Charge		\$	34.76
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons) < 5,999 ga	llons	\$	7.27
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons) > 5,999 ga	llons	\$	8.10
	Temporary Water Service (<2")			
	Deposit		\$	354.54
	De	eposit plus	Actual Cost (6)	plus
			Admistrative F	Fee Plus
			Monthly Base	Facility Charge Fee p
			Commodity Cl	harge
rrigation				
	Monthly Base Facility Charge (all meters)		\$	9.55
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)		\$	2.86
	Reuse on a Bulk Basis (Golf Course Only)		\$	0.66
	Temporary Water Service (<2")			
	Deposit	eposit plus	\$	327.82
			Actual Cost (6)	plus
			Admistrative F	Tee Plus
			Monthly Base	Facility Charge Fee p
			Commodity Cl	
Raw Wate	r			
	Monthly Base Facility Charge		\$	24.37
	Commodity Charge (per 1000 gallons)		Ś	3.14

## C. MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Violation of District Policies may leed to discontinuation of Utility Service, assessment of fees and fines, as well as inspection charges and fees to reconnect services once the violation has been resolved. Any work performed between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm shall be considered after normal working hours.

MISCELLANEOUS FEE		PROPOSED
Disconnection of Services		
Normal disconnect working hours		\$35,57
Normal disconnect after working hours		\$71.13
Due to Violation	plus violation fine	\$71.13
Premise Visit in Lieu of disconnection	during normal working hours	\$34.54
	after normal working hours	\$69.06
Reconnection of Services		
Normal reconnect during working hours		\$53.35
Normal reconnect after working hours		\$65.21
Due to Violation	plus violation fine	\$71.13
Service Relocation Fees	Actual cost plus Administrative Fee	
Trip Charge	Per Visit	\$48.83
Late Payment (up to \$133 past due)		\$2.18
Late Payment (greater than \$133 past due)		1.50%
Returned Checks <sup>7</sup>	Face Value does not exceed \$50.00	\$26.52
	Face Value between \$50,00-\$300,00	\$31.83
	Face Value over \$300.00	\$42.44
Customer Account Transfer Fee		\$28.14
Unauthorized Water Use Fine	per violation per day	\$56.28
Unauthorized Tampering[4]		
Single-Family	per violation	\$295.00
Multi-Family	per violation	\$575.00
Non-residential	per violation	\$1,150.00
Fire suppression, hydrant, fire line	per violation	\$575.00
Construction and Inspection Fee (Developer)®	or 1% of Construction Cost, whichever is greater	\$550.00
Re-Inspection Fee		\$570.00
Plan Review Fee	or 1% of Construction Cost, whichever is greater	\$820.00
Development Project Admin Fee	or 1% of Construction Cost, whichever is greater	\$275.00
Administrative Fee	3% of Actual Cost <sup>6</sup>	
Copy of Check Fee		\$5.75
Document Recording Fee	first page	\$11.50
	each additional page	\$9.75

Fire Flow Test		\$175.00
Request for Third Party Meter Testing (up to 1 1/2")		\$80.00
Request for Third Party Meter Test Testing (2" and above)	actual cost	
Request for Field Meter Testing (up to 1 1/2")		\$36.75
Request for Field Meter Test Testing (2" and above)	Actual cost5 plus Administrative Fee	
Backflow Prevention- Device Repair and/or Certification	Actual cost <sup>6</sup> plus Administrative Fee	
Cross-Connection	Actual cost <sup>6</sup> plus Administrative Fee	
Service Policy Related Fees	per visit	\$40.00
Non-Compliant Irrigation System Fine	\$57.56 to \$172.67 per day as determined by District	
Non-Compliant Industrial Discharge Fine	\$57.56 to \$172.67 per day as determined by District	
Grease Trap Inspections	Actual cost <sup>6</sup> plus Administrative Fee	
Grease Trap Violations (within 10-year period)		
(1st Occurrence)	plus damages and Administrative Fees	\$235.00
(2 <sup>nd</sup> Occurrence)	plus damages and Administrative Fees	\$465.00
(3 <sup>rd</sup> Occurrence)	plus damages and Administrative Fees	\$685.00
(4 <sup>th</sup> Occurrence)	serivce disconnection	
Lien Search Request Fee		\$55.00
Utility Relocations Fee	Actual cost <sup>6</sup> plus Administrative Fee	
Traffic Bearing Meter Box	Actual cost <sup>6</sup> plus Administrative Fee	
Televising Sewer Laterals	per Linear Foot + Equipment Fee	\$2.25
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# MISCELLANEOUS FEE (continued) PROPOSED

The District reserves the right to impose additional fees for the following to the extent not covered above, including cost for rental of any equipment not otherwise listed in the Tariff, plus a 10% markup.

Labor Classification	Proposed
Unskilled Laborer per hour	\$72.12
Plant / System Operator (Class A) per hour	\$90.16
Plant / System Operator (Class B) per hour	\$84.14
Plant / System Operator (Class C) per hour	\$78.13
Skilled Maintenance per hour	\$78.13
Foreman per hour	\$84.14
Manager per hour	\$126.20
Electrician per hour	\$84.14
Inspector per hour	\$75.86
Controls Technician per hour	\$90.16
Administrative per hour	\$70.02
Labor Classification	Proposed
Unskilled Laborer per hour	\$108.17
Plant / System Operator (Class A) per hour	\$132.22
Plant / System Operator (Class B) per hour	\$126.20
Plant / System Operator (Class C) per hour	\$117.19
Skilled Maintenance per hour	\$117.19
Foreman per hour	\$126.20
Manager per hour	\$138.23
Electrician per hour	\$126.20
Inspector per hour	\$113.78
Controls Technician per hour	\$135.23
Administrative per hour	\$105.03
Equipment Type	Proposed
Backhoe with Operator per hour	\$150.25
Loader with Operator per hour	\$150.25
Track-hoe with Operator per hour	\$210.35
Dump Truck with Operator per hour	\$120.20
Utility Vehicle with Operator per hour	\$78.13
Flat Bed Truck with Operator per hour	\$102.18
Portable Pump (4" trash) per hour	\$42.06
Generator (35-45 kw) per hour	\$48.08
Vactor Truck with One Operator per hour	\$373.89
TV Truck with Operator per hour	\$240.41

# D. INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE AND APPROVAL FEES INDUSTRIAL DISCHAGE AND APPROVAL PROPOSED

Industrial Wastewater Discharge Approval			
Application Fee			\$88.93
Transfer Fee			\$86.33
Industrial Wastewater Discharge Approval Annual Fees			
Minor			
Flow Rate (per gpd)			
Up to 1,999			\$118.56
2,000 to 4,999			\$207.48
5,000 to 9,999			\$296.41
10,000 to 24,999			\$385.32
25,000 to 49,999		N/A	
50,000 to 99,999		N/A	
Over 100,000		N/A	
Significant			
Flow Rate (per gpd)			
Up to 1,999			\$266.76
2,000 to 4,999			\$444.61
5,000 to 9,999			\$503.88
10,000 to 24,999			\$681.73
25,000 to 49,999			\$741.00
50,000 to 99,999			\$918.85
Over 100,000			\$978.13
High Strength Industrial Wastewater Surcharge			
Minimum Monthly Charge			\$18.38
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	per pound		\$0.1822
Concentration in excess of 400 mg/L			
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	per pound		\$0.1728
Concentration in excess of 400 mg/L			
Oil and Grease (O&G) concentration			
In excess of 50 mg/L	per pound		\$0.1315
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) in	per pound		\$0.1814
Excess of 2 times BOD and greater than	par passa		
800 mg/L			
Waste Hauler Charges <sup>8</sup>			
Annual Fee per Hauler	per hauler		\$237.13
Waste Disposal Fee (normal hours)	per 1,000 gal		\$65.21
Waste Disposal Fee (after hours)	per 1,000 gal per 1,000 sal		\$160.06
Mixed Load Fee	per 1,000 gal		\$41.49
Violations Process Charge	per 1,000 gai per appeal		\$115.98
Remediation	handling fee plus actual cost plus Administrative Fee		\$237.13
Remediation	nanoling ree plus actual cost plus Administrative Fee		\$237.13

Automatic Cost Escalation. In the absence of Board action, the District's rates, fees and charges shall be automatically increased without further action five percent (5%) per year. Upon application of this automatic cost escalation provision, the District Manager shall submit to the District Governing Board a report detailing the amount of the escalation and the new rates as revised. The Rate Schedule shall be adjusted pursuant to this section as required.

Utility Cost Pass-Through. The District's rates, fees and charges shall be automatically increased without further action of the Board based upon the implementation of a rate increase to the District Utility System by any utility which provides service to the District, or upon implementation or increase of any taxes levied by a governmental authority against the District, or upon an increase of costs incurred for water quality, wastewater or irrigation quality water quality testing required by the Department of Environmental Protection, or other unfunded mandates imposed by a controlling governmental agency. Upon application of this cost pass-through provision, the District Manager shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a report detailing the amount of the escalation and the new rates as revised. The Rate Schedule shall be adjusted pursuant to this section as required.

Water Use Restriction Surcharge. Commodity charges may be adjusted from time to time temporarily by up to twenty five percent (25%) to reflect a water use restriction surcharge rate adjustment that may be implemented in response to and for the duration of general water use restrictions imposed by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

**Prorations**. Base Facility Charges will be pro-rated for any partial month of service.

Specific legal authority for the rules includes section 120.054, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2007-306, Laws of Florida, as amended. Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice. The public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing.

If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. At the hearing, one or more Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations at the hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (561)571-0010 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1(800)955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office. A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting the District Manager, Craig Wrathell, at 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561)571-0010 or by visiting the District's website at http://www.babcockranchliving.com/153/Independent-Special-District.

Craig Wrathell, District Manager

# Section XIII Index to Rules Filed During Preceding Week

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