

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

### DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

#### Prevention Programs

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

63C-2.001 Nonjudicial Procedures for Families  
Needing Services

63C-2.002 Coordinating Families in Need of Services  
Programs

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The new rule sections implement changes to chapter 984 in chapter 2025-153, Laws of Florida, that govern the provision and timing of nonjudicial, voluntary services.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** The nonjudicial provision of services, and the timing of those services are addressed.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 984.04(1), F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 984.03, 984.10, 984.11, 984.12, 985.601, 985.632, 1003.27(3), F.S.

**A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:**

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** DJJ Headquarters, 2737 Centerview Dr., General Counsel's Conference Room 3226, Tallahassee, Florida. For participation by telephone, contact John Milla at (850)921-4129.

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS:** John Milla, 2737 Centerview Dr., Ste. 3200, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3100, email: john.milla@fldjj.gov

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

## Section II Proposed Rules

NONE

## Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

NONE

## Section IV Emergency Rules

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

## Section V Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

6A-2.0040 Sanitation Standards in K-12 Private Schools

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on January 07, 2026, the Department of Education, received a petition for variance from Rule 6A-2.0040, F.A.C., Sanitation Standards in K-12 Private Schools. The petition requests a variance or waiver from requirements related to drinking fountains for a non-profit, private school. The petitioner is Levels Academy, 2113 S. Combee Rd., Lakeland, Florida.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Chris Emerson, Agency Clerk, 325 West Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 32399, or via email at [christian.emerson@fldoe.org](mailto:christian.emerson@fldoe.org). Public comments concerning this petition for a variance can be made at <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules>. The Department will accept comments concerning the petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2026.

### DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Driver Licenses

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

15A-10.034 SSS Frequency of Appointments

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles hereby gives notice: On January 9, 2026, the Department issued a final order in response to a petition for rule variance filed by Max Ring. The petition, received by the Department on November 12, 2025, and noticed in Vol. 51, No. 235, of the Florida Administrative Register on December 5, 2025, requested a variance from Rule 15A-10.034, FAC, which requires clients of DUI Special Supervision Services (SSS) to report in person for individual supervision. Petitioner claimed he relocated to Alaska in 2021 and, following initial intake, he alternatively sought to report thereafter for individual supervision by remote means, such as teleconference, videoconference, or other

approved means. Petitioner cited the costs and logistical challenges of traveling to Florida for individual supervision as substantial financial and logistical hardships justifying the variance sought. The Department carefully considered the petition and found it lacked information related to Petitioner's acceptance into an SSS program and therefore failed to demonstrate that Petitioner is subject to regulation by the Department. Accordingly, the petition was denied. No comments were received from interested persons.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Kathy Jimenez-Morales, Chief Counsel, Driver Licenses, Office of General Counsel, 2900 Apalachee Pkwy, Rm A-432, MS 02, Tallahassee, FL 32399, [kathyjimenez@flhsmv.gov](mailto:kathyjimenez@flhsmv.gov), (850)617-3101.

#### WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40E-4.091 Publications, Rules and Interagency Agreements Incorporated by Reference

The South Florida Water Management District hereby gives notice: On January 6, 2026, the South Florida Water Management District granted Bayside Holdings on Hickory, LLC's (Petitioner) Petition for Variance (Application No. 250326-51524/Permit No. 36-115534-P, regarding Environmental Resource Permit Application No. 240627-44520/Permit No. 36-111224-P), which was filed on March 26, 2025, for a 5.9-acre mixed-use development known as Hickory on the Bay, located in Lee County, Florida (Petition). The Petition sought a variance from Section 3.4 of the "Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume II: For Use Within the Geographic Boundaries of the South Florida Water Management District" (Vol. II), effective May 22, 2016, incorporated by reference in Rules 40E-4.091 and 62-330.010, F.A.C., which requires building floor elevations to be at or above the 100-year flood elevation. Petitioner demonstrated that strict imposition of the criteria set forth in Section 3.4 of Vol. II would result in a substantial hardship because the Project cannot be reconfigured in a manner that would be technically, financially, or legally feasible. Petitioner also provided reasonable assurances that the underlying purpose of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, would be achieved. Notice of receipt of the Petition for Variance was published in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 51, No. 69 on April 9, 2025.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Regulation Division during the normal business

hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; by telephone at (561)682-6911; by e-mail at [regpermitting@sfwmd.gov](mailto:regpermitting@sfwmd.gov); or, by accessing the District's website ([www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)) using the Application/Permit Search on the RegPermitting page.

#### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-4.010 Sanitation and Safety Requirements

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants hereby gives notice: On December 19, 2025 the Division of Hotels and Restaurants received a Petition for an Emergency Variance for subsection 61C-4.010(7) Florida Administrative Code and subsection 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code from Gelato Italiano & Co. located in Daytona Beach. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that at least one accessible bathroom be provided for use by customers and employees. They are requesting to share the bathrooms located within a nearby establishment under a different ownership for use by customers and employees.

The Petition for this variance was published in Vol. 51/246 on December 22, 2025. The Order for this Petition was signed and approved on January 8, 2026. After a complete review of the variance request, the Division finds that the application of this Rule will create a financial hardship to the food service establishment. Furthermore, the Division finds that the Petitioner meets the burden of demonstrating that the underlying statute has been achieved by the Petitioner ensuring the bathrooms located within Kings Pizza (VisionQ Consulting LLC), are maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and are provided with cold running water under pressure, soap, approved hand drying devices, and are available during all hours of operation. The Petitioner shall also ensure that directional signage is installed within or outside the establishment clearly stating the location of the bathrooms. If the ownership of Gelato Italiano & Co. (Gina L. Suermann) and/or Kings Pizza. (VisionQ Consulting LLC) changes, an updated signed agreement for use of the bathroom facilities will be required immediately.

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

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

## Securities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 31, 2025, the Office of Financial Regulation, received a petition for Waiver from paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b), Florida Administrative Code from Daniel Cote. The petition seeks a Waiver of subsection 69W-600.0024(6) which requires an associated person of an investment adviser or federal covered adviser to provide the Office with one of the following:

1. Proof of passing, within two years of the date of application for registration, the Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (Series 65); or 2. Proof of passing, within two years of the date of application for registration, the General Securities Representative Examination (Series 7), the Uniform Combined State Law Examination (Series 66), and proof of passing within four years of the date of application for registration, the Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) Examination. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, [Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov](mailto:Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov) within 14 days of publication of this notice.

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

## Section VI

## Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

## DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, January 26, 2026, 1:00 p.m. until conclusion

PLACE: 1(866)899-4679; Access Code: 610-642-373; and <https://meet.goto.com/610642373>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Council Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lynn Guyton at [Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com) or by accessing the board's website at: <https://www.myfloridalegal.com/human-trafficking/council/meetings>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Office of Attorney General James Uthmeier at

(850)414-3300. 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: Lynn Guyton at [Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Lynn.Guyton@myfloridalegal.com) or by telephone at (813)287-7960.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Division of Blind Services

The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and the Division of Blind Services announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: 1(305)224-1968, Meeting ID: 997 8297 7428#, Passcode: 346862#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Project Update Subcommittee Meeting (SET Project)

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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Division of Blind Services, (850)245-0370. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: (850)245-0396 or email [DBSRehabCouncil@dbf.fldoe.org](mailto:DBSRehabCouncil@dbf.fldoe.org)

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 23, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Enrollment Committee Meeting; 9:15 a.m., Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting.

PLACE: FSDB Campus, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32084, Moore Hall's Center for Learning and Development (CLD) and Room 215. Moore Hall is located on the corner of San Marco Avenue and Macaris Street.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: 8:30 a.m. The Enrollment/Outreach Committee Meeting will pertain to all matters concerning the FSDB's current and future enrollment and outreach goals.

9:15 a.m. The Board of Trustees will hold its regularly scheduled meeting to consider all matters from the Enrollment

Committee meeting, as well as all agenda items, including any new or unfinished business presented during the meeting.

Please Note: The Board meeting at 9:15 a.m. will be live-streamed and available on the FSDB website at [www.fsdbk12.org](http://www.fsdbk12.org).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Cindy Brueckner, Executive Assistant to the President at (904)827-2210 or by email at [bruecknerc@fsdbk12.org](mailto:bruecknerc@fsdbk12.org).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cindy Brueckner, Executive Assistant to the President at (904)827-2210 or by email at [bruecknerc@fsdbk12.org](mailto:bruecknerc@fsdbk12.org). Please note that FSDB provides American Sign Language interpreters at all public meetings. However, if you require additional support to access these meetings, please contact Ms. Brueckner at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Cindy Brueckner, Executive Assistant to the President at (904)827-2210 or by email at [bruecknerc@fsdbk12.org](mailto:bruecknerc@fsdbk12.org).

#### DEPARTMENT OF CITRUS

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

DATE AND TIME: January 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Florida Department of Citrus, 605 E. Main Street, Bartow, Florida 33830.

If you are unable to attend in-person, you may access the meeting virtually by using the Microsoft Teams link or call-in number listed below:

Click here to join the meeting

Meeting ID: 246 674 832 236 83

Passcode: xQ79m8NX

Audio Only Access: (904)539-9759 / Phone Conference ID: 812 775 57#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission will convene for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Florida Citrus Commission. The Commission will address issues pertaining to budget items and revisions, contracts, consumer education and engagement programs, program evaluation measurements, licensing, issues pertaining

to Chapter 601, F.S., rulemaking; and any other matter addressed during regular meetings of the Commission.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Heather Anderson at [handerson@citrus.myflorida.com](mailto:handerson@citrus.myflorida.com) or 1(863)537-3950. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Heather Anderson at [handerson@citrus.myflorida.com](mailto:handerson@citrus.myflorida.com) or (863)537-3950. 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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#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: This is a virtual meeting that will be conducted by telephone using the GoToMeeting platform. Customers and other interested persons who want to participate must register in advance of the meeting using the procedure described below. The public may view a live stream of the customer meeting online using the link available at <https://www.floridapsc.com/watch-archive-psc-events>.

#### HOW TO REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE:

Persons who wish to speak at the virtual customer meeting must sign up in advance of the meeting. The preferred method of registration is via the Public Service Commission's online registration form, which will be available at [www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com), under the "Hot Topics" heading on the home page. Registration is also available by emailing [speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us). Customers without internet access can sign up to speak by calling (850)413-7080. Registration will open on January 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., and close on January 26, 2026, at 12:00 noon. One day prior to the meeting, Commission staff will provide registered persons further instruction on how to participate.

All customers who wish to comment are urged to join the meeting promptly at the scheduled time. The meeting will be adjourned once those present have spoken. Please note that the order in which customers will speak is based on the order in which they registered. If you have questions about the sign-up process, please call (850)413-7080.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Docket No. 20250094-WS – Application for staff-assisted rate

case in Polk County by GCP Plantation Landings, LLC. The purpose of the meeting is to give customers and other interested persons an opportunity to provide comments and ask questions regarding the quality of service the utility provides, the proposed rate increase, and other relevant issues. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Commission staff, Clayton Lewis, by telephone at (850)413-6578 or by email at [CLewis@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:CLewis@psc.state.fl.us).

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least five days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Office of Commission Clerk at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850)413-6770. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Commission staff, Clayton Lewis, by telephone at (850)413-6578 or by email at [CLewis@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:CLewis@psc.state.fl.us).

#### EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF MEETING

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

#### COMMISSION ON ETHICS

The Florida Commission on Ethics announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 23, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: First District Court of Appeal, First Floor Meeting Room, 2000 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Commission on Ethics Regular Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [www.ethics.state.fl.us](http://www.ethics.state.fl.us) or (850)488-7864.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)488-7864. 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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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.

#### WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Southwest Florida Water Management District

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Cemex Quarry Tour, 11430 Camp Mine Road, Brooksville, FL 34601

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Public Supply and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional advisory committees and Governing Board member tour: During this three-hour tour, participants will learn about the operation of the facility and how it helps protect water resources.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [WaterMatters.org](http://WaterMatters.org) – Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211

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: SWFWMD Human Resources Office Chief at 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)269-3929; or email to [ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org](mailto:ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: [Barbara.Matrone@WaterMatters.org](mailto:Barbara.Matrone@WaterMatters.org); 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)325-5772

#### WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

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

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 22, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

Governing Board Lunch and Learn

PLACE: This workshop will be conducted via Zoom, a media technology free for the public to use.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: An online public workshop providing the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District and the public with an overview of the maintenance of the world's largest water management system.

The public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the workshop by utilizing the link following link: <https://sfwmd.link/4iaQ1EH>. The link will go live at approximately 11:30 a.m. on January 22, 2026.

No Governing Board action will be taken at this online workshop.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Molly Brown at [mobrown@sfwmd.gov](mailto:mobrown@sfwmd.gov). The agenda will be posted to the District's website, [www.SFWMD.gov/meetings](http://www.SFWMD.gov/meetings), seven days prior to the meeting.

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

For more information, you may contact: Molly Brown at [mobrown@sfwmd.gov](mailto:mobrown@sfwmd.gov).

#### REGIONAL UTILITY AUTHORITIES

Tampa Bay Water - A Regional Water Supply Authority

The Tampa Bay Water, A Regional Water Supply Authority announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Tampa Bay Water Administrative Offices, 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater, Florida 33763.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regular Board Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Records Department (727)796-2355.

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: Records Department (727)796-2355. 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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#### AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Health Facility and Agency Licensing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

59A-3.246 Licensed Programs

The Agency for Healthcare Administration announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

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

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308, Building 3, Conference Room B. You may also participate by dialing the Open Voice conference line, 1(888)585-9008, then enter the conference room number followed by the pound sign, 998-518-088#. 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: [HQARuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:HQARuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This notice is a follow-up for a second hearing to address a change to incorporated material.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [HQARuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:HQARuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com). The agenda and a copy of the preliminary draft will be posted prior to the hearing on the web at: <https://ahca.myflorida.com/health-quality-assurance/bureau-of-health-facility-regulation/rulemaking>.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Osteopathic Medicine

The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m., ET.

PLACE: Marriott Coral Springs Hotel and Convention Center, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd, Coral Springs, FL 33076

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The general business of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://floridasosteopathicmedicine.gov/meeting-information/> 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: Board staff, at (850)245-4161 or at [mqa.osteopath@flhealth.gov](mailto:mqa.osteopath@flhealth.gov). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Board staff, at (850)245-4161 or at [mqa.osteopath@flhealth.gov](mailto:mqa.osteopath@flhealth.gov).

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Refugee Services

The Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

PLACE: Meeting will take place via the Microsoft Teams platform. Use the below link to connect to the meeting:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_NDNmZTA5ZTMtNGIzMy00OGY5LTgxZWYtM2ZjMmRmYmY5ZDdk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%224c7ac74e-0835-4242-a8cf-f26976fc1c32%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDNmZTA5ZTMtNGIzMy00OGY5LTgxZWYtM2ZjMmRmYmY5ZDdk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22f70dba48-b283-4c57-8831-cb411445a94c%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%224c7ac74e-0835-4242-a8cf-f26976fc1c32%22%7d)

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of the Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force meeting is to increase awareness of the refugee populations, share best practices, spot trends in refugee populations, build collaborations between agencies, help create good communication among service providers, get informed about upcoming community events, and discuss refugee program service needs and possible solutions to meeting those needs.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lourdes Dysna-Leconte at (786)257-5173 or David Draper at (407)317-7335.

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: Lourdes Dysna-Leconte at (786)257-5173 or David Draper at (407)317-7335. 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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Florida Local Government Finance Commission

The Florida Local Government Finance Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 21, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Via Zoom

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Florida Local Government Finance Commission (the "Commission") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time, via Zoom or by telephone.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://fl-](https://fl-counties.zoom.us/j/82890551117?pwd=KopTXvDrFYZI0cb3tpVY5BqAkiv6Vo.1)

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Meeting ID: 828 9055 1117

Passcode: 351999

Toll-Free Number

1(888)788-0099

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Interested persons may access internet-connected computers at their local full service public library. Persons wishing to physically attend the meeting are invited to do so at the offices of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., as General Counsel to the Issuer, located at 2502 N. Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1060, Tampa, Florida 33607.

The meeting of the Commission will be for the purpose of taking certain actions related to the Commission's private projects conduit revenue bond program and for purposes of reviewing the statewide pooled commercial paper loan program for Florida governmental entities. The Commission will consider the adoption of TEFRA inducement resolution(s) related to the possible issuance of private project conduit bonds for South Tech Charter Academy, along with any other business which may properly come before it. The agenda for such meeting can be obtained prior to the meeting from the Florida Association of Counties pursuant to the contact information provided in the final paragraph of this Notice. The Commission is an unincorporated, nonprofit association whose members are comprised of Brevard County, Florida, Charlotte County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Osceola County, Florida, Sarasota County, Florida and St. Johns County, Florida.

ALL PERSONS FOR OR AGAINST ANY MATTER, PROPOSITION OR OFFICIAL ACTION BEFORE THE COMMISSION CAN BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE. PERSONS INTERESTED IN TAKING FURTHER ACTION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH MEETING WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF SUCH MEETING IS MADE (AT THEIR SOLE COST AND EXPENSE) WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH ANY APPEAL IS BASED.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact Anna Doughty at the Florida Association of Counties, 100 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, or by telephone at (850)922-4300, no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of the meeting.

/s/ Nicole Jovanovski

Chair, Florida Local Government

Finance Commission

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Anna Doughty, Florida Association of Counties, 100 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, (850)922-4300

## Section VII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

### DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

#### Board of Veterinary Medicine

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Board of Veterinary Medicine has issued an order disposing of the petition for declaratory statement filed by Renata Couto on September 30, 2025. The following is a summary of the agency's disposition of the petition:

The Notice of Petition for Declaratory Statement was published in Volume 51, No. 198, of the October 10, 2025, issue of the Florida Administrative Register. The Board reviewed the Petition at its meeting held on December 12, 2025, and determined that the Petitioner seeks clarification as to whether she would be allowed to work in veterinary clinical laboratories or in-house laboratories within veterinary clinics, performing laboratory and research-based activities. Will this require veterinary licensure in the State of Florida, given that they fall outside of direct clinical practice? Accordingly, the Board finds that it is unable to answer the Petitioner's inquiry with the information provided and furthermore, more information would be needed setting forth her duties, the nature of the tests and nature of the specific duties of the person performing such tests. The Board's Order was filed on January 8, 2026.

A copy of the Order Disposing of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0751, N13, or by electronic mail - [Ruthanne.Christie@myfloridalicense.com](mailto:Ruthanne.Christie@myfloridalicense.com).

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### Board of Nursing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Board of Nursing has received the petition for declaratory statement from Yulia Forest, on December 2, 2025. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 464, F.S. as it applies to the petitioner.

The Petitioner seeks a Declaratory Statement from the Board and asks the Board to clarify whether it is within her scope of practice to administer botulinum toxin (Botox®) and other FDA-approved cosmetic neurotoxin injectables and dermal fillers under the delegation and supervision of a licensed physician. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to

intervene must be filed within 21 days after the publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Laura Jensen, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C02, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, [MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov](mailto:MQA.Nursing@flhealth.gov), (850)245-4125.

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

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

## Section XI Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and Purchasing

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

#### Division of Administration

Withlacoochee State Forest Seed and Longleaf Orchard Irrigation Installation

ITB FFS 25 26 61 The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS or Department) seeks competitive bids for the complete installation of approximately 128 acres of



irrigation piping within the Withlacoochee State Forest, located in Brooksville, Florida located at 29220 Soult Road, Brooksville, Florida 34602. The solicitation document is available at the MyFloridaMarketPlace, Vendor Information Portal: <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/bids>. Solicitation Number ITB FFS 25 26 61. Interested participants may also contact the purchasing department at CONSTRUCTIONBIDS@FDACS.GOV

## Section XII Miscellaneous

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraphs 120.55(1)(b)7. – 8., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 5, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 9, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5CER25-5	1/6/2026	1/7/2026
5E-1.0012	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.002	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.003	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.007	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.008	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.009	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.012	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.014	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.023	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.025	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.026	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
12-26.008	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12A-19.100	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.001	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.002	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.003	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.004	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.005	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.006	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.007	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.011	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.012	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.013	1/5/2026	1/25/2026

12B-4.014	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.041	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.042	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.043	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.051	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.052	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.053	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-4.054	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.020	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.030	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.040	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.050	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.060	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.070	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.080	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.090	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.100	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.110	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.121	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.150	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.300	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.375	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.400	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.500	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
12B-5.600	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
53ER26-1	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-2	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-3	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-4	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-5	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-6	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
59A-4.126	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
59A-4.1265	1/5/2026	1/25/2026
59A-8.003	1/6/2026	1/26/2026
59A-8.005	1/6/2026	1/26/2026
64B14-7.004	1/6/2026	1/26/2026
66B-2.003	1/6/2026	1/26/2026
66B-2.005	1/6/2026	1/26/2026
66B-2.008	1/6/2026	1/26/2026
66B-2.009	1/6/2026	1/26/2026
66B-2.011	1/6/2026	1/26/2026

66B-2.014	1/6/2026	1/26/2026
66B-2.015	1/6/2026	1/26/2026
68B-8.002	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.003	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.005	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.006	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.007	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.008	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.010	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.011	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.012	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.014	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68D-15.002	1/8/2026	1/28/2026
69O-143.046	1/5/2026	1/25/2026

**LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES**

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
14-10.0043	4/11/2025	**/**/****
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
62-42.300	12/31/2025	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****
69C-2.004	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.005	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.016	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.022	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.026	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.034	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.035	11/5/2025	**/**/****

**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES**

**Division of Motor Vehicles**

**Establishment of a Service Facility of Duval Ford, LLC**

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

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Ford Motor Company, intends to allow the establishment of a Service facility of Duval Ford LLC, dba Duval Ford as a Motor Vehicle Service Facility only of automobiles manufactured by Ford Motor Company (line-make FORD) The intended use of the service-only additional place of business

location is to conduct commercial service operations, including service warranty work for customers, at 7166 Romona Blvd, Jacksonville, (Duval County), Florida 32205, on or after February 11, 2026.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Duval Ford, LLC are dealer operator(s): Hampton H. Graham, 1616 Cassat Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32210; principal investor(s): Kevin F. Snyder, 1616 Cassat Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, Alexander McCrae Graham, 1616 Cassat Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, Erika S. Puhalski, 1616 Cassat Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, Jose Negron, 1616 Cassat Ave, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, Jeffrey S. Curry, 1616 Cassat Ave, Jacksonville, Florida 32210.

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

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

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

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Will Krill, Ford Motor Company, One American Rd, Dearborn, Michigan 48126.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

**FLORIDA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NOTICE (FCEN)  
Eatonville, FL**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the Town of Eatonville's project, located in Orange County, for Drinking Water System Improvements is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The total estimated construction cost is \$17,516,000. The project may qualify for a Drinking Water SRF loan composed of federal and state funds. DEP will consider public comments about the environmental impacts of

the proposed projects that are postmarked or delivered at the address below within 30 days of this notice. A copy of the FCEN can be obtained by writing to: Matthew Lopez-Calleja, DEP, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or calling (850)245-2199 or emailing Matthew.LopezCalleja@FloridaDEP.gov

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

##### Policy and Procedures Update

The Department has posted the draft policy and procedures for review and comment for FDJJ 9326 Medical Reimbursements for Moderate and Secure Residential Programs Policy and Procedures. The draft policy and procedures will be posted until January 23, 2026 on the Department's webpage at <http://www.djj.state.fl.us/partners/policies-resources/departments/policies/policies-under-review>. Directions for submitting comments can be found at the Policies Under Review webpage.

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Division of Community Development

##### Commerce Final Order No. COM-26-002

##### FINAL ORDER

##### APPROVING MONROE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 023-2025

The Florida Department of Commerce ("Department") hereby issues its Final Order, pursuant to sections 380.05(6) and 380.0552(9), Florida Statutes, approving land development regulations adopted by Monroe County, Florida (the "County"), Ordinance No. 023-2025 (the "Ordinance").

##### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Florida Keys Area is designated by section 380.0552, Florida Statutes, as an area of critical state concern. The County is a local government within the Florida Keys Area.
2. The Ordinance was adopted by the County on October 15, 2025, and rendered to the Department on November 17, 2025.
3. The Ordinance amends Chapter 122 of the County's Land Development Code by eliminating the requirement for inspections of enclosed areas below residential structures, eliminating the Floodplain Certificate of Compliance Program, and eliminating the requirements for enclosed areas below elevated buildings.

##### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. The Department is required to approve or reject land development regulations that are adopted by any local government in an area of critical state concern. See §§ 380.05(6) Fla Stat.
5. "Land development regulations" include local zoning, subdivision, building, and other regulations controlling the development of land. § 380.031(8), Fla. Stat. The regulations adopted by the Ordinance are land development regulations.

6. The Ordinance is consistent with the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan generally, as required by section 163.3177(1), Florida Statutes, and specifically, with Objective 218.1, Objective 218.2, Policy 218.2.3, Policy 218.2.4, Policy 218.2.5, and Policy 218.3.1.

7. All land development regulations enacted, amended, or rescinded within an area of critical state concern must be consistent with the principles for guiding development for that area. §§ 380.05(6) and 380.0552(7), Fla Stat. The Principles for Guiding Development for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern are set forth in Section 380.0552(7), Florida Statutes.

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

- (a) Strengthening local government capabilities for managing land use and development so that local government can achieve these objectives without continuing the area of critical state concern designation;
- (m) Providing adequate alternatives for the protection of public safety and welfare in the event of a natural or manmade disaster and for a post disaster reconstruction plan; and
- (n) Protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Florida Keys and maintaining the Florida Keys as a unique Florida resource.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Department finds that Monroe County Ordinance No. 023-2025 is consistent with the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan and Principles for Guiding Development for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern and is hereby APPROVED.

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

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Florida.

/s/ Justin Domer , Justin Domer, Deputy Secretary, Division of Community Development, Florida Department of Commerce

##### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS

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

A PETITION MUST BE FILED WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF BEING PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER. A PETITION IS FILED WHEN IT IS RECEIVED BY:

AGENCY CLERK

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

107 EAST MADISON ST., MSC 110  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-4128  
FAX (850)921-3230

AGENCY.CLERK@COMMERCE.FL.GOV

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

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

DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT MATERIAL FACTS ARE DISPUTED IN THE PETITION, A HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO EITHER SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, OR SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(2), FLORIDA STATUTES. PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.573, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND CHAPTER 28, PART IV, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT MEDIATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

#### CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order has been filed with the undersigned designated Agency Clerk, and that true and correct copies have been furnished to the following persons by the methods indicated this 9th day of January 2026.

/s/ Karis De Gannes, Agency Clerk, Karis De Gannes, Florida Department of Commerce, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Tallahassee, FL 32399-4128, Telephone: (850)245-7151, Facsimile: (850)921-3230

By U.S. Mail:

The Honorable Michelle Lincoln, Mayor, Monroe County, 530 Whitehead Street, Suite 102, Key West, Florida 33040

Kevin Madok, Clerk, Monroe County, Board of County Commissioners, 500 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida 33040

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By U.S. Mail:

The Honorable Michelle Lincoln, Mayor, Monroe County, 530 Whitehead Street, Suite 102, Key West, Florida 33040

Kevin Madok, Clerk, Monroe County, Board of County Commissioners, 500 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida 33040

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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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