

**Section I**  
**Notice of Development of Proposed Rules**  
**and Negotiated Rulemaking**

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Division of Library and Information Services**

RULE NO.:           RULE TITLE:

1B-2.011           Library Grant Programs

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of this rule amendment is to update and establish in rule the most recent grant program documents for the following grant programs: State Aid to Libraries Grant, Library Construction Grant, Library Cooperative Grant, and Library Services and Technology Act Grant. The rule amendment would incorporate the updated grant program documents as materials incorporated by reference in Rule 1B-2.011, and it would clarify the grant program processes and definitions.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** Grant guidelines, grant application forms, grant award agreement forms, and other forms necessary to administer the State Aid to Libraries Grant, Library Construction Grant, Library Cooperative Grant, and Library Services and Technology Act Grant.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** Sections 257.14, 257.191, and 257.41(2), Florida Statutes

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** Sections 257.12, 257.15, 257.16, 257.17, 257.171, 257.172, 257.18, 257.191, 257.192, 257.195, 257.21, 257.22, 257.23, 257.24, 257.25, 257.40, 257.41, 257.42, Florida Statutes

**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:** Jillian Pratt, Assistant General Counsel, Florida Department of State, at [jillian.pratt@dos.fl.gov](mailto:jillian.pratt@dos.fl.gov).

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

RULE NOS.:           RULE TITLES:

62-620.100       Scope/Applicability/References

62-620.200       Definitions

62-620.310       Procedure to Obtain Permits

62-620.625       Additional Conditions Applicable to Specific Categories of Facilities

62-620.630       Additional Permit Conditions for Domestic Wastewater Facilities

62-620.705       Procedures for General Permits

62-620.710       Procedures for All Generic Permits

62-620.910       Forms and Instructions

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The Department (DEP) is initiating procedural rulemaking to revise and add clarification on the inclusion of Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWTS) for domestic wastewater facilities and activities permitting. DWTSs are comprised of one or more small, onsite wastewater treatment units that can provide improved treatment over traditional onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS) and have an improved capability for the multiple units of a DWTS to be remotely operated and maintained by a single, central wastewater utility.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** The amendments would address the inclusion of Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWTS) in the chapter by providing definitions, clarifications, and requirements associated with the permitting of DWTSs.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 403.061(7) and (15), 403.087(1)-(2), 403.0885(2), 403.8055, 403.814, FS

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 403.031, 403.051, 403.061, 403.062, 403.085, 403.086, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0885, 403.0882, 403.088, 403.814, FS

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**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS:** Lauren Gottfreid, Program Administrator, Division of Water Resource Management, MS 3545, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)245-8649 or by email at [Lauren.Gottfreid@floridadep.gov](mailto:Lauren.Gottfreid@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](mailto:LEP@FloridaDEP.gov). If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

RULE NOS.:     RULE TITLES:  
 62-621.250     General Conditions  
 62-621.300     Permits  
 62-621.500     Permits

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The Department (DEP) is initiating procedural rulemaking to add clarification on the inclusion of Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWTS) for domestic wastewater facilities and activities permitting. The revision may include the adoption of one or more generic permits, addressing Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems. DWTSs are comprised of one or more small, onsite wastewater treatment units that can provide improved treatment over traditional onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS) and have an improved capability for the multiple units of a DWTS to be remotely operated and maintained by a single, central wastewater utility.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** The amendments would address the inclusion of Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWTS) in the chapter by providing definitions, clarifications, and requirements associated with the permitting of DWTSs.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 403.061(7) and (15), 403.087(1)-(2), 403.088(2), 403.0885(2), 403.08851, 403.814(1), FS.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 403.061, 403.087, 403.0877, 403.088, 403.08851, 403.814 FS.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

RULE NOS.:     RULE TITLES:  
 62-699.200     Definitions.  
 62-699.310     Classification and Staffing of Domestic Wastewater or Water Treatment Plants and Water Distribution Systems  
 62-699.311     Additional Classification and Staffing Requirements

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The Department (DEP) is initiating procedural rulemaking to revise and add clarification on the inclusion of Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWTS) for domestic wastewater facilities and activities permitting. DWTSs are comprised of one or more small, onsite wastewater treatment units that can provide improved treatment over traditional onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS) and have an improved capability for the multiple units of a DWTS to be remotely operated and maintained by a single, central wastewater utility.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** The amendments would address the inclusion of Distributed Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWTS) in the chapter by providing definitions, clarifications, and requirements associated with the permitting of DWTSs.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 403.869, 403.88(4), FS

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 403.182, 403.853(6), 403.852, 403.862, 403.866, 403.867, 403.875(1)(f), 403.88(1), (2), (3) FS.

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Section II  
Proposed Rules

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Board of Medicine**

RULE NO.: 64B8-9.0092  
RULE TITLE: Approval of Physician Office Accrediting Organizations

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment will add Accreditation Commission for Healthcare

(ACHC) as an accrediting organization approved by the Board.

SUMMARY: To add an additional accrediting organization approved by the Board.

**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: 458.328(2) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 458.328(1)(e) 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: Paul Vazquez, J.D., Executive Director, Board of Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C03, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253, Paul.Vazquez@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**64B8-9.0092 Approval of Physician Office Accrediting Organizations.**

(1) Definitions.

(a) No change.

(b) “Approved accrediting agency or organization” means nationally recognized accrediting agencies: American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF), Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAH) and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Approved organizations also include those approved by the Board after submission of an application for approval pursuant to this rule. American Accreditation Commission International (AACI) and Accreditation Commission for Healthcare (ACHC) are ~~is an~~ accrediting organizations ~~organization~~ approved by the Board.

(c) No change.

(2) through (10) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 458.328(2) FS. Law Implemented 458.328(1)(e) FS. History—New 3-9-00, Amended 3-25-02, 12-28-04, 1-30-07, 7-11-10, 5-28-12, 1-31-22, 8-28-22, \_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Surgical Care & Quality Assurance Committee, Board of Medicine

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Medicine

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 06, 2024

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 12, 2025

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Board of Osteopathic Medicine**

RULE NO.: 64B15-13.001  
RULE TITLE: Continuing Education for Biennial Renewal

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Physicians who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a board – approved continuing education course on controlled substances as set forth in Section 456.0301, F.S. The proposed rule amendment will add additional providers for the controlled substance prescribing course.

SUMMARY: The rule amendment will add additional providers for the controlled substance prescribing course.

**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: 456.013, 456.0301, 456.031, 459.005, 459.008(4) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.013, 456.0301, 456.031, 459.008 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: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Osteopathic Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, or by email at Stephanie.Webster@flhealth.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**64B15-13.001 Continuing Education for Biennial Renewal.**

Every person licensed pursuant to Chapter 459, F.S., except those licensed as physician assistants pursuant to Section 459.022, F.S., shall be required to complete forty (40) hours of continuing medical education courses approved by the Board in the twenty-four (24) months preceding each biennial renewal period as established by the Department. Continuing medical education (CME) requirements for biennial renewal of licensure are set forth in this rule. The CME required by this rule may be obtained by completion of courses offered in any format, including in a distance learning format, with the proviso in paragraph (1)(a).

(1)(a) through (d) No change.

(e) A licensee who is registered with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency and is authorized to prescribe controlled substances is required to complete a 2-hour course on prescribing controlled substances at each biennial renewal of licensure as required by Section 456.0301, F.S. The Board approves the controlled substance prescribing courses offered by the Florida Medical Association, the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, the Florida Academy of Family Physicians, the Florida College of Emergency Physicians, Baptist Health South Florida/Quality Network, InforMed, Florida Psychiatric Society, NetCE, The Doctors Company, TeamHealth Institute, CE Group, ~~and AchieveCE,~~ the University of Central Florida (UCF) College of Medicine, and Integris Group for the purpose of meeting this continuing education requirement.

(2) through (8) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 456.013, 456.0301, 456.031, 459.005, 459.008(4) FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.0301, 456.031, 459.008 FS. History—New 10-23-79, Amended 1-29-86, Formerly 21R-13.01, Amended 12-5-89, 4-8-91, 2-16-92, Formerly 21R-13.001, Amended 1-10-94, Formerly 61F9-13.001, Amended 10-25-95, Formerly 59W-13.001, Amended 1-19-98, 6-3-98, 4-14-99, 5-26-02, 5-10-04, 7-27-04, 2-9-05, 2-14-06, 1-29-07, 5-10-09, 4-5-10, 11-6-12, 8-14-14, 8-21-16, 5-17-18, 8-9-18, 11-15-18, 8-12-19, 8-13-20, 9-8-20, 3-2-22, 10-15-23, 3-7-24, 9-25-24,\_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Joint Surgical Care & Quality Assurance Committee  
 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 21, 2025  
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 12, 2025

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Board of Osteopathic Medicine**

RULE NO.: 64B15-14.0077  
 RULE TITLE: Approval of Osteopathic Physician Office Accrediting Organizations

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment will add an accrediting organization approved by the Board into the rule.

SUMMARY: The rule amendment will add an accrediting organization approved by the Board into the rule text.

**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: 459.005, 459.0138(2) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 459.0138(1)(e) 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: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Osteopathic Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3256, or by email at Stephanie.Webster@flhealth.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**64B15-14.0077 Approval of Osteopathic Physician Office Accrediting Organizations.**

(1) Definitions.

(a) No change.

(b) “Approved accrediting agency or organization” means nationally recognized accrediting agencies: American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF), Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and AOA Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP). Approved organizations also include those approved by the Board after submission of an application for approval pursuant to this rule. American Accreditation Commission International (AACI) and Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc., (ACHC), are is an accrediting organizations organization approved by the Board.

(c) No change.

(2) through (10) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 459.005, 459.0138(2) FS. Law Implemented 459.0138(1)(e) FS. History—New 2-12-02, Amended 11-21-21, 11-9-22\_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Joint Surgical Care & Quality Assurance Committee  
 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 21, 2025  
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 12, 2025

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Freshwater Fish and Wildlife**

RULE NO.: 68A-12.011 RULE TITLE: Regulations Governing the Establishment and Operation of Game Farms

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the proposed amendments is to specify requirements for water gap enclosures and gates, address disposition of wildlife and facilities following dissolution or loss of permit, and address responsibilities of the permittee. These amendments will have the effect of addressing industry practices and dissolution of facilities.

SUMMARY: Subject area covered in the proposed amendments includes the requirements for game farms.

**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: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Major John Wilke, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**68A-12.011 Regulations Governing the Establishment and Operation of Game Farms.**

(1) No ~~entity shall person may~~ establish or, maintain, or operate a game farm within this state to allow the possession of captive-reared for the protection, propagation, raising or production of native or non-native game birds, defined per subsection 68A-1.004(37), F.A.C., and game mammals of the following families: Cervidae (such as deer and elk), Suidae (hog), and Bovidae (such as buffalo and antelope) for the purpose of breeding, sale, or consumption private or commercial purposes unless permitted licensed pursuant to Sections 379.302 and 379.3711, F.S., and in accordance with this chapter. Entities permitted pursuant to Section 379.3761, F.S. and Rule 68A-6.003, F.A.C. (exhibition and sale permit), authorized to possess captive-reared native or non-native game animals for breeding or sale, shall not sell such animals to game farms or hunting preserves. Any person who is in possession of any animals in the family Cervidae, for any purpose, shall comply with Rule 68A-4.0051, F.A.C. No initial game farm permit shall be issued until the premises of such game farm have been inspected by a representative of the Commission and the requirements of this rule have been met. Native or non-native game animals held under the authority of a game farm permit shall not be released from the farm into the wild at any time. Before a game farm is established the owner or operator shall be licensed and comply with the provisions of this rule.

(2) Definitions: For the purposes of this section, the following shall be defined as:

(a) Dissolve – the legal process of winding down and officially closing an entity or organization, involving the cessation of all permitted activities, including possession of wildlife. Employee – any person working under a licensee or at a licensed or permitted facility, whether paid or unpaid.

(b) Employee – any hired or contracted person who works or performs services, or serves as an agent, for a permittee or at a permitted facility, whether paid or unpaid. Full shade – shade which lasts all day long and provides greater than or equal to 80% reduction in sunlight.

(c) Full shade – shade which lasts all day long and provides greater than or equal to 80% reduction in sunlight. Shelter – A permanent or portable man-made structure with one or more walls with a roof, or roof without walls, or a natural structure (including but not limited to trees and shrubs) that protects animals from negative environmental factors. Walls of man-made shelters shall be constructed with gaps in the siding to allow for the circulation of air and to allow animals within the shelter to see beyond the walls.

(d) Game farm – includes any area set aside for possession of captive-reared native or non-native game birds or game mammals of the families Cervidae, Suidae, and Bovidae for the purpose of breeding, sale, or food.

(e)(~~d~~) No change.

(f)(~~e~~) Paddocks – open-air areas enclosed by fencing, railing, or other Commission-approved structures which contain and allow animals to graze and/or browse.

(g)(~~f~~) Predator barrier – supplemental materials added to the bottom and/or exterior of approved fencing to prevent entry of predators. Barriers Barrier may include but are is not limited to buried fence wire, electrified fence wire, gravel, rocks, concrete, or other natural/manmade materials.

(h)(~~g~~) Refusal – when a permittee licensee, applicant, or employee intentionally denies access by Commission personnel to the facility, inventory or facility’s records for the purposes of inspection, or directs another to deny such access.

(i) Shelter – A permanent or portable man-made structure with one or more walls with a roof, or a roof without walls, or a natural structure (including but not limited to trees and shrubs) that protects animals from negative environmental factors.

(j) Tolling – to lead animals outside of an enclosure using a trail of bait.

(k) Water gap structure – materials utilized in areas containing or likely to contain flowing water in order to allow water and debris to move freely through the section of fence affected by the flowing water so as to maintain the integrity of the fence.

(3) General qualifications: permittees licensees or applicants for a game farm permit license shall:

(a) Be at least 18 years of age, unless applicant has a parent or legal guardian as a co-permittee if applying for authorization to possess game mammals classified as Class I or Class II wildlife per Rule 68A-6.002, F.A.C. The co-permittee shall be responsible for all activity occurring under the permit.

(b) Make reasonable efforts to flush all wild native game species out of the intended game farm area prior to completion

of the perimeter fence. Reasonable efforts shall include but not be limited to tolling, baiting, and driving.

~~(c)(b)~~ Not have refused a captive wildlife inspection within three years preceding the date of application. ~~Game Farm Licenses issued to a person who refuses any such inspection shall be revoked.~~

~~(d)(e)~~ Not have been convicted of any violation of game farm, hunt preserve, or captive wildlife regulations involving unsafe housing of wildlife or any violation which potentially endangers the public; any violation involving the unlawful commercialization of wildlife; any violation involving cruelty, maltreatment, or neglect to animals; or any violation involving importation of wildlife within three years of the date of application.

~~(e)(d)~~ Meet the experience requirements for Class I Bovidae authorization and submit required documentation, as outlined in Rule 68A-6.004, F.A.C., if seeking authorization to possess such Class I Bovidae wildlife.

~~(f)(e)~~ Experience requirements shall not apply to applicants for permits to possess Class II Bovidae on a game farm permit issued in accordance with Sections 379.3711 and 379.3712, F.S.

~~(f)~~ Obtain a Herd Health Plan from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, if the facility possesses species in the family Cervidae. Such Herd Health Plan shall be obtained within 180 days of initial licensing by the Commission. Failure to obtain and maintain a current and valid Herd Health Plan shall result in denial or revocation of any game farm license with authorization for species in the family Cervidae issued by the Commission.

(4) Permit License application requirements: An applicant shall make application to the Commission using the provided application available on <http://www.myFWC.com> or by submitting the online application through <http://www.GoOutdoorsFlorida.com>. An applicant for a game farm permit license shall provide the following information:

(a) The applicant's, and co-applicant's if applicable, legal name, date of birth, and contact information to include personal phone number, business phone number, and email address, if any.

(b) No change.

(c) The complete mailing address to include city, state, and zip code for the applicant/business.

(d) The complete facility address where the game farm is located to include city, state, parcel number(s), and zip code. If the address is a rural route, the applicant shall provide directions to the location of the game farm.

(e) Whether the facility is owned or leased by the applicant. A copy of the valid and current lease agreement shall be submitted annually with the application in the event that the facility location is under lease to the applicant. If leased, the

lease agreement shall be for a term sufficient to cover the term of the permit license. Applicants under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian as a co-permittee ~~co-licensee~~ who shall provide such lease if applicable.

(f) through (h) No change.

(i) Emergency contact information including name and phone number for an individual who is not the permittee licensee or applicant.

(j) Acknowledgment by the applicant, and co-applicant if applicable. ~~The applicant's acknowledgement~~ that the information provided in the application is true, accurate, and complete.

(5) Any corporation authorized to do business in Florida may apply for a game farm permit license.

~~(e)~~ For corporations authorized to possess Class I Bovidae, such corporation shall have qualified personnel responsible for the care of such wildlife. The corporation shall provide documentation of experience for at least one person, in accordance with Rule 68A-6.004, F.A.C. Such documentation of experience shall be submitted to the Commission and shall be subject to approval upon initial application and upon each instance of change in qualified personnel. Such qualified person shall be an employee of the permitted corporation.

~~(b)~~ Such corporation shall be fully responsible for any violation(s) committed by their employees or occurring at their facility.

(6) Permittees shall be responsible for any game farm or hunting preserve violation(s) occurring at their facility or committed by their employees.

(7) Only the following shall be possessed on a game farm: game mammals of the families Cervidae, Suidae, and Bovidae, and game bird species, as specified herein. Only captive-reared animals originating from a permitted entity shall be possessed on a game farm.

~~(8)(6)~~ Caging for game birds and mammals shall meet the specifications below and shall be constructed and maintained in such a manner as to prevent escape of captive-reared ~~captive~~ game. Requests for deviations from standard caging or enclosure requirements may be granted to allow for different size configuration (length, width and height) if the required square footage is adequate and if the locomotory needs of the animal(s) are not compromised. Any proposed deviations from the standard caging or enclosure requirements ~~or proposals to use open air habitats except as provided herein,~~ shall be approved in writing by the Commission prior to the use of the cage or enclosure for housing animals.

~~(9)(7)~~ Facility requirements:

(a) Game farm boundaries shall not exceed an area of 2,000 acres and shall be owned or leased by the applicant. No game farm shall join, connect to, or share a common fence with another game farm.

(b) Shelter shall be provided to all game birds and mammals.

1. For game mammals, such shelter shall provide no less than 10 square feet of full shade per animal, which is continuously available and sufficient to cover the body mass of all animals in any posture housed within any enclosure. ~~Access to bodies of water for cooling should be considered for those species which will utilize it.~~ Shade can be provided by different structures over the course of the day, including natural vegetation.

2. For game mammals, any man-made shelters constructed of 3 or more walls shall be constructed with gaps in the walls to allow for the circulation of air and to allow animals within the shelter to see beyond the walls. If natural vegetation (including but not limited to trees and shrubs) is utilized to fulfill the shelter requirement in subparagraph (9)(b)1., any additional man-made shelters shall not be required to be constructed with gaps in the walls.

~~3.2.~~ No change.

(c) All game ~~farms farm~~ enclosures shall be fenced in such a manner that game thereon cannot escape and wild game ~~of the families Cervidae, Bovidae, and Suidae~~ on surrounding lands cannot enter. Perimeter fencing shall meet the following criteria:

1. Fencing for game mammals:

a. No change.

b. Fence shall be no less than 8 feet in height, unless specified elsewhere. Fences may be installed up to 3 inches above the ground, provided that a strand of high-tensile barbed wire not less than 15.5 gauge is strung across the bottom. In addition, 1 strand of high-tensile barbed wire not less than 15.5 gauge may be strung no higher greater than 6 inches above the fence panel in order to achieve the 8-foot height requirement. ~~Permittees Licensees~~ shall maintain minimum fence height by leveling built up earthen material which has migrated to the base of the fence due to natural causes.

c. Fence(s) shall be constructed of commercially manufactured single panels of fencing material, except as otherwise specified. Such fencing material shall be attached to singular construction posts no greater than 25 feet apart in a manner that ensures the fence maintains an above ground 8-foot vertical height, unless specified elsewhere, so as to prevent escape. The posts shall be securely anchored and braced at corners and elsewhere as necessary to keep the fence properly stretched and erect.

d. through e. No change.

2. Game farms with ~~permits licenses~~ which are current on November 22, 2018 will have two years from November 22, 2018 to come into compliance with the above fencing requirement unless they meet the limited exception conditions below. Game farms with ~~permits licenses~~ which are current on

November 22, 2018 that meet the specifications below do not need to update their fencing except for new construction or with replacement of over 250 feet of existing fencing.

a. No change.

b. Fence shall be no less than 8 feet in height. One strand of barbed wire not less than 15.5 gauge may be strung no higher greater than 6 inches above the fence panel in order to achieve the 8-foot height requirement.

c. Fencing material is attached to singular construction posts no greater than 25 feet apart in a manner that ensures the fence maintains an above ground 8-foot vertical height, unless specified differently elsewhere, so as to ~~prevent prevents~~ escape. The posts shall be securely anchored and braced at corners and elsewhere as necessary to keep the fence properly stretched and erect.

d. No change.

e. Facilities with game farm ~~permits licenses~~ current on November 22, 2018 which have fencing that is not constructed of commercially manufactured single panels of steel wire mesh shall not be required to replace existing panels with commercially manufactured single panels, provided that the existing fencing meets the following specifications:

(I) through (II) No change.

(III) Panels are connected with strength-equivalent material or stronger greater at intervals that prevent gaps that could allow captive game mammals to escape.

(d) Minimum caging requirements for game mammals:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Cervidae (deer family) and cursorial Bovidae (antelope):

a. through b. No change.

c. Small (e.g., roe, dik-dik, muntjac, brocket, pudu, Chinese water deer, musk deer, deer and antelope of similar size): For one or two animals, a paddock enclosing 450 square feet, 5 feet high. For each additional animal, increase paddock by 25% of the original footage, not to exceed 75 animals per acre, except in accordance with subparagraph (13)(a)3. paragraph (9)(e) below.

4. through 5. No change.

(e) No change.

(f) Enclosures for waterfowl shall include pool(s) of water, as follows:

1. For small to medium (e.g., green-winged teal, mallard and similar sizes ducks, geese): no less than 7.5 square feet of water area with a water depth of no less than 7 inches.

2. For large (e.g., geese, swans, and similar size): no less than 15 square feet of water area with a water depth of no less than 7 inches.

(g) Game animals held under a game farm permit shall not be commingled in the same enclosure with game held under a hunting preserve permit, except as allowed in paragraph (12)(b).



(h) Perimeter gates shall maintain the required height for the species held within and shall be constructed of no less than 12.5-gauge steel wire or strength equivalent material. The bottom of all perimeter gates shall be no more than 6 inches from the ground. A perimeter gate shall be no more than 50 feet in width. Perimeter gates shall remain closed when not actively being used for ingress or egress. Perimeter gates shall be secured when closed so gaps greater than 8 inches do not occur at any time.

(i) Water gap structures, if utilized, shall meet the following criteria:

1. Water gap structures shall be constructed and maintained in a manner and condition to prevent escape of captive-reared game maintained on the game farm or entry of native wild game.

2. Water gap structures shall only be utilized in areas containing or likely to contain flowing water.

3. Water gap structures shall be constructed of one or more of the following materials:

a. Rubber belts, not less than one-half (1/2) inch thickness.

b. Welded wire, not less than 9-gauge, or strength-equivalent material, securely attached to a metal frame.

c. Pressure treated lumber, not less than one-inch thickness.

d. Weather-proof composite boards, not less than one-inch thickness.

e. Metal sheets, not less than one-quarter (1/4) inch thickness.

4. Water gap materials shall be securely attached to the fencing material with galvanized metal, stainless steel, or aluminum connecting material. Such connecting materials may be coated with a waterproofing material.

5. Water gap structures consisting of separate hanging units shall have a gap no more than 3 inches between each hanging unit.

6. In areas where water gap structures are utilized, height of water gap structure and fence combined shall be no less than 8 feet in height measured from the natural ground level outside of the area susceptible to water flow.

7. Water gap structures shall be locked or secured to form an immovable vertical barrier when water is not flowing.

8. Debris which would prevent the water gap structure from being locked or secured in place shall be removed within 24 hours of water receding to normal water level.

9. Water gap structures shall be approved by the Commission before use.

10. Any water gap structures in use on [effective date of rule] shall have one year after [effective date of rule] to come into compliance with the requirements above.

(10)(f) Game farms and the physical facilities and installations of any game farm are subject at any time to inspection by Commission personnel, to verify for compliance

with Commission rules and other applicable laws. Refusal of any such inspection shall result in revocation of an issued game farm permit. No game farm license shall be issued for the possession of game until the premises of such game farm has been inspected and approved by Commission personnel.

(g) A continuous source or supply of clean water shall be readily available at all times for all game.

(11) Game farms shall be equipped and operated in such a manner as to provide sufficient food and humane treatment for the game kept thereupon. A continuous source or supply of clean water shall be readily available at all times for all game. Access to bodies of water for cooling should be considered for those species which will utilize it. The premises, pens, and facilities of all game farms shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.

(12)(8) Game birds or mammals may be temporarily housed in cages or enclosures smaller than the sizes set forth in subsection (9)(7) above, only under the following circumstances:

(a) For transport, in accordance with the requirements of subsection (13)(9), below.

(b) Wildlife being held for sale by those persons properly permitted licensed pursuant to Section 379.3761 or 379.3711, F.S., or for veterinary care, or quarantine may be temporarily housed or caged in smaller cages or enclosures or commingled with hunt preserve animals for a period not to exceed 60 days. With written notification to the Commission, this period may be extended in circumstances where a licensed veterinarian has certified that a longer holding period is medically necessary in the interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the subject animals or the public. Medical records concerning all animals for which an extension of the 60-day period is obtained shall be maintained at the facility and shall be made available for inspection, upon request, by Commission personnel. The caging or enclosure of all wildlife temporarily held under this section shall not be smaller than that required for the caged animal to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the sides of the enclosure or another animal. All wildlife caged or housed as outlined above, shall be permanently marked or their enclosures shall be permanently marked so as to be traceable to written records indicating the date the wildlife was placed in temporary holding. Such records shall be maintained and made available for inspection by Commission personnel. Commission personnel shall direct dealers to mark wildlife temporarily if, upon inspection, there is no record indicating the date the wildlife was placed in temporary holding.

(c) Juvenile individuals of the families Caprinae, Suidae, Cervidae, and Bovidae may be kept in enclosures that do not meet the size specifications in paragraph (9)(d) (7)(d) until the animal reaches six months of age. Duration may be extended with a veterinarian's statement, showing that such size cage is

required for the continued health and welfare of the animals until a specified date. Such caging may be utilized provided that:

1. through 4. No change.

(d) through (e) No change.

(f) Animals held at exotic animal auctions, flea markets, and animal swap meets may be kept in enclosures that do not meet the size requirements of paragraph (9)(d) (7)(d), provided that such wildlife is maintained in accordance with this paragraph (8)(f) 1. 7., below. The owner shall be responsible for the welfare of the animals, unless the wildlife is consigned to an auctioneer or other sales representative, at which time the consignee shall be responsible.

1. through 7. No change.

(13)(9) When live game is being transported, the transporter of such game shall be permitted to possess such game or shall be an employee of a permittee authorized to possess such game. Any individual transporting Class I Bovidae shall be permitted for possession of such Class I Bovidae. The transporter of live game shall have a copy of records required in paragraph (15)(c) below while in transit. Unless otherwise provided in this section, no person or common carrier may purchase, receive, possess, or transport any game originating from a game farm without a bill of sale or transfer clearly indicating: the quantity and species of game; the name, complete address and license identification number of the game farm producing the game; the date of sale or transfer; and the name, complete address and, where applicable, license identification number of the recipient. Any person licensed pursuant to the provisions of this rule transporting game for personal consumption, which was produced under the authorization of their license, may transport game without a bill of sale or transfer, provided their valid Game Farm License accompanies the shipment. Any package or container containing such game shall be clearly marked as follows:

(a) Any enclosure containing such game shall be clearly marked as follows:

1.(a) For Live game that is shall be transported in a cage or enclosure, the- The cage or enclosure shall be clearly labeled "Live Animal." The cage or enclosure shall also be clearly and visibly marked with a label including the common or scientific names of each species and; the quantity of each species, the name and address of the source of the game and the name and address of the recipient of the game.

2.(b) For game that is transported in a trailer, compartment of a trailer, or vehicle, a label stating, "Live Animal" shall be affixed to every access door(s), or attached to any locking mechanism securing such access door(s), with lettering not less than one inch in height and in a contrasting color to the trailer. A list containing including the common or scientific names of each species and; the quantity of each species shall be

maintained in the vehicle, the name and address of the source of the game and the name and address of the recipient of the game shall be maintained in the vehicle.

3.(e) Any Wildlife transport cages, enclosures, or trailers utilized to transport wildlife shall be as follows:

a.1. Of sufficient strength and security to prevent escape.

b.2. Large enough to ensure that each individual animal has sufficient space to turn, stand erect, and lie naturally; Provided, however, that certain species may be restricted in their movements according to professionally acceptable standards when freedom of movement would constitute a danger to the animals, their handlers, or other persons.

(14)(10) All game farms established under the provisions of this section shall comply with Chapter 68A-6, F.A.C., concerning the provisions of food, humane treatment and sanitary conditions. Those game farms acquiring, possessing, selling or otherwise disposing of deer, elk or other members of the family Cervidae shall also comply with Rules 68A-4.005, 68A-4.0051 and 68A-4.0053, F.A.C., concerning introduction, importation, movement, and transportation requirements. Those game farms acquiring, possessing, selling or otherwise disposing of mallard ducks shall also comply with Rule 68A-4.0052, F.A.C.

(15)(11) Any person holding a game farm permit license shall maintain a record of each of the following changes in captive inventory, which: acquisitions of game, animals harvested for personal consumption, and sale or transfer of game, alive or dead. Such records shall be open to inspection upon request by Commission personnel and shall be maintained for a minimum of five years from the date of acquisition, transfer, or sale, or harvest:

(a) Records of acquisition, which shall include the date of acquisition; quantity and species of game acquired; name and complete address of supplier; FWC permit and license identification number of the supplier, if acquired in Florida; and relevant importation permit, where applicable.

(b) Animals harvested by the permittee or their employees. Such record shall include the date of harvest, quantity and species of game taken.

(c)(b) Records of sale or transfer, which shall include the date of sale or transfer; quantity and species of game sold or transferred; name and complete address of the entity to which game is sold or transferred; and FWC permit license identification number of the recipient, where applicable. Such records shall be available for inspection upon request by Commission personnel.

(d)(e) Any person holding a game farm permit license who imports or conducts intrastate movement of deer, elk, or other members of the family Cervidae shall keep and maintain copies of all records of compliance with Rule 68A-4.0051 and Chapter 5C-26, F.A.C., regarding the importation or intrastate

movement of such deer, elk, or other members of the family Cervidae.

~~(16)(12)~~ All game, except captive white-tailed deer, possessed or sold for food or consumptive purposes shall be killed on the premises of the game farm or transported to a recognized slaughter establishment ~~properly licensed processing facility~~ for immediate processing. In instances where live game is transported to a recognized slaughter establishment ~~licensed processing facility~~ for immediate processing, a copy of the current and valid game farm permit license of the farm where such game was produced shall accompany the live game in transport. In instances where live game is sold or transferred, the transporter of such game shall be permitted ~~licensed~~ or otherwise authorized by the Commission to possess such game. Harvested game possessed, sold or transferred for food or consumptive purposes shall comply with the following provisions:

(a) Each game bird or the sealed container in which game birds are placed shall be clearly marked with the species and the name, complete address, and FWC permit license identification number of the game farm producing such game birds.

(b) Deer meat (venison) from species of deer (not native to the state) shall only be sold when packaged in a tamper-proof container clearly marked with a label stating, "NON-NATIVE VENISON, PRODUCED ON A LICENSED GAME FARM" and shall include the name of the species. Additionally, each container shall be clearly marked to indicate the name, complete address, and FWC permit license identification number of the game farm producing such venison.

(c) through (d) No change.

(e) Game farms shall also comply with any applicable state and federal ~~all~~ statutes or regulations relating to food safety, quality control, inspections, transportation, sale and regulation of foodstuffs and meat products.

~~(17)(13)~~ All game farms possessing, selling, or transferring captive-reared ~~eaptive~~ white-tailed deer, ~~possessed, sold or transferred~~ for food or consumptive purposes, shall be in compliance with the following:

~~(a)1.~~ Deer shall ~~b~~Be transported live to a recognized slaughter establishment ~~licensed processing facility~~ for immediate preparation ~~euthanasia~~ and processing for consumption.

~~1.a.~~ A copy of the current and valid game farm permit license of the farm where such game was produced shall accompany the live game in transport.

~~2.b.~~ The transporter of such game shall be permitted ~~licensed~~ or otherwise authorized by the Commission to possess such game.

~~3.e.~~ Notify the Commission at least 48 hours prior to transfer of live deer to a recognized slaughter establishment ~~processing facility~~.

~~4.d.~~ Game farms shall also comply with any applicable state and federal ~~all~~ statutes or regulations relating to food safety, quality control, inspections, transportation, sale and regulation of foodstuffs and meat products.

~~(b)2.~~ Captive-reared ~~Captive~~ white-tailed deer meat (venison) shall only be sold when packaged in a tamper-proof container clearly marked with a label stating, "WHITE-TAILED DEER VENISON, PRODUCED ON A FLORIDA LICENSED GAME FARM". Additionally, each container shall be clearly marked to indicate the name, date, complete address, and FWC permit license identification number of the game farm producing such venison and the identification number and name of the recognized slaughter establishment ~~licensed processing facility~~.

~~(c)3.~~ Deer shall ~~n~~Not have been chemically immobilized or otherwise provided with any drugs within 30 days of transfer for processing.

~~(18)(14)~~ ~~Game farms shall be equipped and operated in such manner as to provide sufficient food and humane treatment for the game kept thereupon. The premises, pens, and facilities of all game farms shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.~~ All game harvested shall be taken as specified by Commission rules for the species. Injured or wounded mammals shall be immediately treated by the permittee, treated by a veterinarian, or euthanized; ~~transported to a veterinarian for treatment, or treated by the owner.~~

~~(19)(15)~~ Any method of euthanasia shall be authorized for humane purposes provided that such method of euthanasia is humane pursuant to the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians guidelines or the American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines. Only a veterinarian, the game farm permittee licensee or the permittee's licensee's employee may euthanize game on the game farm premises. A current list of employees authorized by the permittee licensee to euthanize game shall be maintained by the permittee licensee and made available for inspection upon request by Commission personnel.

~~(20)(16)~~ Native game shall only be killed pursuant to the regulations for that species or in accordance with subsection ~~(19) (15)~~, above. Only the game farm permittee licensee or the permittee's licensee's employees may kill game on the game farm premises.

~~(21)(17)~~ Permitted ~~Licensed~~ facilities shall report any escapes from the perimeter fencing or the approved facility location. Permitted ~~Licensed~~ facilities shall report any escapes from an enclosure, cage, or other constraint when captive-reared game wildlife is away from such approved facility location. Such reporting shall be made to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, immediately upon discovery of the escape. Any person in possession of captive-reared game which requires a

permit issued under this rule shall make reasonable efforts to ensure the recapture and return of the escaped game to containment or lawful removal of such escaped game from the wild.

(a) Failure to report any escapes of captive-reared game as specified above shall be considered a violation of this rule.

(b) No person shall maintain captive-reared game animals in an unsafe or negligent manner which results in escape of game.

(22)(18) It is unlawful to buy, sell or transfer any live game to or from any unpermitted ~~unlicensed~~ entity within Florida. ~~Game raised or produced on game farms may be purchased, sold, shipped, and transported for propagation, restocking or food purposes.~~ Recipients of any live game received from a game farm shall be permitted ~~licensed~~ pursuant to this rule, Section 379.3761, 379.3762, or 379.3712, F.S., unless exempt from the ~~permitting~~ ~~licensing~~ provisions.

(23)(19) The ~~permitting~~ ~~licensing~~ provisions of this rule shall not apply to:

(a) through (c) No change.

(24) Dissolution.

(a) Prior to voluntary dissolution of a game farm and subsequent expiration of the current permit, the permittee shall notify the Commission of their intent to dissolve.

(b) Prior to dissolution of a game farm and subsequent expiration of the current permit, the permittee shall legally dispose of all captive-reared native and non-native game animals authorized under the permit. Game farms under dissolution shall do one or more of the following:

1. Take of game animals by the permittee or the permittee's employees, in accordance with subsections (19) and (20) above.

2. Sale or transfer of live game animals to a permitted entity. All sales or transfers shall be in compliance with subsections (13) and (15) above.

3. Sale or transfer of game animals for food or consumptive purposes. All sales or transfers shall be in compliance with subsections (16) and (17) above.

4. Sale or transfer of the game farm and current inventory to a new permittee. All captive-reared native and non-native game animals contained thereon shall remain the responsibility of the permittee until such time that a new permittee becomes permitted and takes responsibility for such captive-reared game. If the new owner does not obtain a game farm permit for the inventory contained on the property, it shall be considered unlawful transfer and abandonment of captive-reared game by the previous permittee.

(c) Commission personnel shall verify all captive-reared native and non-native game animals authorized under the permit have been removed prior to removal of facility's perimeter fence. The Commission shall have the authority to verify the final disposition of all captive-reared native and non-

native game animals previously authorized under the permit, including inspection by officers of the Commission.

(25) Any person whose permit is revoked or non-renewed as provided for in subsection 68-1.010(2), F.A.C., shall be subject to the provisions outlined in subsection 68A-6.003(2), F.A.C., and the following:

(a) Such person shall have 180 days after the final administrative disposition to lawfully dispose of all captive-reared native or non-native game animals previously authorized under the revoked or non-renewed permit. Sale or transfer of such wildlife shall be authorized within the lawful disposition period for the purposes of complying with this rule.

(b) The facility and wildlife previously authorized under the revoked or non-renewed permit may not be sold or otherwise transferred to any entity within Florida of which such person is an owner, officer, director, principal, employee, or agent or in which such person holds any interest.

(c) Any person dissolving a game farm due to revocation or non-renewal shall comply with subsections (13)-(17) above regarding transportation and record keeping requirements.

(d) The Commission shall have the authority to verify the final disposition of wildlife previously authorized under the revoked or non-renewed permit, including inspection by officers of the Commission, pursuant to Section 379.304, F.S.

(e) Such person shall not serve as an employee, agent, or volunteer, whether paid or unpaid, at any permitted game farm or hunting preserve facility or on behalf of any game farm or hunting preserve permittee for a period of three (3) years following final administrative action.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 379.302, 379.3711 FS. History—New 8-27-09, Amended 11-22-18, 12-3-20, 7-4-21, 8-2-22,\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:  
Colonel Brian Smith

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: February 19, 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

Southwest Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40D-22.201 Year-Round Water Conservation Measures

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 25, 2025, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, received a petition for Petitioner’s Name: Trails at Durant Homeowners Association, Inc.

Rule No.: 40D-22.201

Nature of the rule for which variance or waiver is sought: Lawn and Landscape Irrigation

The Petition has been assigned tracking No. 25-4405.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Camille R. Mourant, 7601 US Highway 301, Tampa, Florida 33637, (813)438-4906, water.variances@watermatters.org. Any interested person or other agency may submit written comments within 14 days after the publication of this notice (S101219).

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL  
REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61H1-28.0052 Number of Sittings, and Granting of Credit, Release of Grades and Completion of Examination, Transition Rules

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 17, 2025, the Board of Accountancy, received a petition for variance or waiver filed by Shohana Tawrin. Petitioner seeks a permanent variance or waiver of paragraph 61H1-28.0052(1)(b), F.A.C., regarding the timeframes with respect to the CPA Examination, which requires that candidates must pass all four sections of the CPA Examination within a rolling eighteen-month period. Petitioner is seeking a permanent waiver to extend the eighteen-month period. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board of Accountancy within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Roger Scarborough, Division Director, Board of Accountancy, 240 NW 76th Dr., Suite A, Gainesville, Florida 32607, (352)333-2505 or by email, Roger.Scarborough@myfloridalicense.com.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

62-610.462 Reliability and Operator Staffing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 18, 2025, the Department of Environmental Protection, received a petition for variance from Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District. The petition requested a variance from subsection 62-610.462(3), F.A.C., which requires staffing by a Class C or higher operator 6 hours per day, 7 days per week. The requested variance is for the Town and Country Utility Water Reclamation Facility to have their minimum staffing requirement be reduced to 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, and one visit by a Class C or higher operator on each weekend day. The facility is located at 12150 State Road 31, Punta Gorda, FL 33982. The petition has been assigned OGC No. 25-0476.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Jessica Douglas, South District, Department of Environmental Protection, 2295 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone: (239)344-5702, email: Jessica.Douglas@floridadep.gov, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. Written comments must be received by the Department of Environmental Protection no later than 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Opticianry

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B12-16.008 Enforcement

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 24, 2025, the Board of Opticianry, received a petition for variance and waiver filed by Aaron Marks. Petitioner seeks a variance or waiver of subsection 64B12-16.008(3), F.A.C., which requires the sponsor and the apprentice shall supply to the Board all information requested as set forth in Rule 64B12-16.009, F.A.C., which reasonably relates to the apprenticeship program and the Board’s duty to properly monitor the program for compliance with program standards. The completed Apprenticeship Sponsor Attestation form must be provided within six months of the apprentice’s completion of the program or credits will not be counted. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board of Opticianry, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Opticianry, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Board of Opticianry

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B12-16.008 Enforcement

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 24, 2025, the Board of Opticianry, received a petition for variance and waiver filed by Diamond Collins-Brice. Petitioner seeks a variance or waiver of Rule 64B12-16.008, F.A.C., which requires Enforcement. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Board of Opticianry, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Opticianry, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

Division of Community Development

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

73C-23.0041 Application Process

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 13, 2025, the Florida Department of Commerce, received a petition for Waiver of the funding ceiling requirements of paragraph 73C-23.0041(2)(c), F.A.C., from the City of Marianna. Paragraph 73C-23.0041(2)(c), F.A.C, limits the amount of funds that an Economic Development applicant may request under the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Karis De Gannes, Agency Clerk, Florida Department of Commerce, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; agency.clerk@commerce.fl.gov; (850)245-7150.

**Section VI**

**Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Florida Rehabilitation Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: July 2, 2024, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., EST (or until complete)

PLACE: Microsoft Teams Meeting:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_OGY0MTQyMDEtYTBIMy00YTBjLWE3ZDAtNzI4YzA0MDU3M2Uz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2261f02920-7175-4b3f-8c98-31c02c8b6ef9%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OGY0MTQyMDEtYTBIMy00YTBjLWE3ZDAtNzI4YzA0MDU3M2Uz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2261f02920-7175-4b3f-8c98-31c02c8b6ef9%22%7d)

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**  
Florida Rehabilitation Council - Evaluation and Planning Committee - General Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FRC staff at [FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org](mailto:FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org) or (850)245-3397.

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: FRC staff at [FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org](mailto:FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org) or (850)245-3397. 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: FRC staff at [FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org](mailto:FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org) or (850)245-3397.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Florida Rehabilitation Council Legislative/Public Awareness Committee Meeting announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 8, 2025, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Teams

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YmNjY2QyNTQtOGRlMS00ZmNjLWl15Y2ItMDFiZjdmZWVmODBh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221ab4ed74-bea1-4880-a65d-0e7783e49e44%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YmNjY2QyNTQtOGRlMS00ZmNjLWl15Y2ItMDFiZjdmZWVmODBh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221ab4ed74-bea1-4880-a65d-0e7783e49e44%22%7d)

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**  
Legislative/Public Awareness Committee Meeting/General Business

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Florida Rehabilitation Council Evaluation and Planning Committee Meeting announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 9, 2025, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Teams

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_NjU1YWNiMTgtZTEzMy00ZjVjLWE4ZDItZjE4YzY4ODFkNDM3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221ab4ed74-bea1-4880-a65d-0e7783e49e44%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjU1YWNiMTgtZTEzMy00ZjVjLWE4ZDItZjE4YzY4ODFkNDM3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221ab4ed74-bea1-4880-a65d-0e7783e49e44%22%7d)

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Evaluation and Planning Committee Meeting/General Business

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For more information, you may contact: [FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org](mailto:FRCCustomers@vr.fldoe.org)

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics

The Division of Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Telephone Conference Call Number +1(213)458-8552. Conference Code:811 089 553#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

General Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Phoenicia Lasker, Division of Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1047, (850)717-1800, [Phoenicia.Lasker@myfloridalicense.com](mailto:Phoenicia.Lasker@myfloridalicense.com).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 10 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Phoenicia Lasker, Division of Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1047, (850)717-1800, [Phoenicia.Lasker@myfloridalicense.com](mailto:Phoenicia.Lasker@myfloridalicense.com). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida

Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support

The Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program Performance Quality Improvement Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 3, 2025, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., EST  
PLACE: Microsoft Teams

Join the meeting at:

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

Meeting ID: 282 525 799 844

Passcode: SMWQDy

Dial-in by phone:

+1(850)792-1375,591980806# United States, Tallahassee

Phone conference ID: 591 980 806#

Join on a video conference device:

Tenant key: teams@meetme.flhealth.gov

Video ID: 111 452 175 9

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** To conduct general business of the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kimberly Robinson by email at [Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov) or by phone at (850)245-4967.

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: Kimberly Robinson by email at [Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov) or by phone at (850)245-4967. 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: Kimberly Robinson by email at [Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Robinson@flhealth.gov) or by phone at (850)245-4967. 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).

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Est

PLACE: Conference call: Microsoft Teams meeting

Dial in by phone: 1(850)792-1375

Phone conference ID: 437569680#

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Rare Disease Advisory Council, an advisory council as defined in s. 20.03(7), is created adjunct to the Department of Health for the purpose of providing recommendations on ways to improve health outcomes for individuals residing in this state who have a rare disease. This meeting will be focusing on reviewing, modifying and refining those recommendations.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jon Conley at (850)617-1439, or online at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/rdac/rdac-meetings.html>

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: Jon Conley at (850)617-1439. 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: Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management at (850)245-4009.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 12:00 noon, Est.

PLACE: Conference call: Microsoft Teams meeting

Dial by phone: (850)792-1375

Phone conference ID: 393635767#

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Rare Disease Advisory Council, an advisory council as defined in s. 20.03(7), is created adjunct to the Department of Health for the purpose of providing recommendations on ways to improve health outcomes for individuals residing in this state who have a rare disease. This meeting will be focusing on reviewing, modifying and refining those recommendations.

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**NAVIGATION DISTRICTS**

**West Coast Inland Navigation District**

The West Coast Inland Navigation District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Venice Fire Station #51, 112 Harbor Dr. S., Venice, FL 34285

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Navigation District.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WCIND, 200 E. Miami Avenue, Venice, FL 34285

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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 9, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. EST

PLACE: Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce, 212 Ohio Avenue North, Live Oak, FL 32064

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](http://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 24 hours 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).

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PALM BEACH/TREASURE COAST, INC.**

The Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 22, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Area Agency on Aging, 4400 North Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Agency governance

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dwight Chenette at (561)684-5885 or [DChenette@aaapbtc.org](mailto:DChenette@aaapbtc.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 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Dwight Chenette at (561)684-5885 or [DChenette@aaapbtc.org](mailto:DChenette@aaapbtc.org). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Dwight Chenette at (561)684-5885 or [DChenette@aaapbtc.org](mailto:DChenette@aaapbtc.org)

**FLORIDA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOC., INC.**

The FIGA Finance and Audit Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 10, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Call

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Committee will meet to discuss the general business of the Association. The agenda will include but not limited to: Minutes, Audit and Investment reports.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by

contacting: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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

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**FLORIDA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOC., INC.**

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

DATE AND TIME: April 14, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Call

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

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Susan Ferguson (850)386-9200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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

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**THE CORRADINO GROUP, INC.**

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

PLACE: The Coffee with the Construction Team is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Common Grounds Brew & Roastery at 12 South J Street, Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460. FDOT and consultant staff members will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

A project information video will be available at <https://tinyurl.com/6thtoArlington>. Questions or comments may be submitted directly to the project team.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: THE Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), ANNOUNCES A COFFEE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION TEAM TO WHICH ALL PERSONS ARE INVITED.

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Financial Management No.: 447660-1-52-01

Project Description: State Road (SR) 5/US 1/Federal Highway Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation (RRR) Project from 6th Avenue North to Arlington Road in the cities of West Palm Beach and Lake Worth Beach.

The project improvements consist of milling and repaving the roadway along the project limits to enhance infrastructure resilience and improve safety for the community; upgrading pedestrian signals at 7th Avenue North, 10th Avenue North, and 13th Avenue North to countdown signals to enhance pedestrian safety, installing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) and crosswalks on the north side of 6th Avenue North to improve pedestrian safety; installing a raised intersection at 16th Avenue North to reduce speeding through the corridor and enhance motorist safety; installing speed feedback signs at the curves between Wellesley Drive and Princeton Drive to improve motorist safety; installing shared bicycle markings, or "sharrows," and signage between 6th Avenue North and Princeton Drive to increase motorist awareness and bicyclist safety; installing six-foot buffered bicycle lanes between Auburn Drive and Arlington Road to enhance motorist awareness and bicyclist safety; and upgrading curb ramps, pavement markings, and signage within the project limits to improve visibility and connectivity.

Construction will begin in March 2025 and is estimated to be completed in Late 2025. The cost is \$2.7 million.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: No Agenda

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: Michael Miller, P.E. — FDOT Construction Manager at [michael.miller2@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:michael.miller2@dot.state.fl.us) or (954)815-2151.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Melissa Readling, Community Outreach Specialist, at (772)577-8803 or by email at [mreadling@corradino.com](mailto:mreadling@corradino.com).

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Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION

Construction Industry Licensing Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Construction Industry
Licensing Board has received the petition for declaratory
statement from Yuriy I. Turovskiy, filed on March 18, 2025.
The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability
of Rule 61G4-15.001, Florida Administrative Code, Section
489.111, Florida Statutes and Section, 553.775, Florida Statutes
as it applies to the petitioner.

Petitioner is seeking clarification from the Board regarding
certain requirements for Qualifications for Certified Plumbing
Contractor License listed on the Application for Certified
License to ensure his specific combination of education and
experience meets the DBPR's requirements, as it pertains to the
rule and statutes. Petitioner asks the Board, "Does the described
combination of education and experience demonstrate
substantial compliance with statutory experience
requirements?" Except for good cause shown, motions for leave
to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of
this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be
obtained by contacting: Amanda Ackermann, Executive
Director, Construction Industry Licensing Board, 2601 Blair
Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1039 or telephone:
(850)487-1395, or by electronic mail to
Amanda.Ackermann@myfloridalicense.com.

Section VIII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding the Validity of Rules

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

NONE

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

NONE

Section IX
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Office of Financial Regulation

Notice of Disposition Regarding Policy Challenges

SPEEDY MART, INC., D/B/A STUART CHECK CASHING,
AND SHAHER BARGHOUTHY

Petitioners

and

CATAYU NORTH, INC., D/B/A LA TAPATIA
SUPERMARKET III; CATAYU FOOD STORE, INC., D/B/A
LA TAPATIA SUPERMARKET; CATAYU BROTHERS,
INC., D/B/A ED'S FOOD STORE & DELI; CALED HAMED;
YUMA HAMED; S & S US ENTERPRISES, D/B/A KWIK
STOP CHECKING CASHING; WILDREDO LINARES;
AND CARLOS LINARES

Intervenors

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL
REGULATION

Respondent

CASE NO.: 24-3213RU

Dismissed

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Office of Financial Regulation

Notice of Disposition Regarding Policy Challenges

A AND E LA NUMERO 1, INC., AND ALFONSO REYES

Petitioners

and

CATAYU NORTH, INC., D/B/A LA TAPATIA
SUPERMARKET III; CATAYU FOOD STORE, INC., D/B/A
LA TAPATIA SUPERMARKET; CATAYU BROTHERS,
INC., D/B/A ED'S FOOD STORE & DELI; CALED HAMED;
YUMA HAMED; S & S US ENTERPRISES, D/B/A KWIK
STOP CHECKING CASHING; WILDREDO LINARES;
AND CARLOS LINARES

Intervenors

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL
REGULATION

Respondent

CASE NO.: 24-3252RU

Dismissed

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
 Office of Financial Regulation  
 Notice of Disposition Regarding Policy Challenges  
 MEGA MERCADO, LLC, AND MARIA PERALTA  
 MEDINA  
 Petitioners  
 and  
 CATAYU NORTH, INC., D/B/A LA TAPATIA  
 SUPERMARKET III; CATAYU FOOD STORE, INC., D/B/A  
 LA TAPATIA SUPERMARKET; CATAYU BROTHERS,  
 INC., D/B/A ED'S FOOD STORE & DELI; CALED HAMED;  
 YUMA HAMED; S & S US ENTERPRISES, D/B/A KWIK  
 STOP CHECKING CASHING; WILDREDO LINARES;  
 AND CARLOS LINARES  
 Intervenors  
 vs.  
 STATE OF FLORIDA, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL  
 REGULATION  
 Respondent  
 CASE NO.: 24-3309RU  
 Dismissed

**Section X**  
**Announcements and Objection Reports of**  
**the Joint Administrative Procedures**  
**Committee**

NONE

**Section XI**  
**Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and**  
**Purchasing**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind  
 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ITB-25-075 Painting  
 Services  
 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) requests  
 proposals for the subject project and has issued a Competitive  
 Solicitation to obtain competitive responses from qualified  
 firms consistent with the requirements outlined in the  
 Solicitation Document.  
 Selection will be made in accordance with the published  
 Solicitation Document. Firm(s) must be properly licensed in the  
 State of Florida at the time of submittal.  
 Be sure to read the entire solicitation document before  
 contacting the Agency with questions, which must be submitted  
 via e-mail. Only procedural questions will be answered on

receipt – all other questions will only be answered according to  
 the published timeline.

RESPONSE DUE DATE: May 7, 2025 no later than 1:45 p.m.  
 INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTAL: Firms interested in  
 being considered for this project should access the Solicitation  
 Document from: Purchasing | Florida School for the Deaf & the  
 Blind Click “View Active Competitive Solicitations” and  
 navigate to the project folder. RESPONDENTS ARE  
 RESPONSIBLE for checking the FSDB website for  
 amendments and addendum. Failure to comply with any  
 changes published to the FSDB website may be grounds for  
 rejecting a proposal.

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

**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., Thursday, March 20, 2025, and 3:00 p.m.,  
 Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
11B-14.002	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-18.0053	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-20.001	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-20.0013	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-20.0014	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-20.0016	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-20.0017	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-21.005	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-21.019	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-27.002	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-27.00212	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-27.00213	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-27.0022	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-27.003	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-27.013	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-27.014	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-30.006	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-35.001	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-35.0021	3/20/2025	4/9/2025

11B-35.0024	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11B-35.009	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11C-11.001	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11C-6.004	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11C-6.009	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11C-6.010	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
11C-8.001	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
60FF1-5.003	3/24/2025	4/13/2025
64B8-4.009	3/26/2025	4/15/2025
64B8-9.0091	3/25/2025	4/14/2025
64B8-13.005	3/24/2025	4/13/2025
64B8-30.003	3/24/2025	4/13/2025
64B8-31.003	3/25/2025	4/14/2025
64B9-2.016	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
64B15-6.003	3/24/2025	4/13/2025
64B15-7.003	3/25/2025	4/14/2025
64B15-14.0076	3/25/2025	4/14/2025
64B16-27.700	3/20/2025	4/9/2025
<b>LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES</b>		
<b>Rule No.</b>	<b>File Date</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Consumer Services

NOTICE OF EXTENSION UNDER SECTION 120.74(5), FLORIDA STATUTES

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

- 5J-20.004 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Forms
- 5J-20.061 Qualifier and Master Qualifier Examinations; Applicant Qualifications and Testing Requirements
- 5J-20.064 Renewal of Qualifier and Master Qualifier Certificates
- 5J-20.065 Re-examination Procedures
- 5J-20.080 Enforcement Actions and Administrative Penalties

In accordance with subsection 120.74(5), F.S., the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Department) extends the April 1 deadline to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rules 5J-20.004, 5J-20.061, 5J-20.064, 5J-20.065 and 5J-20.080, F.A.C., required by Chapter 2024-

170, Laws of Florida. The Department published a related Notice of Rule Development in Vol. 50, No. 214, of the Florida Administrative Register on October 31, 2024. The Department is continuing to receive and to consider information and comments regarding the draft rule language in order to make necessary changes prior to publication of the Notice of Proposed Rule.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 324 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), facilities are required to submit chemical inventory reports annually by March 1. "In so far as submitted by the applicable facility," the following information is available to the public upon request during normal working hours from the Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee (TCLEPC), Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council 421 SW Camden Avenue, Stuart, FL 34994.

Hazardous Chemical Inventory (Tier II) Reports

Chemical Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

Chemical Release Follow-up Reports

Facility Hazards Analysis for Extremely Hazardous Substances

Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan

How-to-Comply Information

Public Outreach and Education Materials

The Treasure Coast Local Emergency Planning Committee serves Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties and provides technical assistance to local government, chemical facilities, community residents and visitors. To obtain information on the above items, please contact Kathryn E. Boer at (772)221-4060 x 24, email kboer@tcrpc.org or visit [www.tcrpc.org](http://www.tcrpc.org)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION LINE CERTIFICATION

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) hereby provides notice of an intent to modify the Transmission Line Conditions of Certification issued pursuant to the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act, §403.52 et seq., Florida Statutes (F.S.), concerning the Florida Power & Light Company Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV Transmission Line (Sweatt-Whidden), Transmission Line Siting Application No. TA22-19, OGC Case No. 25-0112. On January 21, 2025, the Department received a petition to modify the Conditions of Certification for Sweatt-Whidden from Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) pursuant to §403.5315(2), F.S. FPL's petition

includes a request to realign an approximately 10-mile portion of the certified corridor within Okeechobee County. The Department intends to modify the Conditions of Certification to authorize construction of the proposed corridor realignment. A copy of the proposed modification may be obtained by contacting the Siting Coordination Office, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Rd., M.S. 3500, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, (850)717-9000, or at [https://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/Siting/Outgoing/FPLSweattWhidden230kVTA22\\_19/Modification/ModA\\_Segment1Reroute/20250307\\_FPL\\_SweattWhidden\\_ModA\\_FinalProposedConditions.pdf](https://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/Siting/Outgoing/FPLSweattWhidden230kVTA22_19/Modification/ModA_Segment1Reroute/20250307_FPL_SweattWhidden_ModA_FinalProposedConditions.pdf). Pursuant to §403.5315(2)(b), F.S., parties to the certification proceeding have 45 days from issuance of notice to such party's last address of record in which to object to the requested modification. Failure of any of the parties to file a response will constitute a waiver of objection to the requested modification. Any person who is not already a party to the certification proceeding and whose substantial interest is affected by the requested modification has 30 days from the date of publication of this public notice to object in writing. The written objection must be in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, M.S. 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000, (850)245-2242, fax: (850)245-2298, [agency\\_clerk@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:agency_clerk@dep.state.fl.us). If no objections are received, then a Final Order approving the modification shall be issued by the Department.

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### 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.

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