

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Finance

RULE NOS.: **RULE TITLES:**
 69V-560.903 Deferred Presentment Transactions
 69V-560.905 Deferred Presentment Transaction Fees
 69V-560.908 Deferred Presentment Database Transaction Requirements

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect is to amend provisions in existing rules related to deferred presentment transactions. The rules are being amended to allow for an additional deferred presentment transaction repayment method, allow for an additional deferred presentment transaction termination method, shorten the time required for notification of a returned check, shorten the time required before the automatic closure of a deferred presentment transaction, prohibit certain deferred presentment transaction payment methods, expand the example list of unauthorized fees, and require the update of certain information in the deferred presentment database.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Consumer Finance
RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 560.105, 560.404, FS
LAW IMPLEMENTED: 560.404, 560.4041, 560.405, 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: Sheila Harley, (850)410-9716, sheila.harley@flofr.gov
THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

**Section II
 Proposed Rules**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Plant Industry

RULE NO.: **RULE TITLE:**
 5B-65.005 Movement of Regulated Articles
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule is being developed to clarify regulatory requirements for the movement of regulated articles.
SUMMARY: The proposed rule will update the current requirements for regulated articles entering Miami-Dade County.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE 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 Department’s economic analysis of the adverse impact or potential regulatory costs of the proposed rule did not exceed any of the criteria established in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes. As part of this analysis, the Department relied upon the fact that there are no anticipated fees associated with the revised rulemaking. Additionally, no interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact.

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: 570.07(23), 581.031(1), (4), (5), (7) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 570.07(2), (13), 581.031(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (20), (30) FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Dr. Greg Hodges, P.O. Box 147100, Gainesville, FL 32614, (352)395-4627, Greg.Hodges@FDACS.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

5B-65.005 Movement of Regulated Articles.

(1) through (6) No change.

(7) Exemptions:

(a) Regulated articles harvested or produced within a 50-mile radius of the distribution point and not moved more than 50-miles from the point of origin. Regulated articles from locations in states contiguous to Florida that are harvested or produced within 50 miles of a Florida distribution point may enter Florida for direct transport to the distribution point without a certificate if the Regulated articles are accompanied by a proper bill of lading, proof of origin, and any applicable federal certificates for shipments originating from a USDA-regulated area. ~~No locally produced Firewood outside Miami-~~

~~Dade County may enter Miami Dade County unless treated and certified in accordance with Rule 5B 65.005, F.A.C., by the Department.~~

(b) through (d) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 581.031(1), (4), (5), (7) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(2), (13), 581.031(1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (9), (20), (30) FS. History—New 8-10-10, Amended 4-4-13, 10-7-21, _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Division Director Dr. Trevor Smith

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 12, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 20, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

6A-5.066 Approval of Teacher Preparation Programs

6A-5.081 Approval of School Leadership Programs

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To address changes made by the 2024 Florida Legislature in House Bill (HB) 1291, Educator Preparation Programs, effective July 1, 2024. The amendments will provide standards for content in teacher and school leadership preparation courses and new reporting requirements.

SUMMARY: Rule 6A-5.081 is amended to require that school leadership programs adopt procedures for continuous improvement and to maintain compliance with statutory changes. The amendments also include program approval requirements based upon HB 1291, such as the avoidance of distortion of significant historical events and identity politics. Additionally, demonstration of mastery of instructional leadership strategies, coaching development, and school safety practices is incorporated into program approval standards. Amendments to Rule 6A-5.066, provide the same changes noted above for three types of teacher preparation programs, namely, Educator Preparation Institutes, Initial Teacher Preparation Programs and Professional Learning Certification Programs. Additionally, both rules require that decisions about candidates be based on skill and performance of a candidate and not sex, race or other classification.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE 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 rules are 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 conclusion is based upon the fact that the costs, if any, are due to statutory changes, as well as similar rule changes in the past.

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), 1004.04(6), 1004.85(8), 1012.56(14), 1012.562(5), 1012.986, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.56 1012.562, 1012.986, F.S.

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

DATE AND TIME: April 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Tallahassee State College, 444 Appleyard Drive, Student Union Ballroom, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Marsha Dixon, Director of Educator Preparation (Marsha.Dixon@fldoe.org) or Ashley Harvey, Director of Retention (Ashley.Harvey1@fldoe.org), Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development & Retention, Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-5.066 Approval of Teacher Preparation Programs.

This rule sets forth the requirements and implementation of the approval process for each type of teacher preparation program offered by a Florida provider as set forth in Sections 1004.04, 1004.85, and 1012.56(8), F.S.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) Processes for initial approval of teacher preparation programs.

(a) No change.

(b) A provider must submit an application by January 15, April 15, July 15, or October 15, using the Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards, Form IAS-2025 2023.

(c) No change.

(4) Reporting requirements for state-approved teacher preparation programs.

(a) State-approved teacher preparation programs must report the following data to the Department:

1. through 2. No change.

3. All PLCP programs approved per Section 1012.56(8), F.S., must annually report via the Department's eIPEP platform located at <https://www.florida-eipep.org/> program performance management data based on information provided by the program on the Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards Form IAS-~~2025~~ 2023.

(5) Requirements and processes for continued approval of teacher preparation programs.

(a) Continued approval entails requirements that are scored and requirements that are not scored. The requirements for continued approval that are not scored are as follows:

1. The program has procedures or processes to ensure annual continuous improvement and to review and make modifications if needed to maintain compliance with statutory changes. Reporting instructions to the Department for these procedures will be posted at <https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/preparation/continued-approval.stml>. Except for programs in High Demand Teacher Needs areas as defined in paragraph (1)(n), the program has at least one completer within the last three (3) years of the continued approval period;

2. No change.

3. A provider has submitted the Florida Department of Education Continued Approval, Form CA-~~2025~~ 2023, during the last year of approval and at least sixty (60) days before a site visit; and

4. Based upon the information provided on Continued Approval Form CA-~~2025~~ 2023, the provider demonstrates that it meets the following requirements:

a. through g. No change.

h. Any state-approved teacher preparation program approved per Section 1012.56(8), F.S., uses program performance management data to drive programmatic improvements based on information provided by the program on the Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards Form IAS-~~2025~~ 2023.

(b) No change.

(6) No change.

(7) Continued Approval Site Visit.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Site visits will be conducted utilizing the Florida Site Visit Framework, Form FSVF-2024. Review Areas ~~2~~ 3 (Quality of Clinical Placement, Feedback, and Candidate Performance) and ~~3~~ 4 (Quality of Program Performance Management) will be conducted at the provider level. Review Area ~~1~~ 2 (Quality of Content Knowledge and Teaching Methods) will be conducted at the program level. The programs for review will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. through 4. No change.

(d) No change.

(e) During the site visit for state-approved ITP and EPI programs, using the Florida Site Visit Framework, Form FSVF-2024, the provider will be reviewed and scored to determine the extent to which it:

1. Ensures that candidates and completers are prepared to instruct prekindergarten through grade 12 (p-12) students to meet high standards for academic achievement (Review Area ~~1~~ 2 on Form FSVF-2024);

2. Ensures high-quality field and clinical experiences, including feedback and support for each program candidate, and provides candidates with opportunities to demonstrate the ability to positively impact student learning growth (Review Area ~~2~~ 3 on Form FSVF-2024); and

3. Supports continuous improvement that is sustained and evidence-based and that evaluates the effectiveness of its candidates and completers (Review Area ~~3~~ 4 on Form FSVF-2024).

(f) Each of the three site visit review areas found in paragraph (7)(c), must be scored. If multiple ITP programs are being reviewed, Review Area ~~1~~ 2 will be averaged in order to obtain the final score for this area. A score of one (1) indicates the review area is inadequate, a score of two (2) indicates the area is needs improvement, a score of three (3) indicates the area is good, a score of four (4) indicates the area is strong.

(g) through (h) No change.

(8) through (11) No change.

(12) Program Requirements.

(a) Pursuant to ss. 1004.04(2)(e)1., 1004.85(2)(a)6., 1012.56(8)(b)1., F.S., ITP, EPI, and PLCP program courses, curriculum and instruction must not:

1. Violate s.1000.05, F.S.

2. Distort significant historical events. Distortion of historical events in curriculum and instruction is the presentation or the assignment of instructional resources or learning activities that give a misleading or false account or impression. Examples of theories that distort historical events and are inconsistent with State Board-approved standards include the denial or minimization of the Holocaust and the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT). CRT is the theory that racism is not merely the product of prejudice, but that racism is embedded in American society and its legal systems in order to uphold the supremacy of white persons.

3. Promote identity politics. Promoting identity politics is the presentation of or the assignment of instructional resources or learning activities that promote the theory that an individual adheres to a particular political viewpoint based on one's race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status.

4. Endorse theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of the

United States and were created to maintain social, political, and economic inequities. For the purposes of this rule, institutions refer to the initial creation and foundational structure of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the United States government.

(b) ITP, EPI, and PLCP program courses, curriculum and instruction must afford candidates the opportunity to think critically, achieve mastery of academic program content, learn instructional strategies, and demonstrate competence.

~~(13)(12)~~ The following forms are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Room 124, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400.

(a) Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards, Form IAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15905>) effective ~~May 2025~~ ~~September 2023~~.

(b) Florida Department of Education Continued Approval, Form CA-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15906>) effective ~~May 2025~~ ~~September 2023~~.

(c) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.56 FS. Law Implemented 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.56 FS. History—New 7-2-98, Amended 8-7-00, 3-19-06, 2-17-15, 1-1-18, 4-30-18, 10-24-19, 11-23-21, 6-27-23, 9-26-23, 8-27-24.

6A-5.081 Approval of School Leadership Programs.

This rule sets forth the requirements and implementation of the approval process for each type of school leadership program offered by a Florida postsecondary institution or public school district, charter school, or charter management organization.

(1) Definitions. For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) “Continued approval” means that subsequent to an initial approval, a school leadership program has been granted the authority to operate for a five-year period. The basis for continued approval is outlined in the documents entitled Florida Department of Education Continued Program Approval Standards for Level I Educational Leadership Programs, Form EL CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~; and Florida Department of Education Continued Program Approval Standards for Level II School Principal Programs, Form SP CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~.

(e) through (g) No change.

(h) “Initial approval” means that a new school leadership program has been granted the authority to operate for a five-year period. The basis for initial approval is outlined in the documents entitled Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards for Level I Educational Leadership Programs, Form EL IAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~; and Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards

for Level II School Principal Programs, Form SP IAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~.

(i) through (t) No change.

(2) Requirements and processes for initial request and approval of Level I and Level II programs.

(a) No change.

(b) Processes for submission of a Level I program for initial approval:

1. No change.

2. Upon written verification by the Department of a fully completed request, the provider shall submit to the Department an electronic application, which is further described in the documents, Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards for Level I Educational Leadership Programs, Form EL IAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ by January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

3. No change.

(c) No change.

(d) Processes for submission of a Level II program for initial approval:

1. No change.

2. Upon written verification by the Department of a fully completed request, the provider shall submit to the Department an electronic application, which is further described in the document, Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards for Level II School Principal Programs, Form SP IAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~, by January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

3. No change.

(3) Requirements and processes for continued approval of Level I and Level II programs.

(a) Reporting processes for continued approval are as follows:

1. The program has procedures or processes to ensure annual continuous improvement and to review and make modifications if needed to maintain compliance with statutory changes. Reporting instructions to the Department for these procedures are posted at <https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/preparation/edual-leadership.stml>.

1. renumbered 2. No change.

~~3.2.~~ By November 15 of each year, each provider shall submit via the Department’s eIPEP platform located at <https://www.florida-eipep.org/>, a program evaluation plan in accordance with Florida Department of Education Continued Program Approval Standards, Form EL CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ for Level I programs; or Form SP CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ for Level II programs.

~~4.3.~~ During the final year of the program approval period, the Department shall conduct a continued approval site visit that will include a review of each approved program. The purpose

of the site visit shall be to review evidence of the program’s implementation of the continued approval standards described in the document, Florida Department of Education Continued Program Approval Standards, Form EL CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ or Form SP CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~. The site visit shall also include a review of the annual program evaluation plans described in subparagraph (3)(a)2. of this rule. At the end of the site visit, a summative rating score shall be calculated based on criteria outlined in the forms: Form EL CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ for Level I programs or Form SP CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ for Level II programs.

4. renumbered 5. No change.

(b) No change.

(4) No change.

(5) Program Requirements

(a) Section 1012.562(4), F.S., curriculum for Level I and Level II programs must not:

1. Violate s. 1000.05, F.S.

2. Distort significant historical events. Distortion of historical events in curriculum and instruction is the presentation of or the assignment of instructional resources or learning activities that give a misleading or false account or impression. Examples of theories that distort historical events and are inconsistent with State Board-approved standards include the denial or minimization of the Holocaust, and the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT). CRT is the theory that racism is not merely the product of prejudice, but that racism is embedded in American society and its legal systems in order to uphold the supremacy of white persons.

3. Promote identity politics. Promoting identity politics is the presentation of or the assignment of instructional resources or learning activities that promote the theory that an individual inherently adheres to a particular political viewpoint based on one’s race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status.

4. Endorse theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, and privilege are inherent in the institutions of the United States and were created to maintain social, political, and economic inequities. For the purposes of this rule, institutions refer to the initial creation and foundational structure of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the United States government.

(b) School leader preparation programs must afford candidates the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of program content, including instructional leadership strategies, coaching development, school safety, and continuous improvement efforts.

~~(6)~~⁽⁵⁾ The following forms are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Room 124, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400.

(a) Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards for Level I Educational Leadership Programs, Form EL IAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16033>), effective ~~May 2025~~ ~~November 2023~~.

(b) Florida Department of Education Initial Program Approval Standards for Level II School Principal Programs, Form SP IAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16034>), effective ~~May 2025~~ ~~November 2023~~.

(c) Florida Department of Education Continued Program Approval Standards for Level I Educational Leadership Programs, Form EL CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16035>), ~~May 2025~~ ~~November 2023~~.

(d) Florida Department of Education Continued Program Approval Standards for Level II School Principal Programs, Form SP CAS-~~2025~~ ~~2023~~ (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16036>), effective ~~May 2025~~ ~~November 2023~~.

(e) through (f) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02, 1012.562, 1012.986 FS. Law Implemented 1012.56, 1012.562, 1012.986 FS. History—New 6-20-07, Amended 12-20-16, 11-28-18, 11-21-23.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Marsha Dixon

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 17, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 5, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-25.021 Service Provider Registration and Quality Assurance Requirements

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The rule amendment provides updates to forms incorporated by reference for fee-for-service providers.

SUMMARY: Forms incorporated by reference are edited as follows:

1. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Fee-for-Service Provider Application was updated to include a description of services for applicants to complete. Reference requirements were also revised to require two letters of professional reference for new businesses with no former clients of reference. Additionally, the revised application states the Division has the right to reject an application and does not guarantee referrals.

2. The Programmatic Operations Resource Guide (PORG) was updated to remove Career Camp virtual services, created during the COVID-19 pandemic; adds timeframes for providers to revise Career Camp curriculum and flyers required by the Division; permits the Division to deny curriculum for Career Camps; changes the submission of Career Camp curriculum from three years to one year; allows the Division to request updated Career Camp curriculum at any time and/or rescind approval; and deletes language that amendments to Career Camp curriculum will not be accepted from a provider. Fee codes were also removed, as they are no longer applicable. Minor edits were made throughout the PORG for grammatical and editing errors.

3. Vocational Rehabilitation Fee-for-Service Provider Contractual Agreement was updated to add Youth Peer Mentoring as a service; clarifies the specific Rule applicable for confidentiality of client information; adds reference to Section 215.422, Florida Statutes, regarding the approval and inspection of goods and services; and corrects grammatical and formatting errors.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE 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, business competitiveness or other factors in s.120.541(2)(a), F.S., and will not require legislative ratification. No increase in regulatory costs are expected.

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: 413.22, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 413.208, F.S.

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

DATE AND TIME: April 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Tallahassee State College, 444 Appleyard Dr., Student Union Ballroom, Tallahassee, FL 32304.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Kelly Rogers, Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1144, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

6A-25.021 Service Provider Registration and Quality Assurance Requirements.

(1) No change.

(2) Registration process.

(a) Fee-for-Service Provider Application Process:

1. No change.

2. Once DVR has notified a service provider of the approval of the application and the approved services, the service provider must submit a signed DVR Fee-for-Service Provider Contractual Agreement and all documents mentioned therein;

3. A Fee-for-Service Provider is not deemed registered until the Division has notified the service provider of the acceptance and execution of the Fee-for-Service Provider Contractual Agreement, which contains ~~must contain~~ the following:

a. through g. No change.

h. Section 501(c)(3) requirements, if applicable;

i. Contract term that includes the date that the contract is effective and the date the contract shall terminate. Contract termination terminates a service provider's active provider status with the Division registration;

j. through k. No change.

(b) No change.

(3) No change.

(4) A Fee-for-Service Provider must be able to provide evidence of proven functional systems and quality assurance in accordance with subsection (1) upon request of the Division within fifteen (15) business days of a request. Failure to do so, or evidence of offenses listed in subsection (3) of this rule will be cause for registration denial, suspension or revocation. If a fee-for-service provider is found to have committed a violation listed in subsection (3), the service provider may be subject to any of the following:

(a) No change.

(b) A Notice of Suspension, which notifies the service provider of a suspension of their active provider status registration and may include a requirement of the submission of a corrective action plan for reactivation as a service provider.

(c) No change.

(6) through (8) No change.

(9) The following forms and documents are incorporated by reference into this rule, ~~to become effective February 2024~~, and may be obtained from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

(a) Form DVR-FFSPA-~~2025~~ 2024, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Fee-for-Service Provider Application

(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-46368>) effective May 2025;

(b) Form DVR-FFSPCA-2025 2024, Vocational Rehabilitation Fee-for-Service Provider Contractual Agreement (Service Provider)

(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-46369>) effective May 2025;

(c) Form DVR-FFSPCC-2024, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Fee-for-Service Provider Code of Conduct (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16370>) effective February 2024;

(d) Form DVR-SPM-2024, Service Provider Manual (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16371>) effective February 2024; and

(e) Form DVR-PORGH-2025 2024, Programmatic Operations Resource Guide Handbook (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-46372>) effective May 2025.

Rulemaking Authority 413.22 FS. Law Implemented 413.208 FS. History – New 2-20-24.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Kelly Rogers

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Manny Diaz Jr.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 18, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 1, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Professional Engineers

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61G15-32.004 Design of Water Based Fire Protection Systems

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposed to revise the rule language and resolve JAPC concerns with rule amendments as proposed.

SUMMARY: To update the rule language and resolve JAPC concerns with rule amendments as proposed.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE 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: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board concluded that this rule change will not have any impact on licensees and their businesses or the businesses that employ them. The rule will not increase any fees, business costs, personnel costs, will not decrease profit opportunities, and will not require any specialized knowledge to comply. This change will not increase any direct or indirect regulatory costs. Hence, the Board determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

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: 471.008, 471.033(2) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 471.033(2) FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Zana Raybon, Executive Director, Board of Professional Engineers, 2400 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308; (850)521-0500 or by electronic mail, ZRaybon@fbpe.org.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

61G15-32.004 Design of Water Based Fire Protection Systems.

(1) through (3) No Change.

(4) To ensure minimum design quality in Fire Protection System Engineering Documents, said documents shall include as a minimum the following information when applicable:

(a) through (g) No Change.

(h) Abnormally High Rates of Microbial-Induced Corrosion (MIC). The Engineer of Record shall make reasonable efforts to identify water supplies and environmental factors that will result in abnormally high rates of corrosion could lead to Microbial-Induced Corrosion (MIC). Such efforts may consist of discussions with the local water purveyor and/or fire official, familiarity with conditions in the local area, or laboratory testing of water supplies. When conditions are found that may result in abnormally high rates of corrosion MIC contamination of the fire protection piping, the engineer shall design corrective measures. For purposes of this rule, “Abnormally High Rates of Corrosion” means a rate of corrosion that significantly decreases the expected service life of a fire protection system. Examples of causes of abnormally

high rates of corrosion include exposure to salt air, saltwater, or raw water supply; chlorine laden atmosphere; introduction of oxygenated water; and microbially induced corrosion.

(i) through (m) No Change.

(5) through (7) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 471.008, 471.033(2) FS. Law Implemented 471.033(2) FS. History—New 5-19-93, Formerly 21H-32.004, Amended 4-2-00, 6-26-01, 6-15-15, 8-24-16, 7-25-19, 3-23-22, 6-29-23,_____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Board of Professional Engineers

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE

PROPOSED RULE: Board of Professional Engineers

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY

HEAD: February 13, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 20, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

64W-6.001

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Funding Methodology

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: These rules will amend the adopted rules establishing the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program, implemented as the Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education - Dental (FRAMEdental) Program, consistent with changes to section 381.4019, Florida Statutes, pursuant to Chapter 2024-15, Laws of Florida (Senate Bill No. 7016). The function of the program is to make payments that offset loans and educational expenses incurred by students for studies leading to a dental degree.

SUMMARY: The FRAME program reimburses student loans incurred by students for studies leading to a degree and practice as a dentist or dental hygienist.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE 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: Based on the SERC checklist, this rulemaking will not have an adverse impact on regulatory costs in excess of \$1 million within five years as established in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S. 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.

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: 381.4019(6) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 381.4019 FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jeffrey Johnson at (850)617-1471 or Jeffrey.Johnson@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64W-6.001 Definitions.

(1) “Active Employment” is defined as being employed at the time of application ~~by the employer on the first day of the application period and remaining employed by the same employer~~ through issuance of an award pursuant to Rule 64W-6.005, F.A.C.

(2) “Dentist” and “dental hygienist” means ~~any~~ a person licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene pursuant to Chapter 466, F.S.

(3) “Dental services” means services provided by dentists pursuant to section 466.003(3), F.S., and by dental hygienists pursuant to section 466.003(4), F.S. For the purpose of fulfilling the 25 hours of volunteer dental services required by paragraph 64W-6.002(1)(g), F.A.C., dental services include related services which contribute to the provision of dental care at a qualified clinic or program.

~~(4)(3)~~ “Direct patient care hours” ~~means are defined as in-person, one on one, face-to-face care with live patients. Hours spent on-call or , providing telemedicine services, teaching/learning (including rounds), performing research, conducting administrative duties, traveling , or conferring with others are not considered direct patient care hours. Telehealth services provided to established patients may constitute direct patient care hours for no more than 50% of the applicant’s weekly direct patient care hours.~~

(4) through (5) are renumbered to (5) through (6) No change.

(7) “Free clinic” means a clinic that delivers only medical diagnostic services or nonsurgical medical treatment free of charge to all low-income recipients. Dental services are included as part of such medical treatment or services.

~~(8)(6)~~ “Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)” means a geographic area, an area having a special population, or a facility, as designated by the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This definition includes sections 381.4019(1)(a) and ~~(e)(4)~~, F.S.

~~(9)(7)~~ No Change.

~~(8) “New participating dentist” is a dentist who has never received any funds through the FRAME^{dental} program after the first state fiscal year of the loan program.~~

(9) through (10) renumbered to (10) through (11) No change.

(12) “Recertification” means an application submitted by an applicant that was awarded a loan in the immediately preceding application calendar year.

(13) “Recruitment Factor” means an additional 2.5 points added to an applicant’s prioritization score set forth in paragraph 64W-6.005(2)(a), F.A.C., if the applicant was hired within the same state fiscal year as the application cycle.

(11) through (12) renumbered to (14) through (15) No change.

(16) “Volunteer” means to perform services willingly and without being required or paid by the employer to do so.

(13) renumbered to (17) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 381.4019 FS. Law Implemented 381.4019 FS. History – New 2-15-24, Amended _____.

64W-6.002 Eligibility Requirements.

(1) To be eligible to receive reimbursement or loan repayment from FRAME^{dental}, dentists and dental hygienists must:

(a) No change.

(b) Possess a clear active Florida dental or dental hygiene license,

(c) Be actively employed in a public health program or private practice located in a dental HPSA in Florida and providing direct patient care in-person services to patients. The public health program or private practice must accept Medicaid reimbursement (verifiable paid Medicaid claims for at least 50 unduplicated patients) and have a sliding fee scale program that covers ~~other~~ low-income patients,

~~(d) Not have received an award from any other State of Florida funded student loan repayment program since July 1 of the previous year,~~

~~(e) Reside and practice in Florida,~~

~~(d)(f)~~ No change.

~~(e)(g)~~ Be enrolled as a Medicaid provider and have verifiable Medicaid billing or demonstrate that they have

applied to become a Medicaid provider by providing documentation that includes the Medicaid application tracking number, and

~~(f)(h)~~ Have a valid email address for program correspondence, and-

(g) Provide at least 25 hours annually of volunteer dental services in a free clinic in a dental HPSA, through a volunteer program operated pursuant to part IV of chapter 110, F.S., or a pro bono program approved by the Board of Dentistry.

1. Volunteer hours are calculated from January 1 through December 31 of the application calendar year.

2. Volunteer hours will be verified via the FRAME^{dental} Volunteer Hours Verification Form, incorporated by reference in paragraph 64W-6.003(1)(d), F.A.C.

3. If 25 hours of volunteer services have not been completed when the application is submitted, the applicant must:

a. Complete the FRAME^{dental} Volunteer Service Obligation Acknowledgment, incorporated by reference in paragraph 64W-6.003(1)(e), F.A.C., and

b. Verify all volunteer hours have been completed by submitting FRAME^{dental} Volunteer Hours Verification Form(s) through the FRAME^{works} portal prior to December 31 of the application calendar year.

4. If the applicant does not complete the required 25 hours of volunteer hours in the application calendar year:

a. The applicant will not be eligible for an award in the subsequent calendar year.

b. The applicant will be subject to the penalties set forth in Rule 64W-6.007, F.A.C., and

c. After one year of ineligibility, any future application will be considered a new application for the purposes of award prioritization set forth in Rule 64W-6.005, F.A.C.

(2) A dentist or dental hygienist is no longer eligible to receive funds under the loan program if the dentist or dental hygienist:

(a) Is no longer employed by a public health program or private practice that meets the criteria of subsection (1) above,

(b) No change.

(c) Has not submitted verification of volunteer dental services for the required 25 hours per year,

(c) through (d) renumbered to (d) through (e) No change.

(3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 381.4019 FS. Law Implemented 381.4019 FS. History – New 2-15-24, Amended _____.

64W-6.003 Documentation Requirements.

(1) FRAME^{dental} applicants must complete and submit the following forms in the FRAME^{works} portal:

(a) The Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education - Dental (FRAME^{dental}) Application. The

FRAME^{dental} Application, DH8017-PHSPM-07/2024 (07-2024) 07/2023, is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-46373>.

(b) The Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education - Dental (FRAME^{dental}) Employment Verification Form (PDF only). One form is required for each employer. Signatures must be in ink. The FRAME^{dental} Employment Verification Form, DH8018-PHSPM-07/2024 (07-2024) 07/2023, is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-46374>.

(c) The Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education – Dental (FRAME^{dental}) Loan Certification Form for each qualified educational loan (PDF only). Signatures must be in ink or utilize a legally binding eSignature. The FRAME^{dental} Loan Certification Form, DH8019-PHSPM-07/2024 (07-2024) 07/2023, is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-46375>.

(d) The Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education - Dental (FRAME^{dental}) Volunteer Hours Verification Form for any volunteer hours included in the application. The FRAME^{dental} Volunteer Hours Certification Form, DH8021-PHSPM-07/2024 (07-2024), is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX>.

(e) The Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education – Dental (FRAME^{dental}) Volunteer Service Obligation Acknowledgment if the applicant has not completed 25 hours of volunteer services prior to application. The FRAME^{dental} Volunteer Service Obligation Acknowledgment Form, DH8022-PHSPM-09/2024 (09-2024), is incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX>.

(2) The following HPSA documentation document(s) must be uploaded to the FRAMEworks portal, as applicable:

(a) For all practice locations that are in an FQHC; state or federal correctional facility; a rural health clinic; an Indian Health Service, Tribal Health, or Urban Indian Health Organization; or a state mental hospital, upload documentation of dental shortage designation status. A PDF copy of the HRSA “Find Shortage Areas State/County” query result for each

practice site location (<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find>) is considered acceptable documentation.

(b) For all practice locations that are not listed in paragraph (2)(a) above in an FQHC, but are designated by HRSA as having a shortage of dental health professionals based on geographic location, special population, or facility, upload a PDF copy of the query result for each practice site location from HRSA “Find Shortage Areas by Address” query result for each practice site location (<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/by-address>).

(3) No change.

(4) The FRAME^{dental} Employment Verification Form, the FRAME^{dental} Volunteer Hours Verification Form, the FRAME^{dental} Volunteer Service Obligation Acknowledgment, and the FRAME^{dental} Loan Certification Form will be made available on the FRAMEworks Department’s website at <https://www.fdohframe.com/s/forms>.

(5) Dentists and dental hygienists who received an award in a previous year may apply for recertification during each application year meeting the same application requirements outlined in subsections (1) through (3) above.

(5) renumbered to (6) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 381.4019 FS. Law Implemented 381.4019 FS. History – New 2-15-24, Amended _____.

64W-6.004 Application Processing.

(1) FRAME^{dental} Applications and supporting documentation will only be accepted during the application period.

(a) The application period is between April 28 at 12:00 am (EST) and May 30 at 11:59 pm (EST) Between February 15 at 12:00 am and March 31 at 11:59 pm (EST). Applications will be accepted via the FRAMEworks portal during the application period for any fiscal year in which the program is funded by the Legislature.

(b) The Department may extend the application period for a period of up to 90 days. Any extension to the application period will be announced on the Department’s website (<https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/community-health-workers/HealthResourcesandAccess/FRAMEProgram/index.html>), the FRAMEworks portal, and in the Florida Administrative Register on the FRAMEworks portal 14 days prior to the new closing date.

(2) through (5) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 381.4019 FS. Law Implemented 381.4019 FS. History – New 2-15-24, Amended _____.

64W-6.005 Award Prioritization and Awards.

(1) Applications for reimbursement or loan repayment will be prioritized in tiers, as described below.

(a) Tier 1 consists of eligible applicants who are Florida residents and received an award in the previous state fiscal year.

(b) Tier 2 consists of eligible applicants who are Florida residents and received an award in a prior state fiscal year, but not in the state fiscal year immediately preceding the application state fiscal year.

(c) Tier 3 consists of eligible applicants who are Florida residents and have never received an award under this program.

(d) Tier 4 consists of eligible applicants who are not Florida residents.

(2) Within each tier, applicants will be prioritized from highest to lowest by the following method:

(a) The FRAME^{dental} Prioritization Score will be calculated as a weighted total of 85% of the Adjusted Dental HPSA score, plus 15% of the Service Score, plus 10% of the percentage of the dentist's practice that is composed of Medicaid patients (as a whole number, not a percentage), plus the Recruitment Factor, if eligible.

(b) The Adjusted Dental HPSA Score will be computed by:

1. For only one practice location: (average weekly direct patient care hours provided for the month immediately preceding application, [DPCH] ÷ 40) x Dental HPSA Score [DHPSA]).

2. No change.

(c) through (d) No change.

(e) The Recruitment Factor is an additional 2.5 points added to the score if the eligible applicant began providing services for their employer in a HPSA after the beginning of the same state fiscal year as the application period. For all others the Recruitment Factor is 0.

~~(f)~~(e) The calculations set forth in paragraphs (2)(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above are illustrated in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1.

$$\frac{(((DPCH/40) \times DHPSA \text{ Score}) \times .85) + ((\text{Longest Employment by Days}/100) \times .15) + (\text{Medicaid Percentage}/10) + \text{Recruitment Factor}}$$

(3) All dental HPSA scores will be the score designated by HRSA that was applicable on January 15, or the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday. Any applicant working at a facility that is eligible to have its own dental HPSA score will use that facility's dental HPSA score. If the facility does not have a dental HPSA designation, it is not an eligible location.

(4) through (5) No change.

~~(6) The department shall limit the number of Tier 3 dentists to not more than 10 per fiscal year, beginning in state fiscal year 2024-25.~~

(7) renumbered (6) No change.

(7) All applicants who are prioritized to receive an award will be notified in writing via email to the email address designated in their FRAME^{dental} Application. Such applicants

must confirm the award in the FRAME^{works} portal located at <https://www.fdohframe.com/s/> within fifteen calendar days of the date the notice is sent. Any applicant that does not confirm their award within the required timeframe will be ineligible to receive an award. Should any awards be declined or become ineligible based on non-responsiveness, the next prioritized applicants will be eligible for an award and upon email notification must confirm such award pursuant to this subsection.

(8) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 381.4019 FS. Law Implemented 381.4019 FS. History – New 2-15-24, Amended _____.

64W-6.006 Funding Methodology and Awards.

(1) From the funds available, the Department shall make payments ~~as follows: of up to \$50,000 per year, per dentist.~~

(a) 20% of a dentist's or dental hygienist's principal loan amount at the time he or she applied for the program.

1. For recertifications, the 20% calculation will be based on the principal loan amount for the application calendar year in which the applicant originally applied and received an award.

2. For new applications, or applicants that did not receive an award in the most recent application calendar year, the 20% calculation will be based on the principal loan amount submitted for the current application calendar year.

(b) In no event will the award amount exceed:

1. \$50,000 per year per eligible dentist;

2. \$7,500 per year per eligible dental hygienists; or

3. The principal balance owed by the applicant.

(2) If an eligible applicant prioritized to receive an award requests less than the maximum award amount, they will receive the reduced amount requested within statutory limits. ~~Payments will be made based on the prioritization method specified in Rule 64W-6.005, F.A.C~~

(3) If available funds are not exhausted in Tier 1, awards will be issued to applicants in ~~Tiers 2 through 4 in sequential tier order. Tier 2, and then Tier 3 following the same methodology as in subsection (2) above.~~

(4) No applicant will receive more than five FRAME^{dental} awards. FRAME^{dental} Awards are not required to be awarded in consecutive years.

(5) If award funding is returned to the Department for any reason, the Department will contact the awardee to determine if the awardee currently holds a qualified loan that the funds can be redistributed towards. If the awardee no longer holds a qualified loan, then the returned funds will be reallocated to the subsequent award cycle budget.

(4) is renumbered (6) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 381.4019 FS. Law Implemented 381.4019 FS. History – New 2-15-24, Amended _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
 Jeffrey Johnson
 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Joseph Ladapo, MD, PhD, Surgeon General and Secretary
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 12, 2025
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: May 24, 2024

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Vessel Registration and Boating Safety

RULE NO.: 68D-24.017
 RULE TITLE: Palm Beach County Boating Restricted Areas

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This rule amendment will establish a slow speed, minimum wake boating restricted area in an area of waterway located in Palm Beach County known as Jupiter Narrows.

SUMMARY: The proposed amended rule would create a slow speed minimum wake boating restricted area in a portion of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway in Palm Beach County, bounded on the south 300 feet north of the SR 707 (Cato’s) bridge and bounded on the north 2525 feet north of the SR 707 (Cato’s) bridge.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE 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 nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

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: 327.04, 327.46, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 327.46, FS.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Major William Holcomb, Division of

Law Enforcement, Boating and Waterways Section, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, William.holcomb@myfwc.com or (850)488-6251.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

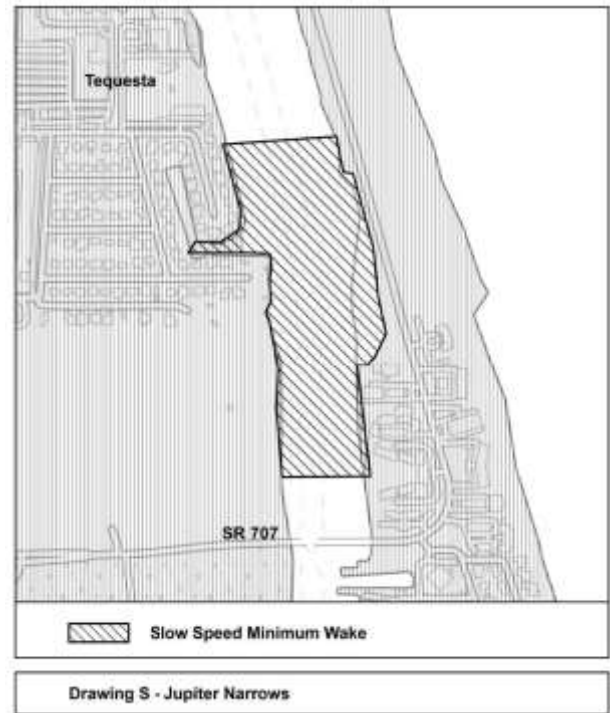
68D-24.017 Palm Beach County Boating Restricted Areas.

(1) For the purpose of regulating speed and operation of vessel traffic on the Intracoastal Waterway within Palm Beach County, Florida, the following boating restricted areas are established:

(a) through (r) No change

(s) Jupiter Narrows - A Slow Speed Minimum Wake zone from shoreline to shoreline, in and adjacent to the Florida Intracoastal Waterway, bounded on the south by a line drawn perpendicular to the centerline of the waterway 300 feet north of the north end of the fender of the SR 707 (Cato's) Bridge, and bounded on the north by a line drawn perpendicular to the centerline of the waterway 2525 feet north of the SR 707 (Cato's) Bridge as depicted in drawing S.

(2) The boating restricted areas described in Rule 68D-24.017, F.A.C., are depicted on the following drawings:



Rulemaking Authority 327.04, 327.46 FS. Law Implemented 327.46 FS. History—New 10-6-10, Amended _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Major William Holcomb, Division of Law Enforcement, Boating and Waterways Section, 620 South Meridian Street,

Tallahassee, Florida 32399, William.holcomb@myfwc.com or (850)488-6251.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 26, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 5, 2025

Section III
Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

NONE

Section IV
Emergency Rules

NONE

Section V
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS
South Florida Water Management District
RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40E-6.011 Policy and Purpose

The South Florida Water Management District (District) hereby gives notice:

On March 13, 2025, the District's Governing Board issued SFWMD Order No. 2025-020-DAO-ROW to Florida Power and Light Company (Application No. 240513-43788). The petition for waiver was received by the District on May 13, 2024. Notice of receipt of the petition requesting the waiver was published in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 50/101 on May 22, 2024. No public comment was received on this item. This Order provides a waiver of the District's criteria to allow the placement of a utility installation within 40 feet from the top of bank within the right of way line of the L-31N Canal; Miami-Dade County. Specifically, the Order grants a waiver from subsection 40E-6.011(4) and (6), Fla. Admin. Code, which governs the installation of buried utility parallel runs within Works or Lands of the District. Generally, the Order sets forth the basis of the Governing Board decision to grant the waiver as follows: 1) the proposed installation will not interfere with the District's current ability to perform necessary

construction, alteration, operation, and routine maintenance activities; and 2) the Order granting a waiver from the subject rule is based upon a substantial hardship.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Juli Russell at the South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 1410, West Palm Beach, FL 33406-4680; telephone: (561)682-6268; or by email at: jurussel@sfwmd.gov.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
Health Facility and Agency Licensing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

59A-3.243 Nursing Services

The Agency for Health Care Administration hereby gives notice:

On March 17, 2025, the Agency for Health Care Administration entered an order disposing of the petition for variance filed by Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Inc. on February 21, 2025, and advertised in Vol. 51, No. 38 Florida Administrative Register on February 25, 2025. The Petition was assigned the following case number: 2025002240. The Agency for Health Care Administration issued a Final Order granting the limited conditional Petition for Variance of paragraph 59A-3.243(4)(c) and subsection (6), F.A.C., which requires a hospital to ensure immediate availability of a registered nurse for bedside care of any patient when needed, and have a minimum of one licensed registered nurse on duty at all times on each nursing unit or similarly titled part of the hospital for rendering patient care services. The Petition for Variance of paragraph 59A-3.243(4)(c) and subsection (6), F.A.C. is granted upon finding that the Petitioner demonstrated that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means and that application of the rule to Petitioner would create a substantial hardship or violate principles of fairness.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Bldg. 3, MS 3, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-4.010 Sanitation and Safety Requirements

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants hereby gives notice:

On March 7, 2025 the Division of Hotels and Restaurants received a Petition for an Emergency Variance for paragraph 61C-1.004(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, subsection 61C-4.010(7) Florida Administrative Code and subsection 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code, and Section 6-40.11.

2017 FDA Food Code from UCF Hotel Venture VIII. located in Orlando. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that at least one accessible bathroom be provided for use by customers and employees. They are requesting to utilize bathrooms located on a different level.

The Petition for this variance was published in Vol. 51/47 on March 10, 2025. The Order for this Petition was signed and approved March 18, 2025, after a complete review of the variance request, the Division finds that the application of this Rule will create a financial hardship to the food service establishment. Furthermore, the Division finds that the Petitioner meets the burden of demonstrating that the underlying statute has been achieved by the Petitioner ensuring the bathrooms located on the tenth floor level are maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and are provided with hot and cold running water under pressure, soap, approved hand drying devices, handwash sign and are available during all hours of operation. The Petitioner shall also ensure that directional signage is installed in the main restaurant area clearly stating the location of the bathrooms.

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

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Consumer Services

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

69J-7.001 My Safe Florida Home Program

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 18, 2025, the Department of Financial Services, received a petition for Waiver from Juan E. Fajardo. Juan E. Fajardo is requesting that the Department of Financial Services grant a Waiver from rule 69J-7.001 of the Florida Administrative Code regarding the Impact Doors and Windows Home Improvement.

Comments on this Petition should be filed with the DFS Agency Clerk via mail at 200 East Gaines Street, 612 Larson Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0333; via fax at (850)488-0697; or via email at DFSAgencyClerk@myfloridacfo.com within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: DFS Agency Clerk at any of the contacts above or by telephone at (850)413-4279.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Securities

The Office of Financial Regulation hereby gives notice:

On 3/17/2025, the Office of Financial Regulation issued a Final Order Denying Petition for a Waiver from paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, submitted on behalf of Piero Siveroni. On February 5, 2025, the Office issued a Notice of Intent to Enter a Final Order Denying the Petition

for Waiver from paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, and Notice of Rights. Petitioner's failure to file a petition for hearing or to file any other document in compliance with Rules 28-106.201, 28-106.2015, or 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code, constitutes a waiver of Petitioner's right to an administrative hearing. Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Petition is denied.

**The original petition was published January 17, 2025 in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 51, Number 12.

A copy of the Order or additional information 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.

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

DATE AND TIME: April 2, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Tallahassee State College, 444 Appleyard Dr., Workforce Development Building, Room 105, Tallahassee, FL 32304

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The meeting of the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council will focus on updates affecting registered apprenticeship; preapprenticeship; and the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the Division of Career and Adult Education at (850)245-0446, Chancellor2@fldoe.org, or visit our website at <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/apprenticeship-programs/state-apprenticeship-advisory-council/>.

For more information, you may contact: Kathryn Wheeler at (850)245-0454, or at Apprenticeship@fldoe.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

DATE AND TIME: March 26, 2025, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET; or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier.

PLACE: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGVkY2U0YmYtZTJmNi00YzJiLTg5OTktMTZiNjVmOTJkNTIj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224bb9a2ee-de9c-48ec-9484-d18db1f47460%22%7d

Meeting ID: 264 449 040 647 Passcode: cA9vv3CM

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Timothy MacGregor at Timothy.MacGregor@FLDOE.org

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

DATE AND TIME: March 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: District One Headquarters Conference Center, 801 N Broadway Ave., Bartow, FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, invites you to attend and participate in a Public Workshop to review proposed improvements on the Fort Fraser Trail over State Road (SR) 60 in Polk County, Florida. The Public Workshop will be held in person Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This meeting will cover proposed improvements for one project Work Program Item Segment No.: 440272-1.

The purpose of this project is to provide a safe and continuous north/south connection of Fort Fraser Trail over SR 60. In the current condition, trail users must turn east or west and cross SR 60 at the nearest intersections (North Wilson Avenue to the west and East Van Fleet Drive to the east). This project will help provide safer passage over SR 60 for all current/future trail users.

The Public Workshop will be held in-person with the project meeting materials available online for review and comment for 18 days. The same information will be presented at both the live in-person component and online component on the project website so attending both is not needed.

In-Person: Attend the Public Workshop in-person Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the District One Headquarters Conference Center, 801 N Broadway Ave, Bartow, FL 33830. Attendees will receive project information, review project displays, and have the opportunity to submit comments and speak with the project team.

Online: Materials will be available on the project website for 18 days from Tuesday, March 18, 2025 through Friday, April 4, 2025.

<https://www.swflroads.com/project/440272-1>

Written or emailed comments may also be submitted following the workshop to the Project Manager, Brandon Fernandez, P.E., by email at Brandon.Fernandez@aecom.com or mail to the Florida Department of Transportation, MS 1-40 P.O. Box 1249 Bartow, FL 33831 or by phone at (813)675-6880. Comments received or postmarked by April 4, 2025, will be included in the official workshop record.

FDOT has sent notices to nearby property owners to provide the opportunity to offer comments and express their views regarding this project and the proposed improvements.

El Departamento de Transporte de Florida (FDOT), Distrito Uno, le invita a asistir y participar en un Taller Público sobre la propuesta de conexión del Fort Fraser Trail sobre la Carretera Estatal (SR) 60 en la Ciudad de Bartow. Este taller público se llevará a cabo en persona el 25 de Marzo de 2025, de 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. Los materiales estarán disponibles en línea desde el 18 de Marzo de 2025 hasta el 4 de Abril de 2025. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios, o si desea obtener más información sobre este proyecto, comuníquese con nuestro representante, Joel Sevilla, al (863)519-2424.

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 (7) days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cynthia Sykes, FDOT Title VI Coordinator, at (863)519-2287 or Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Brandon Fernandez, P.E., Project Manager at (813)675-6880, or via email at Brandon.Fernandez@aecom.com or by mail at MS 1-40, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

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For more information, you may contact: Project Manager, Brandon Fernandez, P.E., by email at Brandon.Fernandez@aecom.com or by phone at (813)675-6880.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Public Service Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Registered customers and other interested persons will participate by telephone using the GoToMeeting platform. The public may view a live stream of the customer meeting online using the link available at <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Docket No.20240119-WU– Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County, by Alturas Water, LLC.

The purpose of the meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments regarding the quality of service the utility provides and the proposed rate increase. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: N/A 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 Five days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Florida Public Service Commission at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850)413-6770. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152. 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: Commission staff, Saad Farooqi, Office of the General Counsel, by telephone at (850)413-6214 or by email at sfarooqi@psc.state.fl.us.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF MEETING

If settlement of the case or a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the proceedings, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission’s website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850)413-6199.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Public Service Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Registered customers and other interested persons will participate by telephone using the GoToMeeting platform. The public may view a live stream of the customer meeting online using the link available at <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Docket No.20240105-SU– Application for staff-assisted rate case in Polk County, by West Lakeland Wastewater, LLC.

The purpose of the meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments regarding the quality of service the utility provides and the proposed rate increase. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting.

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For more information, you may contact: Commission staff, Saad Farooqi, Office of the General Counsel, by telephone at (850)413-6214 or by email at sfarooqi@psc.state.fl.us.

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Emerald Coast Regional Council

The Okaloosa County Transit Cooperative Board announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Okaloosa County Board Chamber, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Okaloosa Transit Cooperative Board will meet:

When: Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Where: Okaloosa County Board Chamber, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579

For more information, contact Howard Vanselow at (850)332-7976, ext. 231. For the full agenda, visit www.ecrc.org/OkaloosaTransit.

Public input is valuable to the Board, we encourage our communities to submit input through a variety of avenues. Comments can be submitted via eComment Card, email, or

phone, learn how at www.ecrc.org/OWPublicForum. Stay involved, sign up to get transportation updates emailed directly to you at www.ecrc.org/OWSubscribe.

Participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who believe they have been discriminated against on these conditions may file a complaint with the Title VI Coordinator, (850)332-7976, ext. 220.

The Okaloosa County Transit Cooperative is staffed by the Emerald Coast Regional Council, a regional entity providing professional technical assistance, planning, coordinating, and advisory services to local governments, state and federal agencies, and the public to preserve and enhance the quality of life in northwest Florida.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Howard Vanselow @ howard.vanselow@ecrc.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 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Marketing Team toll-free at (800)226-8914 or TTY 711. Para informacion en espanol, puede llamar a Ada Clark al (850)332-7976, ext. 278 o TTY 711. Si necesita acomodaciones especiales, por favor llame 48 horas de antemano.

Participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who believe they have been discriminated against on these conditions may file a complaint with the Title VI Coordinator, (850)332-7976, ext. 220. 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).

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 27, 2025, 1:30 p.m. CDT / 2:30 p.m. EDT

PLACE: Calhoun County Public Library, 17731 NE Pear Street, Blountstown, FL 32424

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Rural Transportation Plan (RRTP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary O'Brien at MO'Brien@arpc.org or on the RRTP website a week in advance. <https://www.arpc.org/regional-rural-transportation-plan>

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m. EDT

PLACE: GTM Research Reserve, Environmental Education Center, 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Management Advisory Group for Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR) will hold a meeting to provide advisory input for the management of GTMNERR.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kaitlyn Dietz Murphy by email: Kaitlyn.DietzMurphy@FloridaDEP.gov.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP's Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov at least ten (10) days before the meeting. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (voice).

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Office of the Secretary

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m. EDT

PLACE: Online via GoTo Webinar.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is hosting a meeting of the Biscayne Bay Commission to discuss matters pertaining to the protection of the vital natural resources within Biscayne Bay. The registration link is available at <https://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/BiscayneBayCommission>. This meeting will also be broadcast by The Florida Channel at <https://TheFloridaChannel.org/>.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/BiscayneBayCommission>

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who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP's Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov at least 48 hours before the meeting. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, 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: BBCommission@FloridaDEP.gov or call (786)798-4505.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m. ET

PLACE: You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone through the following link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTlhNGI3MWEtM2Q2OC00YTVmLWI1ZjYtZDdhMjgxNjkyODIx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2228cd8f80-3c44-4b27-81a0-cd2b03a31b8d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22559147df-a237-49b9-b95f-ab8b87f47a7f%22%7d. You may also join the meeting using your phone at the following number: (850) 792-1375, access code: 739 937 994#.

To maximize your access to the meeting, the Department highly recommends that you download the Microsoft Teams app on your computer, tablet, or smartphone prior to the meeting.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Probable Cause Panel meeting in which reconsiderations will be heard.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kieran Compagnone, Program Operations Administrator by phone at (850)558-9601, by email at Kieran.Compagnone@flhealth.gov, or by visiting <https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/meeting-information/upcoming-meetings/>.

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: Kieran Compagnone, Program Operations Administrator by phone at (850)558-9601, by email at Kieran.Compagnone@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: Kieran Compagnone, Program Operations Administrator by phone at (850)558-9601, by email at Kieran.Compagnone@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Children's Medical Services

The Child Abuse Death Review Circuit 9 Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 28, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Teams Meeting Link: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 214 281 743 042

Passcode: bu7P5EW2

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: brianne.bell@orlandohealth.com

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

PLACE: The virtual meeting can be joined by either video or telephone conferencing. Please see below information on how to join the meeting:

To join the meeting by video, use this link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/96561628155>

To join the meeting by telephone, dial-in (if needed): +1(305)224-1968 (United States) and enter Conference ID: 96561628155#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is holding

this meeting to collect feedback directly from Florida residents on regulated black bear hunting proposals that will be presented to Commissioners at their May 21 to 22, 2025 meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Bear Management Program at [BearPlan@MyFWC.com](mailto: BearPlan@MyFWC.com). Written comments may also be submitted by email to [BearComments@MyFWC.com](mailto: BearComments@MyFWC.com).

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 3, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST

PLACE: The virtual meeting can be joined by either video or telephone conferencing. Please see below information on how to join the meeting:

To join the meeting by video, use this link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/94803064202>

To join the meeting by telephone, dial-in (if needed): +1(305)224-1968 (United States) and enter Conference ID: 94803064202#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is holding this meeting to collect feedback directly from Florida residents on regulated black bear hunting proposals that will be presented to Commissioners at their May 21 to 22, 2025 meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Bear Management Program at [BearPlan@MyFWC.com](mailto: BearPlan@MyFWC.com). Written comments may also be submitted by email to [BearComments@MyFWC.com](mailto: BearComments@MyFWC.com).

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Freshwater Fish and Wildlife

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

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, April 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

PLACE: The virtual meeting can be joined by either video or telephone conferencing. Please see below information on how to join the meeting:

To join the meeting by video, use this link: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/91550331906>

To join the meeting by telephone, dial-in (if needed): +1(305)224-1968 (United States) and enter Conference ID: 91550331906#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is holding this meeting to collect feedback directly from Florida residents

on regulated black bear hunting proposals that will be presented to Commissioners at their May 21 to 22, 2025 meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development

The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 7, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. EST

PLACE: Santa Fe College, Charles L. Blount Center, 530 West University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601

Public Hearing will also be held via Microsoft Teams:

Join Online:
<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/a9e8ad5b-5c91-4855-849c-3a5d22d5aba4@931da019-f64e-4908-b0f6-92f46f78c512>

Join Via Telephone: 1(850)988-5144 / Conference ID: 146 403 747#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

FloridaCommerce will hold three public hearings to provide an overview on the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program and the State of Florida Action Plan draft for the 2023 and 2024 Storms, as well as provide citizens the opportunity to submit public comments. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the State of Florida will receive \$925,394,000 in funding to support long-term recovery efforts following the 2023 and 2024 storms. CDBG-DR funding is designed to address needs that remain after all other assistance has been exhausted. To register for the public hearings, please visit the links above. If you have any further questions, please visit www.FloridaJobs.org/2023and2024Storms or contact [2023and2024Storms@Commerce.fl.gov](mailto: 2023and2024Storms@Commerce.fl.gov).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [2023and2024Storms@Commerce.fl.gov](mailto: 2023and2024Storms@Commerce.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 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Office of Long-Term Resiliency’s Constituent Management Services Office at (850)717-8432. 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).

FLORIDA INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

The Florida Independent Living Council, Inc. announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 26, 2025, 3:30 p.m., Youth Committee Meeting

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82100699311?pwd=Dn7J3ptB5EsXNZQc6beoAbc9tcdcaL1>

Meeting ID: 821 0069 9311

Passcode: 875614

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Business of the Committee. Persons who want to be notified of such meetings may submit a request by contacting the Florida Independent Living Council, Inc., 1882 Capital Circle NE, Suite 202, Tallahassee, FL 32308, (850)488-5624 or toll free 1(877)822-1993 or email info@floridasilc.org.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida Independent Living Council

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 five days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Beth Meyer, PA, ADA at beth@floridasilc.org or (850)488-5624. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fulfill. 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).

FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The Florida Virtual School Foundation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 25, 2025, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: National Center for Simulation - Orland

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: bbrunner@flvs.net

For more information, you may contact: Beth Brunner

QUEST CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC.

The Osceola County Transportation & Transit Department announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., in-person; and

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., virtually via GoToWebinar.

PLACE: In-Person at Kissimmee Civic Center, 201 E. Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee, Florida 34741

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Osceola County is holding an in-person meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and a virtual meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30

p.m. regarding the Michigan Avenue Safety Improvements Project.

The purpose of this project is to enhance safety and operations for all modes of transportation along Michigan Avenue. Osceola County is proposing improvements along Michigan Avenue, at several intersections along the corridor, to include:

- Install a new mid-block crosswalk with a pedestrian activated Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at Boulder Drive.
- Install a new pedestrian activated PHB, as well as improve existing pavement markings, at the existing mid-block crosswalk at Garden Street.
- Remove the free flow right turn lane at E. Carroll Street.
- Add a crosswalk and pedestrian signals on the north leg of the intersection at E. Donegan Avenue.
- Extend the existing concrete separator on the north leg of the intersection at U.S. 192 to increase safety by preventing through and left turn movements from Lehigh Street, and the shopping plaza in the northeast quadrant.
- Separate shared curb ramps into individual curb ramps at the signalized intersections at U.S. 192, Mill Slough Road, E. Donegan Avenue and E. Carroll Street.
- Relocate pedestrian detectors, and add sidewalk, to make pedestrian detectors ADA compliant at all locations.
- Mill and resurface in areas where the roadway, pedestrian ramps, and pavement markings are being modified.

The County is offering multiple ways to participate in the meeting. All participants will receive the same information regardless of which option they choose.

• **In-Person Option:** The community is invited to attend an open house at the Kissimmee Civic Center, 201 E. Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee, Florida 34741 on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Attendees will have an opportunity to come anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to view a looping presentation and project displays, speak with project team members, and provide comments.

• **Virtual Meeting (Online) Option:** Interested persons may participate in a Virtual Public Meeting from a computer, tablet, or mobile device via GoToWebinar at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5157378482314433113> (link is case sensitive) on Thursday, March 27, 2025. The meeting will run from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will include the same presentation offered at the in-person open house. Attendees in the virtual meeting will have an opportunity to download project displays and provide written comments or questions.

• **Phone-In Option (Listen Only):** Persons may also call into the meeting by dialing (562)247-8422 and entering the passcode 409-900-013 when prompted. Persons choosing this option are encouraged to provide comments or ask questions after the meeting by contacting Osceola County Project Manager, Laura Campos.

If you are unable to attend the open house or participate online, you may contact the Osceola County Project Manager, Laura Campos, directly at the phone number listed below.

The County is seeking feedback from nearby property owners, business owners, interested persons, organizations, and the general public about this project and the proposed improvements.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

Information about this project is also available online at <https://one.osceola.org/michiganavenue>. We encourage you to participate in the Michigan Avenue Safety Improvements Project Public Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: N/A

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: Brenda Hernandez, Osceola County Title VI Coordinator, at (407)742-1208 (TTD: 1(800)955-8771) or email at Brendai.Hernandez@osceola.org at least 7 days before the meeting. 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: Osceola County Project Manager, Laura Campos, by phone at (407)742-0565, by email at Laura.Campos1@osceola.org, or U.S. mail at Osceola County Transportation & Transit Department, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite 3100, Kissimmee, FL 34741.

Section VII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Bethany R. Russell, Ph.D., LMHC, on February 11, 2025. The following is a summary of the agency’s disposition of the petition:

The Petitioner sought clarification from the Board regarding whether (1) LMHCs are authorized to conduct comprehensive diagnostic evaluations for emotional and mental dysfunctions or disorders, specially: Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnostics and ADD/ADHD testing. (2) The precise interpretation of Section 491.003(10), F.S., particularly the clause “methods of a psychological nature used to evaluate, assess, diagnose, and

treat emotional and mental dysfunctions or disorders.” (3) Clarification on the boundaries between psychological testing permitted for LMHCs versus those reserved exclusively for Psychologists under Section 490.003(4), F.S. The Notice of Petition for Variance or Waiver was published in Vol.51, No.30, on February 13, 2025, in the Florida Administrative Register. On March 17, 2025, the Petitioner withdrew her petition.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Finance

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

On 3/17/2025 the Petition was WITHDRAWN. The petition sought a declaratory statement from the Office on whether Petitioner's proposed activities (to purchase mortgage loans as personal investments and to service those loans) requires registration as a loan originator or mortgage lender under Chapter 494, Florida Statutes. **The original petition was published January 10, 2025 in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 51, Number 07.

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 TRANSPORTATION
Notice of Upcoming Public Meetings for E55F1
In accordance with 120.525 F.S., the Florida Department of
Transportation (FDOT) announces public meetings associated
with the subject procurement, to which all persons are invited.
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Selection of intended awardee for Project E55F1
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project provides for the
design-build of SR 35 (US 301) Construction from Industrial
Park Drive to Warm Springs Avenue in Sumter County. The
successful bidder will be responsible for the implementation of
this project from concept to completion of construction.
For complete advertisement information including the agenda
for all public meetings and any schedule updates please refer to
the Procurement Internet site:
<https://pdaexternal.fdot.gov/Pub/AdvertisementPublic/AllAdDetail/D-B/A>

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., Wednesday, March 12, 2025, and 3:00 p.m.,
Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5A-19.001	3/13/2025	4/2/2025
5E-9.026	3/17/2025	4/6/2025
5E-9.037	3/17/2025	4/6/2025
61-6.021	3/18/2025	4/7/2025
61E1-3.001	3/18/2025	4/7/2025
62-769.800	3/17/2025	4/6/2025
62-787.100	3/17/2025	4/6/2025
62-787.200	3/17/2025	4/6/2025
62-787.300	3/17/2025	4/6/2025
62-787.400	3/17/2025	4/6/2025
62-787.500	3/17/2025	4/6/2025
62-787.600	3/17/2025	4/6/2025
64B2-11.002	3/18/2025	4/7/2025
68A-4.001	3/14/2025	7/1/2025
68A-12.002	3/13/2025	7/1/2025
68A-12.003	3/13/2025	7/1/2025
68A-13.007	3/14/2025	7/1/2025
68A-15.004	3/14/2025	7/1/2025
68A-15.005	3/14/2025	5/1/2025
68A-15.006	3/14/2025	7/1/2025
68A-15.061	3/14/2025	7/1/2025
68A-15.062	3/14/2025	7/1/2025
68A-15.063	3/14/2025	7/1/2025
68A-15.065	3/14/2025	7/1/2025
68A-17.004	3/13/2025	7/1/2025
68A-17.005	3/13/2025	7/1/2025
68A-27.003	3/14/2025	4/3/2025
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
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Notice of Extension Under Subsection 120.74(5), Florida
Statutes
RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:
62-306.100 Scope and Intent
62-306.200 Definitions
62-306.300 General Requirements

- 62-306.400 Credit Eligibility
- 62-306.500 Pre-Approval of Credit Generation
- 62-306.600 Use of Credits and Credit Adjustments
- 62-306.700 Water Quality Credit Availability and Trade Tracking
- 62-306.800 Compliance with Trade Provisions

In accordance with subsection 120.74(5), Florida Statutes, the Department extends the April 1 deadline to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rules 62-306.100 through 62-306.800, F.A.C. The rulemaking is intended to implement Chapter 2022-215, Laws of Florida, as amended by Chapter 2024-144, Laws of Florida. A Notice of Development of Rulemaking for Chapter 62-306 was published on March 18, 2024, in Vol. 50, No. 54 of the Florida Administrative Register. The Department is continuing rule development in order to obtain additional public comment on the updated draft rule language and to consider further changes based on that feedback.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development
 Commerce Final Order No. COM-25-006
 FINAL ORDER

APPROVING LAKE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-4
 The Florida Department of Commerce (“Department”) hereby issues its Final Order, pursuant to Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes, approving land development regulations adopted by the Lake County, Florida (the “County”), Ordinance No. 2025-4 (the “Ordinance”).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Green Swamp Area is designated by Section 380.0552, Florida Statutes, as an area of critical state concern. The County is a local government within the Green Swamp Area.
2. The Ordinance was adopted by the County on January 21, 2025, and rendered to the Department on January 28, 2025.
3. The Ordinance amends Chapter II, Lake County Code, Appendix E, Land Development Regulations, entitled Definitions, and Section 10.01.03, entitled Accessory Dwelling Units, to more clearly define the term “accessory dwelling unit.”
4. The Ordinance also amends Section 22-11, Lake County Code, entitled Waiver or Deferral of Impact Fees for Accessory Dwelling Units, to reference the new Accessory Dwelling Unit definition provided in Section 10.01.03, require deferred impact fee mortgages to be for a term of thirty (30) years, and remove previous subsections (c) and (e) which dealt with alterations to mortgages and educational impact fees.
5. Lastly, the Ordinance amends Section 22-14, Lake County Code, entitled Refund of Impact Fees Paid, to provide subsection titles and to create a new subsection (e)

entitled Accessory Dwelling Unit Conversion. The new subsection outlines how an Accessory Dwelling Unit Conversion interacts with impact fees and the process for a homeowner to request funds once they have passed an inspection.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. 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.
7. “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.
8. 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 Policy V-1.3.1, and Objective V-1.5.
9. 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.
10. The Principles for Guiding Development for the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern are set forth in Rule 28-26.003, Florida Administrative Code.
11. The Ordinance is consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development in Rule 28-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, as a whole and is specifically consistent with the following Principle:
 (1)(a) Minimize the adverse impacts of development on resources of the Floridan Aquifer, wetlands and flood-detention areas; and
 WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Department finds that the Lake County Ordinance No. 2025-4 is consistent with the Lake County’s Comprehensive Plan and the Principles for Guiding Development for the Green Swamp 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/ Justin Domer

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 Domer, 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 18th day of March, 2025.

/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 Kirby Smith, Chairman
Lake County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 7800
Tavares, FL 32778

The Honorable Gary J. Cooney
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Lake County
P.O. Box 7800
Tavares, FL 32778

Section XIII
Index to Rules Filed During Preceding
Week

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