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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NO.: 25-6.049 RULE TITLE: Measuring Customer Service
 PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify the rule following the statutory rule review mandated by Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes.

Docket No.: 20260037-OT
 SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Electric utility customer metering

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05(1)
 LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.05(1), 366.06(1), 366.81, 366.82
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NOS.: 25-6.0435 RULE TITLES: Interim Rate Relief
 25-6.109 Refunds

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify the rules following the statutory rule review mandated by Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes.
 Docket No.: 20260036-OT

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Electric utility refund and interim rate requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05(1)
 LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.03, 366.04(1), (2)(f), 366.06(3), 366.07, 366.071

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RULE NOS.: 25-7.040 RULE TITLES: Interim Rate Relief
 25-7.091 Refunds

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify the rules following the statutory rule review mandated by Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes.

Docket No.: 20260036-OT
 SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Gas utility refunds and interim rate requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05(1), 366.071

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.06(3), 366.071
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
25-9.001	Application and Scope
25-9.004	General Filing Instructions
25-9.006	Size and Form of Tariffs
25-9.007	Gas - Electric - Water - Wastewater Utility Tariffs
25-9.009	Numbering and General Data Required for Each Sheet
25-9.010	Numbering of Supplements and Additions
25-9.021	Title Page
25-9.023	Description of Territory Served
25-9.029	Index of Rate or Exchange Schedules
25-9.033	Standard Forms
25-9.034	Contracts and Agreements
25-9.045	Withdrawal of Tariffs
25-9.051	Definitions
25-9.054	Size and Form of Documentation
25-9.055	Electric Utility Documentation
25-9.061	Title Page
25-9.069	Standard Forms and Blank Bill Form

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify the rules following the statutory rule review mandated by Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes.

Docket No.: 20260038-OT

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Tariff filing requirements for Commission regulated utilities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05(1), 367.121

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.04(2)(b), 366.05(1), 367.091, 367.101, 367.121

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
25-9.020	Front Cover
25-9.060	Front Cover
25-9.071	Back Cover

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To repeal rules determined to be unnecessary following the statutory rule review mandated by Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes.

Docket No.: 20260040-OT

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Tariff filing requirements for Commission regulated utilities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05(1), 367.121

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.04(2)(b), 366.05(1), 367.091

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
25-30.010	Rules for General Application
25-30.255	Measurement of Service for Water Utilities
25-30.434	Application for Allowance for Funds Prudently Invested (AFPI) Charges

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify rules, and to repeal an unnecessary rule, following the statutory rule review mandated by Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes.

Docket No.: 20260040-OT

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Water and wastewater application and service requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 367.121

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 367.081, 367.111, 367.121

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:
25-30.117 Accounting for Pension Costs
25-30.360 Refunds

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify the rules following the statutory rule review mandated by Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes.

Docket No.: 20260036-OT

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Water and wastewater accounting standards and refund requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 367.121

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 367.081, 367.0814, 367.082(2), 367.121

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AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Health Facility and Agency Licensing

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
59A-37.004 Admission Criteria and Procedures,
 Appropriateness of Placement, and
 Continued Residency Requirements

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rule 59A-37.004 outlines requirements for Do Not Resuscitate Orders (DNROs) for Adult Family Care Homes.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The Agency proposes to amend this rule to update language and incorporated material.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 429.73 F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 429.65, 429.73 F.S.

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DATE AND TIME: April 13, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308, Building 3, Conference Room A. 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#. The agenda and related materials will be posted prior to the workshop on the web at: <https://ahca.myflorida.com/health-quality-assurance/bureau-of-health-facility-regulation/rulemaking>.

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AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Certificate of Need

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
59C-1.002 Definitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rule 59C-1.002 outlines definitions pertaining to Certificate of Need (CON). The Agency is proposing to amend Rule 59C-1.002 to remove obsolete language and update language.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Rule 59C-1.002 outlines definitions pertaining to Certificate of Need (CON). The Agency is proposing to amend Rule 59C-1.002 to remove obsolete language and update language.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 408.034(8), 408.15(8), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 408.033(1)(a), 408.036(1), (2), 408.037(1), 408.039(1), (2), 651.118, F.S.

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DATE AND TIME: April 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308, Building 3, Conference Room A. 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#. The agenda and related materials will be posted prior to the

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AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

59G-4.199 Mental Health Targeted Case Management

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendment to Rule 59G-4.199, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), is to incorporate by reference the Florida Medicaid Targeted Case Management Services Coverage Policy, _____, and change the rule title to Targeted Case Management Services. The incorporated coverage policy will specify recipient eligibility, provider requirements, service coverage, and reimbursement information.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Targeted Case Management Services.

An additional area to be addressed during the workshop will be the potential regulatory impact Rule 59G-4.199, F.A.C., will have as provided for under sections 120.54 and 120.541, Florida Statutes.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 409.919, 409.961 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.973 FS.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: April 10, 2026, 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407.

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contacting: MedicaidRuleComments@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).

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Official comments to be entered into the rule record will be received until 5:00 p.m., April 11, 2026, and may be emailed to MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

~~59G-4.199 Mental Health Targeted Case Management Services.~~

(1) This rule applies to all ~~mental health targeted case management~~ providers rendering Florida Medicaid targeted case management services to recipients enrolled in the Medicaid Mental Health Targeted Case Management Program.

(2) All ~~Medicaid enrolled mental health targeted case management~~ providers must be in compliance with the provisions of the Florida Medicaid ~~Mental Health Targeted Case Management Services Coverage Policy, _____ and Limitations Handbook, July 2006, updated June 2007,~~ incorporated by reference. The policy is available on the Agency for Health Care Administration's website, <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/review/index.shtml>, and at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19448>, and the Florida Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Handbook, Non-Institutional 081, which is incorporated by reference in rule 59G 13.001, F.A.C. Both handbooks are available from the Medicaid fiscal agent's website at <http://floridamedicaid.aes-inc.com>. Click on Provider Support, and then on Handbooks. Paper copies of the handbooks may be obtained by calling the Medicaid fiscal agent at 1(800)377-8216.

(3) ~~The following forms that are included in the Florida Medicaid Mental Health Targeted Case Management Coverage and Limitations Handbook are incorporated by reference: Agency Certification, Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 022, June 2007, in Appendix B, one page; Agency Certification, Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 023, June 2007, in Appendix C, one page; Agency Certification, Intensive Case Management Team Services, Adult Mental~~

~~Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 024, June 2007, in Appendix D, one page; Case Management Supervisor Certification, Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 025, July 2006, in Appendix E, one page; Case Management Supervisor Certification, Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 026, July 2006, in Appendix F, one page; Case Manager Certification, Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 027, July 2006, in Appendix G, one page; Case Manager Certification, Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 028, July 2006, in Appendix H, one page; Children's Certification, Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 029, July 2006, in Appendix I, one page; Adult Certification, Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 030, July 2006, in Appendix J, one page; Adult Certification, Intensive Case Management Team Services, Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 031, July 2006, in Appendix K, two pages; Medicaid 30 Day Certification for Children's or Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management, AHCA Med Serv Form 032, June 2007, in Appendix L, one page. The forms are available by photocopying them from the Florida Medicaid Mental Health Targeted Case Management Coverage and Limitations Handbook.~~

~~Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.973 FS. History—New 6-21-06, Amended 1-2-08, _____.~~

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Cosmetology

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
61G5-18.001	Who May Apply
61G5-18.004	Re-examination
61G5-18.011	Initial Licensure or Registration Requirement for Instruction on Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; Course Content and Approval Requirements

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a rule amendment to update the requirements for who may apply, Re-examination, and Licensure or Registration Requirement for Instruction on Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; Course Content and Approval Requirements.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The rule addresses who may apply, Re-examination, and Licensure or Registration Requirement for Instruction on Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; Course Content and Approval Requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 455.217(2), 455.2228(5), 477.016, 477.019(2) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 455.217(2), 455.2228, 477.019(2), 477.022 FS.

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Cosmetology

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
61G5-30.004	Citations

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a rule amendment to update the requirements for citations.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The rule addresses Citations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 455.224, 477.016 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 455.224 FS.

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DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Cosmetology

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
61G5-32.001	Continuing Education

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes a rule amendment to update the requirements for Continuing Education.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The rule addresses Continuing Education.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 455.2178, 455.2179, 455.2228, 477.016, 477.019(7) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 455.2178, 455.2179, 455.2228, 477.019(7) FS.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
62-342.100	Intent
62-342.200	Definitions
62-342.470	Establishment of Mitigation Credits
62-342.600	Mitigation Service Area
62-342.650	Land Use Restrictions on Mitigation Banks
62-342.700	Financial Responsibility

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Chapter 62-342, F.A.C., provides the framework for permitting a mitigation bank and was last revised in 2015. The Department is proposing rule revisions to clarify the existing rule and to better align the state and federal mitigation bank programs. Section 3, Chapter 2022-215, Laws of Florida, directed the Department to adopt and modify rules adopted pursuant to ss. 373.4136 and 373.414, Florida Statutes, to ensure that required financial assurances are equivalent and sufficient to provide for the long-term management of mitigation permitted under ss. 373.4136 and 373.414, Florida Statutes.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The Department is proposing amendments to Chapter 62-342, F.A.C., to add definitions, clarify regulatory requirements, align state and federal mitigation bank programs, and update the requirements for financial assurance. Financial assurance is a required component in the establishment and operation of a mitigation bank pursuant to s. 373.4136, Florida Statutes. This rule

development is intended to clarify and update the current requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Chapter 2022-215, section 3, Laws of Florida, 373.4131, 373.4135(1), 373.4136(11), 373.414, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.4131, 373.4135, 373.4136, 403.0877, F.S.

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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. 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).

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**Section II
Proposed Rules**

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Division of Criminal Justice Information Systems

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
11C-6.004	Procedures for Requesting Criminal History Records

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: 11C-6.004: Updating the rule to reflect the current version of the VECHS Qualified Entity Application form and the name of the unit within the agency that provides these services.

SUMMARY: Updates to the forms references in the rule and the name of the unit.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The Department's economic analysis of the adverse impact or potential regulatory costs of the proposed rule did not exceed any of the criteria established in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes.

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: 943.03(4), 943.053(3), 943.0542, 943.056, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 943.053(3), 943.0542, 943.056, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW (IF NOT REQUESTED, THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD):

DATE AND TIME: Thursday April 16, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Information Services, 2331 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Rachel Truxell at (850)410-7100, or racheltruxell@fdle.state.fl.us, or write to Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Information Services, 2331 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

11C-6.004 Procedures for Requesting Criminal History Records.

(1) Requests for Florida criminal history records contained in the systems of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement are to be requested through electronic means as provided by the Department or directed to the following address:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Criminal Justice Information Services
~~Applicant Services Unit Criminal History Services~~
Post Office Box 1489
Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489.

In order for the Department to respond to requests for Florida criminal history information, the person or entity who wishes to review or secure such information shall provide to the Department the subject's full name, race, sex, and date of birth or approximate age. If available, the social security number may be provided.

(2) through (3) No change.

(4) Entities applying to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to be qualified to receive criminal history records under the NCPA of 1993, as amended, must first complete and submit the following documents to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, in accordance with the instructions provided: VECHS ~~Application for Qualified Entities Qualified Entity Application~~ ~~Volunteer & Employee Criminal History System~~ (NCPA 1; Rev. ~~November 2025~~ ~~April 2024~~), hereby incorporated by reference

<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19385>

~~[https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-](https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17907)~~

~~17907~~. Entities that are qualified through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to receive criminal history records under the NCPA must have their employees, volunteers, contractors, and vendors submit fingerprints electronically for each person to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for each request for a criminal history record check. An employee means any person who receives remuneration from an employer for the performance of any work or service while engaged in any employment under any appointment or contract for hire or apprenticeship, express or implied, oral or written, this includes, persons who are being paid by the qualified entity as a contractor, a subcontractor, or a business or individual providing services as a vendor, shall qualify as an employee for this purpose. A volunteer shall be defined as any person who, of his or her own free will, provides goods or services, to any qualified entity, with no monetary or material compensation. Qualified entities that release to another qualified entity any criminal history record information received pursuant to the NCPA must complete and maintain the following document, in accordance with the instructions provided: VECHS Dissemination Log – Volunteer & Employee Criminal History System (NCPA 4, Rev. ~~July 2025~~ ~~December~~

2021, <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19386>
<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-17886>).

Rulemaking Authority 943.03(4), 943.053(3), 943.0542, 943.056, FS. Law Implemented 943.053(3), 943.0542, 943.056 FS. History—New 12-30-76, Amended 11-7-83, Formerly 11C-6.04, Amended 9-1-88, 4-1-93, 7-7-99, 8-22-00, 7-29-01, 12-3-03, 6-9-08, 6-3-10, 5-21-12, 3-13-13, 5-29-14, 9-4-16, 7-19-17, 8-15-18, 7-6-22, 8-30-23, 7-22-24, 4-9-25,_____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
 Policy and Planning Administrator Joshua Gray
 NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Governor and Cabinet
 DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 24, 2026
 DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 29, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
Division of Local Law Enforcement Assistance

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:
 11D-12.005 Definitions for Expedited DNA Testing Grant
 11D-12.006 Procedures for Expedited DNA Testing Grant

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: 11D-12.005: Instituting definitions of terms that will be utilized in the implementation and administration of Expedited DNA Testing Grant. 11D-12.006: Instituting the process and procedures in which the Expedited DNA Testing Grant will be implemented and administered.

SUMMARY: Instituting the definitions and the procedure for the Expedited DNA Testing Grant.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The Department’s economic analysis of the adverse impact or potential regulatory costs of the proposed rule did not exceed any of the criteria established in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes.

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: 943.03(4), 943.328(6), F.S.
 LAW IMPLEMENTED: 943.328, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW (IF NOT REQUESTED, THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD):

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 16, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
 PLACE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, IFS, 2331 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

11D-12.005 Definitions for Expedited DNA Testing Grant.

As used in Rule 11D-12.006, F.A.C., the following definitions apply:

(1) “STR DNA Testing” shall mean the methods and technologies utilized to generate a Short Tandem Repeat (STR) profile compatible with forensic STR DNA testing utilized for generation of profiles for the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

(2) “STR profile” shall mean a Short Tandem Repeat DNA profile generated by or owned by a participating member of the statewide criminal laboratory analysis system (section 943.32, F.S.) with access to the state CODIS database (section 943.325, F.S.).

(3) “DNA record” means all information associated with the collection and analysis of a person’s DNA sample, including the distinguishing characteristics collectively referred to as a DNA profile, and includes STR profiles, SNP profiles, and the results of whole genome sequencing. (section 119.071, F.S.)

(4) “Public crime laboratory” shall mean a member of the statewide criminal laboratory analysis system (section 943.32, F.S.)

(5) “Participating entities” shall mean Florida law enforcement agencies who employ law enforcement officers as defined in section 943.10, F.S., and the Department.

(6) “Private laboratory” shall mean a vendor laboratory holding accreditation from a recognized accrediting body (American National Standards Institute-National Accreditation Board, ANAB; American Association for Laboratory Accreditation, A2LA) where the Scope of Accreditation includes STR DNA testing.

(7) “Quality Assurance Standards” shall refer to the current version of the Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories as issued by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which apply to laboratories in the generation of DNA profiles that may be offered to the National DNA Index System and/or are generated using Federal funds. The following are defined within the QAS: Accreditation, Casework reference sample, CODIS, Outsourcing, Ownership, Ownership review, Technical Leader, Technical review, Vendor laboratory.

Rulemaking Authority 120.536(1), 120.54, 943.325(4), 943.328(1) FS. Law Implemented 943.328 FS. History— New .

11D-12.006 Procedures for Expedited DNA Testing Grant.

Expedited DNA Testing Grant Program:

(1) Any statewide or local Florida Law Enforcement Agency, including such agencies that house a laboratory that is part of the statewide criminal laboratory analysis system (section 943.32, F.S.) may apply for funding, when available, for the use of a private accredited laboratory for forensic DNA testing.

(2) Funding may be utilized under two circumstances.

(a) The technology or technique needed to perform STR DNA testing is not readily available from the statewide criminal laboratory analysis system.

Attestation by the DNA Technical Leader or supervisory member of the public crime laboratory which normally provides DNA services to the applicant, that the technology or technique is not readily available, must be documented on the application form.

(b) When the public crime laboratory that normally serves the law enforcement customer advises that its anticipated turnaround time for the case exceeds that which the investigating agency determines is necessary to advance the investigation.

1. The public crime laboratory which normally provides DNA services to the applicant must indicate its capacity to accommodate a rushed testing request and provide a good faith

estimate as to the time needed to conduct the requested DNA testing, to be documented on the application form.

2. A need for expedited DNA testing services to advance the investigation is demonstrated by the applicant on the application form and does not include expedited DNA testing where the putative perpetrator has already been identified, is currently incarcerated, or for pending hearing and trial proceedings.

(3) Technical and Case Criteria

(a) Cases where CODIS-eligible DNA profile(s) may be developed, require approval from the public crime laboratory DNA Technical Leader before DNA testing is initiated, as per the current National DNA Index System (NDIS) Operational Procedures Manual, the Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories (QAS) as issued by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the public crime laboratory’s Memorandum of Understanding with the FBI for the use of CODIS.

(b) Participating entities must not purposefully split cases between the public and private laboratory, meaning some evidence submitted to each for the same case, barring circumstances where the public crime laboratory has not validated the most appropriate procedure to perform the necessary testing for one or more items of evidence.

Some DNA records for known casework reference sample donors cannot be provided to the private vendor laboratory by the public crime laboratory; therefore, it may be necessary for some known reference standard samples to be sent to the private vendor laboratory along with the evidence as well as to the public laboratory for comparison and CODIS entry purposes.

(c) Cases where all necessary known reference samples from individuals associated with the case (alleged victim, alleged suspect, subjects, elimination donors) are available for direct comparisons with forensic crime scene samples and where the evidentiary profiles are either not eligible for CODIS entry or would not benefit the criminal justice community by being entered into CODIS (expected resulting profiles are already in CODIS) do not require public laboratory DNA TL prior approval.

Law enforcement agencies and vendor laboratories may not petition the public crime laboratory DNA TL for technical ownership review after testing has been initiated or completed.

(d) Acceptance of STR DNA profiles for technical ownership review and possible entry into CODIS will not be considered for any case where DNA TL approval was not obtained prior to initiation of DNA extraction by the vendor, per case submission to the vendor.

(e) Funds are to be used for STR DNA testing using generally accepted methods, where expediency beyond that available from the public laboratory is warranted.

(f) Funds may not be used for cases where use of the private vendor laboratory would not comply with section 932.326, F.S. regarding the required testing of sexual assault evidence kits.

(4) Vendor Criteria and Responsibility

(a) Accreditation by a recognized accrediting body to ISO/IEC 17025:2017, additional requirements for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories as determined by the accrediting body, and the current version of the FBI DNA QAS.

Must satisfy accreditation requirements of the Federal DNA Identification Act (34 U.S.C. §12592).

(b) It is the responsibility of the grant applicant to ensure the chosen vendor qualifies to receive the passthrough grant funding and to obtain any necessary approvals.

(c) Any vendor receiving passthrough funding, must supply the public laboratory with all documentation necessary to satisfy QAS 17 (Outsourcing Ownership). The FBI On-site Vendor Program where documentation is collected but not reviewed or audited does not substitute for this requirement.

(d) All vendors must adhere to sections 760.40 and 119.071, F.S., and any other applicable Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code Rule in order to be eligible to receive passthrough funding.

(5) Public Crime Laboratory Responsibility

(a) Regarding the technical ownership review of data generated by a private vendor laboratory, the public crime laboratory must follow its own Policies and Procedures, however named, and adhere to all documents indicated in (3)(a).

(b) The law enforcement applicant must liaise with the public crime laboratory that would normally provide DNA testing services for that agency as part of the Statewide Crime Laboratory System (FDLE Regional Crime Laboratories, Miami-Dade Sheriff’s Office Crime Laboratory, Broward Sheriff’s Office Crime Laboratory, Indian River Regional Crime Laboratory, Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office Crime Laboratory, Pinellas County Forensic Laboratory) to complete its application form.

(c) If a vendor laboratory for which the public laboratory DNA TL has not satisfied FBI DNA QAS 17 for a given calendar year is selected by the grant applicant, the public crime laboratory may request 45 calendar days to review and approve the necessary documentation prior to the initiation of testing.

The public crime laboratory DNA TL may refuse to review the technical specifications as per FBI DNA QAS 17.2, if the public crime laboratory deems in-house testing would be more expeditious. Consideration is given for time required to satisfy the QAS 17.3, to ensure the laboratory has and follows a documented procedure to verify the integrity of the DNA data received for the purposes of taking ownership of DNA data from a vendor laboratory.

(d) As part of the application process, the public crime laboratory that would normally serve the law enforcement agency must provide a good faith estimate of the time it would take to process the case in-house.

(e) A public crime laboratory may apply for and utilize funding to outsource testing in accordance with its own Policies and Procedures as a means of reducing overall turnaround time to customers, including cases it selects to outsource in order to accommodate expedited testing requests in-house and/or a case for which an application for Expedited DNA Testing Grant Funding was made.

The public crime laboratory’s parent law enforcement agency will serve as grantee and provide the same documentation as any grantee.

(6) Application Review and Prioritization

(a) Applicants must use the prescribed form provided by the Department and submit all requested accompanying documentation in support of eligibility for consideration.

Application review by the Department is contingent on staffing and subject matter expert availability.

(b) Applications will be reviewed when funding is available. In the event insufficient funding is available, cases demonstrating exigent public safety threat may be prioritized.

(7) Awardees must follow procurement rules and provide performance reporting metrics, monthly during the period in which the grantee and the Department have an executed contract for passthrough funding, and including an end-of-case form.

(8) Status of funding and application materials will be maintained on the Department website.

Rulemaking Authority 943.03(4), 943.328(6) FS. Law Implemented 943.328 FS. History– New .

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:

Director Jason Bundy

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Governor and Cabinet

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 24, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 31, 2025

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
40C-3.0321	Delegation
40C-3.035	Agreements
40C-3.036	Forms and Instructions
40C-3.041	Permits Required
40C-3.051	Exemptions
40C-3.101	Content of Application

- 40C-3.301 Conditions for Issuance of Permits
- 40C-3.411 Well Completion Report
- 40C-3.461 Inspection
- 40C-3.502 Construction Methods
- 40C-3.512 Well Construction Requirements
- 40C-3.517 Grouting and Sealing
- 40C-3.521 Well Seals
- 40C-3.531 Abandoned Well Plugging

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect of the proposed rule amendments are to: (1) update the delegation of authority for the Executive Director to designate staff to carry out various tasks under Chapter 40C-3, F.A.C. (in 40C-3.0321); (2) incorporate by reference updated water well permitting delegation agreements between St. Johns River Water Management District (District) and Brevard County, City of Jacksonville, Indian River County, Marion County, Osceola County, and St. Johns County (in 40C-3.035); (3) incorporate by reference new water well permitting delegation agreements with Alachua County and Seminole County (in 40C-3.035); (4) incorporate by reference a new water well permitting delegation agreement with the Suwannee River Water Management District (Suwannee) regarding the small portion of Bradford County within the District's boundary that is not currently regulated by Suwannee under Part III of Chapter 373, F.S. (in 40C-3.035); (5) add Department of State (DOS) links for several existing agreements referenced that currently lack a DOS link (in 40C-3.035); (6) incorporate references to standards and methods contained within rules of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that are incorporated within Chapter 40C-3 (in 40C-3.036); (7) update District's address and telephone number for obtaining copies of incorporated materials (in 40C-3.036); (8) delete all references to Chapter 62-671, F.A.C., and rules within Chapter 62-671 (in 40C-3.036, 40C-3.411, 40C-3.502, 40C-3.517, and 40C-3.521); (9) clarify that wells, which supply water to public water systems not covered or included in the Florida Safe Drinking Water Act, are included in the category of Public Water Supply Well (in 40C-3.041(5)); (10) clarify requirements for wells constructed under section 373.326(2), F.S., and delete a reference to Chapter 40C-5 that was repealed in 2015 (in 40C-3.051); (11) update/clarify application requirements, including that a person with sufficient legal interest or control over the land or their agent must sign the permit application (in 40C-3.101); (12) update/clarify the conditions for issuance of a water well permit and clarify duration of permit (in 40C-3.301); (13) update inspection criteria and delete District offer to sell water well tags (in 40C-3.461); (14) incorporate general reference to Chapter 62-524, F.A.C., and references to setback requirements of 62-532.400(7) and (8), F.A.C. (in 40C-3.036 and 40C-3.502); (15) update and incorporate references to AWWA Standard C654-21, Section 4.3, guidelines for disinfection of filter or gravel pack materials, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) EPA-570/9-75-001, Section 54.001-000-000, and EPA methods 601, 602 and 610 (in 40C-3.036 and 40C-3.512); (16) delete references to Chapters 62-550, 62-555, 62-560, 62-610, 62-761, 64E-8, and 64E-6, F.A.C. (in 40C-3.502); (17) add map of and reference the Picketville Landfill Special Construction Criteria Area located within Duval County, Florida (in 40C-3.502 and 40C-3.512); (18) add map of and reference the Fairbanks Special Construction Criteria Area located within Alachua County, Florida (in 40C-3.502 and 40C-3.512); (19) amend grouting and sealing rule to clarify grouting and sealing requirements for jetted wells, allow increased use of bentonite, clarify protection of monitoring wells, and allow use of bentonite chips or pellets for abandonment under specific conditions (in 40C-3.517); (20) clarify well seal requirements for a monitoring well (in 40C-3.521), and (21) clarify a water well contractor's and property owner's responsibility to plug an uncompleted or unsuitable well, and clarify a property owner's responsibility to ensure that an abandoned well is plugged by a water well contractor (in 40C-3.531).

SUMMARY: The proposed rules would: (1) incorporate various water well permitting delegation agreements, allowing for local regulation of the construction, repair, and abandonment of certain water wells, as well as some compliance responsibilities, plus a limited ability to grant variances; (2) incorporate certain standards and methods contained within rules of DEP that are incorporated in Chapter 40C-3; (3) update the address and telephone number of District offices; (4) clarify what is a Public Water Supply Well; (5) clarify requirements for exempt wells constructed under 373.326(6) and delete outdated reference to Chapter 40C-5; (6) update/clarify application requirements; (7) update/clarify conditions for issuance of a water well permit and clarify duration of permit; (8) update inspection criteria and clarify water well tag requirement; (9) insert figures of special construction criteria areas; (10) amend and clarify grouting and sealing requirements and requirements for well abandonment; (11) clarify responsibility for plugging uncompleted or unsuitable wells and responsibility for plugging abandoned wells; and (12) delete outdated or unincorporated rule references or standards.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will 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 been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC can be accessed here: <https://aws.sjrwmd.com/SJRWMD/permitting/ruledevelopment/SERC-for-40C-3.035.pdf>.

The SERC concludes that amendments to 40C-3.035, F.A.C., will have an adverse impact on small business, but are not likely to increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$1,000,000 in the aggregate within five years after the implementation of the rule. Based on the best available information, the proposed SERC concludes that the amendments to the water well delegations in 40C-3.035 will result in an increased economic cost from implementing the new regulatory delegations, and the total cost over five years will be approximately \$383,690.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: Based on the completed "Is a SERC Required?" form and summary and the analysis performed by District staff in preparing and completing those documents, the proposed rule amendments are not expected to require legislative ratification pursuant to subsection 120.541(3), F.S.

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

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 373.044, 373.113, 373.118, 373.171, 373.309, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.019, 373.046, 373.083(5), 373.103, 373.109, 373.303, 373.306, 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.316, 373.319, 373.326, 373.337, 373.342, F.S.

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: Tom Mayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177-2529, (386)329-4108, email: tmayton@sjrwmd.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

40C-3.0321 Delegation.

The authority for general administration of Chapter 40C-3, F.A.C., is delegated to the Executive Director of the District. It is the policy of the Board that in making this delegation the Executive Director is authorized to designate specific staff members to carry out various tasks, but that overall supervision and responsibility shall rest with the Executive Director. The Executive Director, ~~Director of the Division of Regulatory Services, Chief of the Bureau of Water Use Regulation,~~ and the

~~Executive Director's designees Well Construction Permitting Program Manager~~ are expressly authorized to issue permits and licenses under this chapter as provided in sections 373.342(1), 373.323(5) and 373.324(2), F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.083(5), 373.308, 373.309(2), 373.323(5), 373.324(2), 373.333, 373.342 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Formerly 40C-3.032, 40C-3.0032, Amended 9-17-89, Formerly 40C-3.032, Amended 12-30-03, 7-27-16,_____.

40C-3.035 Agreements.

The Governing Board hereby incorporates by reference the following documents:

(1) "Memorandum of Understanding Between the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Department of Environmental Regulation Concerning Procedures for Handling Public Drinking Water Supply Well Sources Applications" (dated January 20, 1981), effective October 14, 1984, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19263>.

(2) "An agreement between the City of Jacksonville and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Amended and Restated Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement with the City of Jacksonville, effective [effective date], and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19264> ~~Regarding Water Wells~~, dated November 29, 1978.

(3) "Interagency Agreement Between the Department of Environmental Regulation and the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services", (dated June 25, 1992), effective January 8, 1996, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19265> ~~(revised to read Department of Environmental Protection) regarding delineated area permitting, chapter 17-524, F.A.C. (transferred to rule 62-524, F.A.C., February 7, 1995).~~

(4) An agreement between Indian River County Health Department and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Amended Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement with the Florida Department of Health in Indian River County regarding water well permitting, effective [effective date], and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19266> ~~dated November 8, 1995.~~

(5) An agreement between the Florida Department of Health, Clay County Health Department and the St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Amended Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement, effective dated September 6, 2001, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19267>.

(6) An agreement between Florida Department of Health, Volusia County Health Department and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Water Well Permitting

Delegation Agreement, effective dated May 24, 2007, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19268>.

(7) An agreement between the Florida Department of Health, St. Johns County Health Department and the St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Amended Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement With the State of Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County, effective [effective date], and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19269> dated September 6, 2001.

(8) An agreement between the Florida Department of Health, Nassau County Public Health Department and the St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Amended Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement, effective dated September 6, 2001, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19270>.

(9) An agreement between the Florida Department of Health, Flagler County Public Health Department and the St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Amended Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement, effective dated September 6, 2001, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19271>.

(10) An agreement between Florida Department of Health, Lake County Health Department and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled regarding ~~W~~water ~~W~~well ~~P~~ermitting ~~D~~elegation Agreement, effective dated September 7, 1999, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19272>.

(11) An agreement between Florida Department of Health, Osceola County Health Department and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Amended regarding ~~W~~water ~~W~~well ~~P~~ermitting ~~D~~elegation Agreement With Florida Department of Health in Osceola County, effective [effective date], and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19273> dated September 7, 1999.

(12) An agreement between Florida Department of Health, Putnam County Health Department and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled regarding ~~W~~water ~~W~~well ~~P~~ermitting ~~D~~elegation Agreement, effective July dated June 25, 2002, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19274>.

(13) An agreement between Florida Department of Health, Brevard County Health Department and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled regarding ~~W~~water ~~W~~well ~~P~~ermitting ~~D~~elegation Agreement, effective dated July 25, 2002, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19275>.

(14) An agreement between Florida Department of Health, Okeechobee County Health Department and St. Johns River

Water Management District entitled Amended regarding ~~W~~water ~~W~~well ~~P~~ermitting ~~D~~elegation Agreement, effective dated July 25, 2002, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19276>.

(15) An agreement between Florida Department of Health, Baker County Health Department and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled regarding ~~W~~water ~~W~~well ~~P~~ermitting ~~D~~elegation Agreement, effective dated January 11, 2006, and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19277>.

(16) An agreement between Florida Department of Health, Marion County Health Department and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Second Amended Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement With Florida Department of Health in Marion County, effective [effective date], and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19278> dated January 5, 2012, (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00802>.

(17) An agreement between Florida Department of Health in Orange County and St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement effective November 12, 2013 and available at: dated (11-12-13) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-03277>).

(18) An Amended Interagency Agreement between St. Johns River Water Management District and Florida Department of Environmental Protection Concerning Applications for Projects Involving the Construction and Operation of Underground Injection of Water Facilities effective January 19, 2016 and available at: dated 1-19-16, <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-06236>.

(19) An agreement between the Florida Department of Health, Alachua County Health Department and the St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement With Florida Department of Health in Alachua County, effective [effective date], and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19279>.

(20) An agreement between the Suwannee River Water Management District and the St. Johns River Water Management District regarding water well permitting in Bradford County, effective [effective date], and available at: <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19280>.

(21) An agreement between the Florida Department of Health, Seminole County Health Department and the St. Johns River Water Management District entitled Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement With Florida Department of Health in Seminole County, effective [effective date], and

available at:
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19281>.

(19) renumbered as (22) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.046, 373.083, 373.106, 373.109, 373.308, 373.309 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Amended 12-5-85, Formerly 40C-3.035, 40C-3.0035, Amended 1-8-96, 4-21-96, 7-21-96, 12-22-96, 3-10-97, 1-3-00, 9-6-01, 6-25-02, 7-25-02, 1-11-06, 5-18-06, 5-24-07, 5-20-08, 1-5-12, 11-12-13, 1-19-16,_____.

40C-3.036 Forms and Publications Incorporated by Reference.

The following Department rules, publications, standards and forms regarding construction, repair, and abandonment of wells and water well contractor licensing, shall apply to the water well program administered by the District, and are incorporated by reference herein. Copies may be obtained in accordance with subsection ~~(13)~~(4) below.

(1) Chapter 62-531, F.A.C., Water Well Contractor Licensing Requirements (June 22, 2014) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07121>). The following publication referenced in Chapter 62-531, F.A.C., is also incorporated by reference herein: The Department's Water Well Contractor ~~Disciplinary~~ Disciplinary Guidelines and Citations Dictionary (June 22, 2014) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07122>), incorporated by reference in subsection 62-531.450(1), F.A.C.

(2) through (4) No change.

(5) Section 4.3 of American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard C654-21 (2022), which is incorporated by reference herein and mentioned in paragraph 40C-3.512(1)(b), F.A.C. Copies of this copyrighted standard may be obtained from the American Water Works Association, 6666 West Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235. Rule 62-761.640, F.A.C. (June 21, 2004) (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07126>), incorporated by reference in subsection 62-555.312(3), F.A.C.

(6) through (10) No change.

(11) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Manual of Water Well Construction Practices, EPA-570/9-75-001, Section 54.001-000-000 (1975), which is incorporated by reference herein and mentioned in paragraph 40C-3.512(1)(c), F.A.C., effective [effective date], and available at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19282>.

(12) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) methods 601 (Purgeable Halocarbons), 602 (Purgeable Aromatics), and 610 (Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons) (all 1984), which is incorporated by reference herein and mentioned in paragraphs 40C-3.512(10)(d) and (e), F.A.C., effective

[effective date], and available at:
<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19283>.

~~(13)~~(11) All rules and publications incorporated by reference herein, other than the copyrighted materials identified in paragraphs (2)(a) through (h) and subsections (5) and (10) herein, may be obtained without charge at the District's website at sjrwm.com or by writing or calling the ~~Department, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399 2400, telephone (850)245-8648, or the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177, telephone (386)329-4570 (800)451-7106.~~

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.118, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.103, 373.308, 373.309, 373.316, 373.319, 373.323, 373.324, 373.326, 373.329, 373.333, 373.335, 373.336, 373.337 FS. History—New 5-30-90, Amended 1-8-96, Formerly 40C-3.900, Amended 7-27-16,_____.

40C-3.041 Permits Required.

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) A well construction permit is required prior to the construction of any public supply well, which includes any well that supplies water to public water systems not covered or included in the Florida Safe Drinking Water Act located in Part VI of Chapter 403, F.S. (2025). Rules 62-555.310 and 62-555.312, F.A.C., which are incorporated by reference in subsections 40C-3.036(3)-(4), F.A.C., respectively, and Rule 64E-8.002, F.A.C., which is incorporated by reference in subsection 40C-3.036(6), F.A.C., set forth public supply well construction standards and permitting standards. This permitting program shall be administered and enforced by the District under the authority delegated to it by the Department, pursuant to general delegation of authority to water management districts in the Delegation of Authority and Responsibility to the: Northwest Florida Water Management District, Suwannee River Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, Pursuant to chapter 373, F.S., dated August 20, 1974, which is hereby incorporated by reference and available at

(<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07133>) and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529. This authority with respect to public supply wells is more specifically set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Department, dated February 15, 1978, which is hereby incorporated by reference and available at (<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07134>) and upon request from the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529.

(6) and (7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.103, 373.309, 373.313, 373.316 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Amended 12-5-85, Formerly 40C-3.041, 40C-3.0041, Amended 9-17-89, 1-8-96, 7-27-16,_____.

40C-3.051 Exemptions.

The following wells are exempt from the requirements of Rule 40C-3.041, F.A.C.

(1) and (2) No change.

(3) The construction, repair, or abandonment of a water well which is a nominal two inches or less inside diameter by an individual who is not a licensed water well contractor, ~~for his own private use on the person's~~ his own or leased property, provided the requirements provisions of Section 373.326(2), F.S., are satisfied. These requirements include: (1) the water from the well is not intended for use by the public, another's residence, or solely for irrigation of a residential lot, and (2) the well is only intended for use in either: (a) a single family house which is the person's residence, or (b) for farming purposes on the person's farm. The well must be constructed, repaired, or abandoned in accordance with the standards of this chapter and the well completion report must be ~~is~~ submitted in accordance with Rule 40C-3.411, F.A.C. This exemption does not apply to public water supply wells. Water wells constructed under this exemption are not exempt from the requirements to submit a water well completion report and to comply with the requirements of this chapter for the construction, repair, modification, or abandonment of a well.

(4) and (5) No change.

~~(6) Wells intended for use as injection wells which have received a permit under chapter 40C-5, F.A.C.~~

(7) renumbered (6) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, 373.309 FS. Law Implemented 373.303, 373.308, 373.313, 373.316, 373.326 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Amended 12-5-85, Formerly 40C-3.051, 40C-3.0051, Amended 9-17-89, 3-10-97, 7-27-16,_____.

40C-3.101 Content of Application.

(1) Permits will only be issued upon application by the owner on whose property the well will be located, a person with sufficient legal control over the land, or the owner's or legal controller's authorized agent. For purposes of this rule, "sufficient legal control" means a lease or easement over the land that expressly provides a right to construct a well.

(2) Applications for permits required by this chapter shall be submitted on State of Florida Permit Application to Construct, Repair, Modify, or Abandon a Well, DEP Form 62-532.900(1), (October 7, 2010), which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 40C-3.036(9)(a), F.A.C., and shall be submitted electronically at the District's website sjrwmd.com, delivered to the entity to which the authority to issue a permit

has been delegated as identified in rule 40C-3.035, F.A.C., or delivered to one of the following District offices:

District Headquarters
4049 Reid Street
Palatka, FL 32177

Jacksonville Service Center
7775 Baymeadows Way, Suite 102
Jacksonville, FL 32256

Apopka Service Center
2501 S. Binion Road
Apopka, Florida 32703
Maitland Service Center
601 South Lake Destiny Road, Suite 200
Maitland, FL 32751

Palm Bay Service Center
525 Community College Parkway, S.E.
Palm Bay, FL 32909

The application shall contain:

(a) No change.

(b) The name, address, telephone number, and signature of the property owner, a person with sufficient legal control over the land, or the owner's or legal controller's ~~his~~ agent, if applicable;

(c) Written authorization from the owner or person with sufficient legal control over the land designating the authorized agent, if any;

(d) through (l) No change.

(3) The application must be signed by the owner, a person with sufficient legal control over the land, or the owner's or legal controller's ~~his~~ authorized agent, if applicable. The application must also be signed by the licensed contractor who will be responsible for constructing the well, except as otherwise provided in paragraph 40C-3.101(2)(a), F.A.C., above.

(4) and (5) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.308, 373.309, 373.342 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Formerly 40C-3.101, 40C-3.0101, Amended 9-17-89, 12-23-90, 7-27-16,_____.

40C-3.301 Conditions for Issuance of Permits.

(1) In order to obtain a permit under this chapter an applicant must submit a complete permit application as specified in Rule 40C-3.101, F.A.C.

(2) through (5) No change.

(6) The applicant or water well contractor shall not have overdue or incomplete well completion reports after May 7, 2018. No permit will be issued to an applicant or water well

contractor with overdue or incomplete well completion reports after May 7, 2018. No permit will be issued when the water well contractor has not complied with subsection 40C-3.531(4), F.A.C.

(7) No change.

(8) All permits shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of issuance, unless the time limit is extended by the District. If construction, repair or abandonment is not completed within that time, the District shall extend the permit for one period not to exceed 90 days, provided the permittee first demonstrates that the circumstances and conditions have not changed substantially since issuance of the original permit and the proposed water well will not adversely impact water resources. Public water supply well permits may be renewed for a period of up to one year from the date of permit issuance (in increments of 90 days per renewal request only). The District must receive a written request for an extension from the permittee or permittee's agent before the current permit expires. No additional fee will be required for a timely extension request.

(9) Construction, modification, repair, or abandonment of a water well shall not commence or continue after the expiration of a permit, unless written request for an extension has been provided to the District prior to expiration of the permit. In the event construction, modification, repair, or abandonment is not completed within that time, the permitting authority shall require the applicant to obtain a new permit before continuing construction, modification, repair, or abandonment of a water well.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.103, 373.306, 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.342 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Formerly 40C-3.301, 40C-3.0301, Amended 9-17-89, 7-27-16, 5-7-18,_____.

40C-3.411 Well Completion Report.

(1) A State of Florida Well Completion Report, DEP Form 62-532.900(2), (October 7, 2010), which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 40C-3.036(9)(b), F.A.C., is required for the construction, repair or abandonment of all wells regardless of whether a permit is required under Rule 40C-3.041, F.A.C. Well completion reports shall be completed and filed at a District office identified in Rule 40C-3.101, F.A.C., at the District's website sjrwmd.com ~~floridaswater.com~~, or with the entity to which the authority to issue a permit has been delegated, as identified in Rule 40C-3.035, F.A.C., by the contractor within 30 days of the completion of the work.

(a) Well completion reports for contamination sites controlled by Chapter 62-761, F.A.C., may include all monitoring wells for the same site on a single form if a map and table depicting each well location is also provided.

(b) No change.

(2) and (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.326, 373.342 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Formerly 40C-3.411, 40C-3.0411, Amended 9-17-89, 7-27-16,_____.

40C-3.461 Inspection.

(1) The District is authorized to inspect any well or abandoned well within its jurisdiction, including those wells permitted under Rule 40C-3.041, F.A.C. Inspections shall be done as necessary to ensure ~~insure~~ conformity with applicable standards. Such inspection may include but need not be limited to geophysical logging, water level measurements, or other methods. Duly authorized representatives of the District, upon presenting proper identification and at reasonable times, may enter upon any premises for the purpose of such inspection.

(2) No change.

(3) A metallic tag shall be placed on the well head, concrete marker, terminal box, or a permanently attached fixture. The tag shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Permit number ~~issued by the District.~~

1.a. No change.

2.b. No change.

2.a. ~~The contractor may elect to use a metallic tag supplied by the District. Written request may be made for such tag either on the permit application form or the completion report, when filed. A fee of \$5.00 per tag will be charged to cover processing costs.~~

b. ~~The contractor shall certify on the completion report that the metallic tag will be placed within 30 days of receipt by the contractor if using a district supplied tag as set forth in this section.~~

(4) through (6) No change.

(7) The District shall have the right to inspect drilling records and field logs upon reasonable notice to a licensed contractor.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.103, 373.308, 373.309, 373.319 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Amended 12-5-85, Formerly 40C-3.461, 40C-3.0461, Amended 9-17-89, 7-27-16,_____.

40C-3.502 Construction Methods.

(1) Wells must be located, constructed, cased, grouted, plugged, capped, or sealed to prevent uncontrolled surface flow, uncontrolled movement of water from one aquifer or water bearing zone to another, contamination of groundwater or surface water resources, or other adverse impacts.

(a) Monitoring ~~Monitor~~ wells ~~constructed to meet requirements in Chapter 62-761, F.A.C.~~, shall be protected and sealed in the following manner:

1. through 8. No change.

9. ~~Monitoring~~ ~~Monitor~~ wells may only be used in areas where ground water is between four and twenty feet below ground surface or finished grade, whichever is greater in elevation.

(b) No change.

(c) Wells permitted under Chapter 62-524, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in subsection 40C-3.036(8), F.A.C., and subsection 40C-3.041(2), F.A.C., shall be constructed, repaired, or abandoned in a manner that meets the special criteria developed for each designated area.

(d)1. The District may designate special construction criteria areas by emergency rule to prevent transport of surface contaminants to ground water or movement of introduced or natural contaminants from one aquifer or zone to another. Criteria set will be the minimum necessary to prevent the movement of contaminants and will be developed in cooperation with other state agencies, local jurisdictions, and the regulated public, and will be undertaken in accordance with Chapter 120, F.S., provisions for emergency rulemaking.

2. The Picketville Landfill Special Construction Criteria Area is located within Section 45, Township 1 South, Range 26 East, Duval County, Florida, as shown in Figure 3-1 below. (Legal Description to be provided by City of Jacksonville). Within the Picketville Landfill Area two zones are created:

a. Zone A is comprised of that area approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for remedial measures on March 5, 1993, and comprised of (legal description to be supplied by City of Jacksonville).

b. Zone B is comprised of that portion of the Picketville Landfill Special Construction Criteria Area which is not located in Zone A but which is located in Delineated Area as designated by chapter 62-524, F.A.C., and comprised of (legal description to be supplied by City of Jacksonville).

3. The Fairbanks Special Construction Criteria Area is located within Sections 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Township 9 South, Range 20 East, and Sections 5, 6, 7, Township 9 South, Range 21 East, Alachua County, Florida, as as shown in Figure 3-2 below. Within the Fairbanks Special Construction Criteria Area the two zones created are Zone A and Zone B. The legal description can be obtained by contacting the St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177-2529.

(2) The setback requirements in subsections 62-532.400(7) and (8), Those portions of 62-524, 62-550, 62-555, 62-560, 62-610, 62-761, 64E-8 and 64E-6, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in subsection 40C-3.036(2), F.A.C., shall apply to the construction, repair, or abandonment of any water well within the District which establish spacing distances between wells and potential or present contamination sources, are hereby adopted by the District and will be used to designate spacing for affected wells.

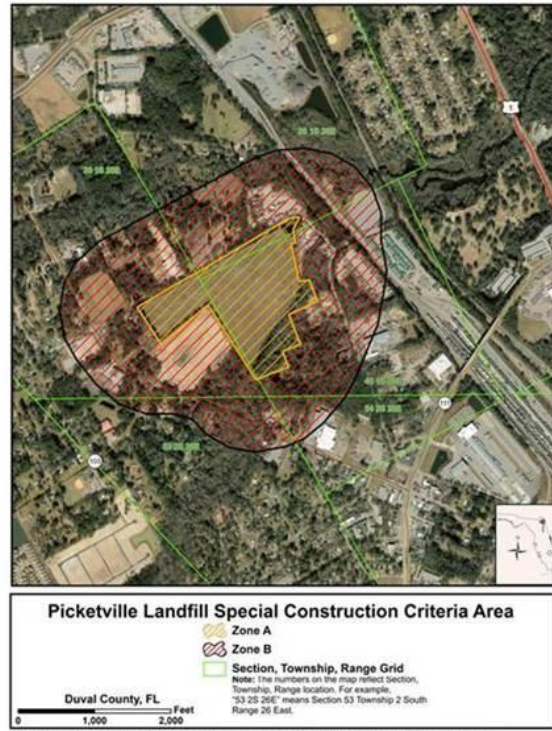


Figure 3-1 Picketville Landfill Special Construction Criteria Area

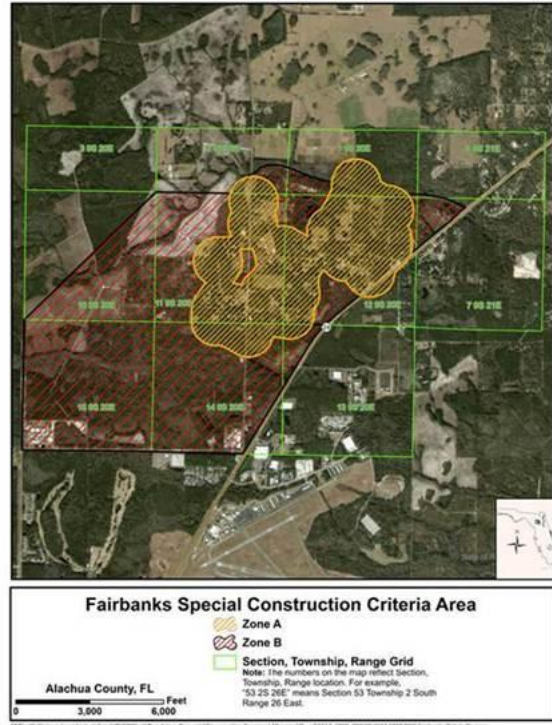


Figure 3-2 Fairbanks Special Construction Criteria Area
 Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.309 FS. Law Implemented 373.103(1), 373.306, 373.308, 373.309 FS. History—New

10-14-84, Formerly 40C-3.502, 40C-3.0502, Amended 9-17-89, 9-16-93, 8-30-94, _____.

40C-3.512 Well Construction Requirements.

(1) In the construction of a well, reasonable caution shall be taken to maintain the work site so as to minimize the entrance of contaminants into the water resource. Materials used in construction shall be reasonably free of contamination. The requirements for construction of public supply wells can be found in Chapter 62-555, F.A.C.

(a) No change.

(b) Disinfection of filter or gravel pack materials will follow guidelines found in AWWA Standard C654-21 A100-84, Section 4.3 ~~4.4~~, incorporated by reference in subsection 40C-3.036(5), F.A.C., unless materials are obtained from a commercial source.

(c) Upon completion of construction, the well must be disinfected using a solution of water and available chlorine compounds providing a concentration not less than 50 mg/l. USEPA Manual of Water Well Construction Practices, EPA-570/9-75-001, Section 54.001-000-000, incorporated by reference in subsection 40C-3.036(11), F.A.C., provides a tabular determination of disinfectant per 100 feet of well depth to achieve the required residual.

(d) No change.

(2) through (8) No change.

(9) In addition to the other applicable standards contained in this chapter, wells constructed in the Picketville Landfill Special Construction Criteria Area shown in Figure 3-1 of Rule 40C-3.502, F.A.C., shall meet the following minimum criteria:

(a) ~~New For Zone A, of new~~ wells which are completed into the surficial aquifer system, including the upper sand and lower shallow-rock zone, to a depth of 110 feet below land surface or less than five feet into the intermediate aquifer system are prohibited. This prohibition of new wells does not apply to monitor wells, recovery wells or piezometers which may be used for assessment of clean up of contamination sites.

(b) and (c) No change.

(d) ~~Each In Zone A, each~~ existing well in the surficial aquifer system shall be abandoned when public supply lines are installed adjacent to the property served by the well.

(e) All Chapter 62-524, F.A.C., construction standards shall be met ~~in both Zone A and Zone B~~.

(10) In addition to the other applicable standards contained in this chapter, wells constructed in the Fairbanks Special Construction Criteria Area shown in Figure 3-2 of Rule 40C-3.502, F.A.C., shall meet the following minimum criteria:

(a) In Zone A, new wells which are completed into the Surficial Aquifer System or into the Intermediate Aquifer System, are prohibited. This prohibition of new wells does not apply to monitoring ~~monitor~~ wells, recovery wells or

piezometers which may be used for assessment or cleanup of contaminated sites.

(b) and (c) No change.

(d) In Zone A, water quality samples must be taken and analyzed by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency methods 601, 602, and 610, incorporated by reference in subsection 40C-3.036(12), F.A.C., where the casing is set in the Floridan Aquifer System. Water quality results from the Floridan Aquifer System shall reveal no contaminants before well construction is completed. ~~If in the event that~~ water quality testing indicates that there is contamination in the groundwater, the well shall be plugged and abandoned pursuant to Chapter 40C-3, F.A.C.

(e) In Zone B, new wells shall be logged, sampled and analyzed by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency methods 601, 602, and 610, incorporated by reference in subsection 40C-3.036(12), F.A.C., for groundwater contaminants.

(f) Prior to any well construction in the Fairbanks Special Construction Criteria Area ~~identified in subsection 40C-3.502(3), F.A.C.~~, all persons shall obtain a well construction permit from the St. Johns River Water Management District. Construction standards as provided in Chapter 62-524, F.A.C., shall be applicable to all well construction in the Fairbanks Special Construction Criteria Area.

(g) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.309 FS. Law Implemented 373.103(1), 373.306, 373.308 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Amended 4-23-85, Formerly 40C-3.512, 40C-3.0512, Amended 9-17-89, 9-16-93, 8-30-94, 3-5-95, _____.

40C-3.517 Grouting and Sealing.

Wells shall be grouted and sealed to protect the water resource from degradation caused by movement of waters along the well annulus either from the surface to the aquifer or between aquifers, and to prevent loss of pressure in artesian aquifers. All wells shall be constructed and sealed using a method which insures that an open or unnaturally permeable annular space does not remain when a well is completed.

(1) through (4) No change.

(5) For wells constructed using a jetting method and obtaining water from an unconsolidated formation of a naturally caving nature in which the annular space is completely filled with formation material, then only the upper three feet shall be grouted to provide protection from contaminated surface water. A well initially constructed via rotary drilling a pipe or driving a casing, removing the pipe or casing, and then installing another pipe or casing shall not be considered a well constructed using a jetting method.

(6) No change.

(7) Cuttings shall not be reintroduced into the annular space. Wells which breach confining units and special

monitoring ~~monitor~~ well installations will be grouted as outlined below.

(a) No change.

(b) Monitoring ~~Monitor~~ wells ~~required to comply with rule 62-761.640, F.A.C., which is incorporated by reference in subsection 40C-3.036(5), F.A.C.,~~ shall be protected and grouted in the following manner:

1. No change.
2. No change.

(8) Unless a variance has been granted by the District, grouting and sealing of water wells shall be accomplished in the following manner:

(a) The grout mixture shall consist of either Portland Cement or a natural Bentonite slurry for wells and boreholes meeting the requirements in subsection 40C-3.512(8), F.A.C.

1. A mixture consisting of 5.5 to 6.0 gallons of water per sack of Portland Cement or a mixture of 6.5 gallons of water per sack of Portland Cement with 3 to 5 pounds of Bentonite not to exceed 5% by weight will meet minimum requirements. Additional Bentonite may be added upon written approval from the District, however Bentonite shall not exceed a total of 10% by weight.

2. No change.

(b) through (f) No change.

(9) Abandonment procedures for water wells shall be undertaken in the following manner:

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Abandonment by bentonite chips or pellets will be acceptable to the District if all of the following criteria are met:

1. The well casing and borehole are greater than three inches in diameter.

2. The bentonite used consists of a high solid sodium montmorillonite with a diameter greater than one quarter inch and fine materials are separated utilizing a mesh screen prior to being placed in the borehole.

3. The application rate is less than two minutes per fifty-pound sack.

4. A Portland cement seal is used from a point ten feet below the static water level.

5. There are no contaminants that would prevent an adequate seal present and water quality concentrations are below 10,000 milligrams per liter total dissolved solids.

(10) No change.

(11) Wells constructed by methods which require driven well casing are exempt from grouting and sealing guidelines set forth in previous sections, provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) through (d) No change.

(e) All other requirements of Chapter 40C-3, F.A.C., are met.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 FS. Law Implemented 373.306, 373.308, 373.309 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Amended 4-23-85, 12-5-85, Formerly 40C-3.517, 40C-3.0517, Amended 9-17-89, 7-27-16,_____.

40C-3.521 Well Seals.

(1) No change.

(2) Permanent Well Seals.

(a) No change.

(b) The upper terminus of the well casing shall include a watertight seal. Any vent must be located above the 100-year flood level. Well heads for monitoring wells shall be equipped with a watertight cap and secured by installing a locking cap or other security device. The monitoring well shall be kept locked or secured to prevent tampering at all times except when the monitoring well is being sampled or maintained.

1. Well heads for Chapter 62-761, F.A.C., monitoring wells shall be secured by installing a locking cap or other security device meeting Department specifications.

(c) through (e) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.309 FS. Law Implemented 373.306, 373.308, 373.309, 373.113 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Formerly 40C-3.521, 40C-3.0521, Amended 9-17-89,_____.

40C-3.531 Abandoned Well Plugging.

(1) Any well which is an abandoned artesian well under Section 373.203(1), F.S., shall be plugged in accordance with this rule section.

(2) All abandoned wells shall be plugged as set forth in subsection 40C-3.517(9)(8), F.A.C., unless otherwise specified by the District. The work shall be accomplished by a licensed water well contractor. The owner of the property, on which an abandoned well is located, shall be responsible for ensuring that all abandoned wells on the property are properly plugged by a licensed water well contractor.

(3) No change.

(4) The water well contractor shall plug any well drilled under his license which is not completed or is not suitable for its intended use when work is completed. Wells which are unsuitable or not completed by the contractor, or someone operating under his license, shall be plugged before the well drilling rig is removed from the site or within 14 days of receipt of notification from the District that the well must be plugged.

(5) Any owner of an incomplete or unsuitable well has an independent responsibility to have such well properly plugged by a licensed water well contractor. Within 14 days of receipt of notification from the District that such well must be plugged, the owner of the incomplete or unsuitable well must have such well properly plugged by a licensed water well contractor.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.309, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.306, 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.316 FS. History—New 10-14-84, Formerly 40C-3.531, 40C-3.0531, Amended 9-17-89, 11-11-03, 7-27-16,_____.

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Board of Medicine

RULE NO.: 64B8-42.0011 RULE TITLE: National Certification
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes the rule development to add national certifications that are recognized by the Board under the MOBILE endorsement licensure pathway.

SUMMARY: The Board proposes the rule development to update and clarify Board approval of national certifications.

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: 456.0145(5) , 468.507 FS.
LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.0145(2)(a)3.a. 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: Allen Hall, Executive Director, Board of Medicine/Dietetics and Nutrition Practices Council, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C05, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3255, or telephone (850)245-4444, or by electronic mail – Allen.Hall@flhealth.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B8-42.0011 National Certification.

For applications by endorsement pursuant to Section 456.0145(2), F.S., the Council recognizes certification as a registered dietitian by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Certified Nutrition Specialists (CNS), and certifications as a Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition (DACBN).
Rulemaking Authority 456.0145(5), 468.507 FS. Law implemented 456.0145(2)(a)3.a. FS. History--New 1-5-25,___

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Dietetics and Nutrition Practices Council
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Medicine
DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 5, 2026
DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 16, 2026

Section III
Notice of Changes, Corrections and
Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Acupuncture

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:
64B1-3.004 Acupuncture Examination
64B1-3.009 Licensure by Endorsement Through
 National Certification
64B1-3.010 Licensure by Endorsement

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

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

64B1-3.004 Acupuncture Examination.

The ~~N~~CBAHM ~~N~~CCAOM examination consisting of the Foundations of Oriental Medicine Module, the Acupuncture

with Point Location Module, the Biomedicine Module and the Chinese Herbology Module is approved by the Board.

Rulemaking Authority 456.017, 457.104, 457.105 FS. Law Implemented 456.017, 457.105 FS. History—New 8-13-84, Amended 10-2-84, Formerly 21AA-3.04, Amended 1-25-88, 9-3-89, 2-27-92, 5-6-92, Formerly 21AA-3.004, Amended 1-27-94, Formerly 61F1-3.004, Amended 11-21-95, Formerly 59M-3.004, Amended 10-15-97, 5-11-98, 4-20-99, 1-1-04, 7-19-04, 5-8-08, 6-19-13, 2-18-16, Technical Change 3-24-26.

64B1-3.009 Licensure by Endorsement Through National Certification.

Pursuant to Section 457.105(2)(c), F.S., the Board of Acupuncture shall license by endorsement through national certification applicants who:

(1) No Change.

(2) Provide proof of an active certification in Oriental Medicine from the National Certification ~~Board Commission~~ for Acupuncture & Herbal and Oriental Medicine (NCBAHM) (NCCAOM).

(3) through (4) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 457.104, 457.105 FS. Law Implemented 457.105 FS. History—New 10-1-89, Amended 2-27-92, Formerly 21AA-3.009, 61F1-3.009, Amended 3-31-96, 11-13-96, Formerly 59M-3.009, Amended 10-15-97, 4-29-99, 1-1-04, 10-11-04, 2-7-17, 8-9-18, 4-1-19, 9-22-21, 12-29-24, Technical Change 3-24-26.

64B1-3.010 Licensure by Endorsement.

The Board of Acupuncture shall license by endorsement applicants who:

(1) through (3) No Change.

(4) Provide proof of an active certification in Oriental Medicine from the National Certification ~~Board Commission~~ for Acupuncture & Herbal and Oriental Medicine (NCBAHM) (NCCAOM).

Rulemaking Authority 456.0145(5), 457.104, 457.105 FS. Law Implemented 456.0145(2), 457.105 FS. History—New 10-1-89, Amended 2-27-92, Formerly 21AA-3.010, 61F1-3.010, Amended 2-20-96, Formerly 59M-3.010, Amended 4-7-98, 2-22-01, 2-7-17, 8-9-18, 9-22-21, 8-20-23, 12-22-24, 7-1-25, 12-10-25, Technical Change 3-24-26.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THESE RULES IS: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Acupuncture, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3055, stephanie.webster@flhealth.gov, (850)245-4161.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Acupuncture

RULE NO.: 64B1-4.001
 RULE TITLE: Acupuncture Program Requirements
 NOTICE OF CORRECTION

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

64B1-4.001 Acupuncture Program Requirements.

Applicants for licensure by examination must establish that he/she has met the following minimal requirements.

(1) through (3) No Change.

(4) Applicants for either licensure by examination or licensure by endorsement under s. 457.105(2)(c), F.S., through an active national certification in Oriental Medicine from the National Certification ~~Board Commission~~ for Acupuncture & Herbal and Oriental Medicine (NCBAHM) (NCCAOM), must establish that he/she has met the following minimal requirements.

(a) through (c) No Change.

Rulemaking Authority 457.104, 457.105 FS. Law Implemented 457.105, 457.1085 FS. History—New 8-30-84, Formerly 21AA-4.01, Amended 7-20-88, 4-30-89, 9-19-89, 3-18-92, Formerly 21AA-4.001, 61F1-4.001, Amended 3-24-96, Formerly 59M-4.001, Amended 12-31-97, 11-1-99, 6-21-00, 4-3-01, 5-24-04, 10-11-04, 10-24-04, 5-30-07, 3-4-10, 2-7-17, 12-3-18, 7-18-21, 8-20-23, 2-6-25, Technical Change 3-24-26.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE RULE IS: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, Board of Acupuncture, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C06, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3055, stephanie.webster@flhealth.gov, (850)245-4161.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Medicine

RULE NO.: 64B8-4.029
 RULE TITLE: Registration as a Dispensing Physician; Delegation of Dispensing to Prescribing Physician Assistants

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

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

64B8-4.029 Registration as a Dispensing Physician; Delegation of Dispensing to Prescribing Physician Assistants.

A physician may dispense drugs to his or her patient in the regular course of his or her practice provided that the physician is registered as a dispensing physician with the Board of Medicine. In order to register as a dispensing physician, the physician must:

(1) Submit application to the Board on form DH-MQA 1070, entitled “Medical Doctor Dispensing Registration,” (8/20), which is hereby incorporated by reference and available from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-12376>, or the Board of Medicine’s website at

www.flboardofmedicine.gov
http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/medical/me_applicant.html;

(2) through (3) No change.

(4) Pursuant to Section 458.347(4)(e), F.S., a dispensing physician who supervises a Florida-licensed prescribing physician assistant has the authority to delegate to the prescribing physician assistant the dispensing of any medication used in the supervising physician’s practice unless such medication is listed in the formulary set forth in Rule 64B8-30.008, F.A.C. The delegation of dispensing to the prescribing physician assistant must be documented with the Board of Medicine by completing form DH-MQA 1240, entitled “Physician Assistant Dispensing Notification,” (8/21), which is hereby incorporated by reference and available from <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13894> or the Board of Medicine’s website at www.flboardofmedicine.gov.

~~https://flboard_of_medical.gov/forms/pa-disp-form.pdf~~ No fee is required for the delegation of dispensing to physician assistants.

Rulemaking Authority 458.309, 465.0276 FS. Law Implemented 465.0276, 458.347(4)(e) FS. History—New 3-24-10, Amended 12-6-10, 12-27-11, 10-29-19, 11-16-20, 12-7-21, Technical Change 3-24-26.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IS: Morgan Rexford, MPH, Executive Director, Board of Medicine/MQA, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C03, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253, (850)245-4131 or Morgan.Rexford@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Podiatric Medicine

RULE NO.: 64B18-14.002
 RULE TITLE: Disciplinary Guidelines
 NOTICE OF CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the following changes have been made to the proposed rule in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 51 No. 201, October 15, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The Board received written comments from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee on Rule 64B18-14.002, F.A.C. Accordingly, the Board made changes to the proposed rule language as set forth below.

64B18-14.002 Disciplinary Guidelines.

The Board sets forth below a range of disciplinary guidelines from which disciplinary penalties will be imposed upon a licensee whom it regulates under Chapters 456 and 461, F.S. The purpose of the disciplinary guidelines is to give notice to licensees of the range of penalties which will normally be imposed upon violations of particular provisions of either Chapter 456 or 461, F.S., and/or any laws and rules adopted

pursuant thereto. The brief description of each violation is provided for quick reference and is not intended to convey all elements of any given statutory provision. The full language of each statutory provision cited must be consulted in order to determine the conduct involved. The disciplinary guidelines are based upon a single count violation of each provision listed. Multiple counts of violations of the same provision of Chapter 456 or 461, F.S., and/or the laws and rules adopted pursuant thereto, or other unrelated violations contained in the same administrative complaint will be grounds for enhancement of penalties. All penalties at the upper range of the sanctions set forth in the guidelines, i.e., suspension, revocation, etc., include lesser penalties, i.e., fine, probation or reprimand which may be included in the final penalty.

VIOLATION	FLORIDA LICENSEE PENALTY RANGE		OUT-OF-STATE TELEHEALTH PROVIDER PENALTY RANGE	
	FIRST VIOLATION	SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS	FIRST VIOLATION	SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS
(1) through (62) No Change.				
(63) Failure to comply with Section 456.0625, F.S. relating to refunding overpayments to patients.	MIN: Letter of Concern, Fine of up to \$250, and Repayment to Patient MAX: Letter of Concern, Repayment to Patient, Fine of up to \$250, and	MIN: Reprimand, Letter of Concern, Fine of up to \$500, and Repayment to Patient MAX: Reprimand, Letter of Concern, Fine of up to \$500, and Repayment to Patient	MIN: Letter of Concern; Fine of up to \$250; and Repayment to Patient MAX: Letter of Concern, Repayment to Patient; Fine of up to \$250; and	MIN: Reprimand, Letter of Concern; Fine of up to \$500; and Repayment to Patient MAX: Reprimand, Letter of Concern; Fine of up to \$500; and Repayment to Patient

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~~PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026~~

Rulemaking Authority 456.072, 456.079, 461.005, 461.013 FS. Law Implemented 456.033, 456.063, 456.072, 456.079, 461.012, 461.013 FS. History—New 11-21-79, Amended 8-31-81, Formerly 21T-14.02, Amended 10-14-86, 12-8-88, 1-19-92, 4-26-93, Formerly 21T-14.002, 61F12-14.002, Amended 2-25-96, 5-29-97, Formerly 59Z-14.002, Amended 11-17-97, 8-24-00, 8-13-02, 4-26-04, 6-14-06, 10-10-06, 11-25-07, 12-25-11, 11-27-16, 4-19-17, 1-2-19, 12-29-21, _____ 1-1-26.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Podiatric Medicine, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, at (850)245-4292, or by email: Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov.

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 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 11, 2026, the Board of Accountancy, received a petition for variance or waiver filed by Austin Hayes. Petitioner seeks a permanent variance or waiver of paragraph 61H1-28.0052(1)(b), F.A.C., regarding time requirements for passing the CPA Examination. 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 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 03, 2026, the Board of Accountancy, received a petition for variance or waiver filed by Valeria Garces. Petitioner seeks a permanent variance or waiver of paragraph 61H1-28.0052(1)(b), F.A.C., regarding time requirements for passing the CPA Examination. 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

The Department of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 24, 2025, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, received a petition for variance or waiver pursuant to section 120.542, F.S. from Citrus County Department of Water Resources. The petition was received on November 24, 2025. Notice of receipt of this petition was published in the Florida Administrative Register on December 10, 2025. The petition requested a variance from rule subsection 62-610.462(3), F.A.C. which states that minimum staffing requirements at wastewater treatment facilities should be reduced to staffing by a Class C or higher operator 6 hours per day, 7 days per week, unless Chapter 62-699, F.A.C., requires additional operator presence. The petition requests that the staffing requirement be reduced to 6 hours per day for 5 days per week and 1 visit on each weekend day. The Southwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility is located at 5040 West Oak Park Boulevard, Homosassa, Florida 34446. No public comment was received. The Order, OGC file number 25-2090 and DEP file number FLA011903-015-DWF/VO, granted the petition because the Petitioner demonstrated substantial economic hardship and proposed an alternative means of achieving the purpose of the underlying statutes implemented by the rule.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting:

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, by contacting: Chloe Allen, Engineering Specialist II, Water Facilities - Permitting; Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest

District, 13051 North Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace, FL 33637-0926, (813)470-5966; Chloe.Allen@FloridaDEP.gov
 Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP’s Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov at least ten (10) days before the meeting. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from Rule 67-48.0072(26), F.A.C. (2022) for Phoenix Crossing, LLC, allowing Petitioner to extend its closing deadline from January 30, 2026 to April 30, 2026. Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 20, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 23, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 36 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), F.A.C. (2024) for Southward Village Phase 4, LP, allowing Petitioner to extend its firm loan commitment deadline to September 13, 2026, subject to payment of the required 1% extension fee on each Corporation loan amount, consistent with paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), F.A.C. Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 24, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 27, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 40 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from subsection 67-48.0072(26), F.A.C. (2023) for Sandcastles Foundation, Inc., (Sandcastle Crossing) allowing Petitioner to extend its loan closing deadline from February 9, 2026, to August 10, 2026. Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 25, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 27, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 40 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from subsection 67-48.0072(26), F.A.C. (2023) for Sandcastles Foundation, Inc., (Sandcastle Preserve) allowing Petitioner to extend its loan closing deadline from February 9, 2026, to August 10, 2026. Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 25, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 27, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 40 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from paragraph 67-48.0072(17)(f), F.A.C. (2020) for Coco Vista Community, Ltd. allowing Petitioner's General Contractor to self-perform work normally performed by a subcontractor under the following conditions:

- (1) All general contractor self-performed work must be performed at cost, with no built-in profit (meaning no profit or administrative costs or markup may be built into the self-performed line items);

(2) As part of the final cost certification process, in addition to verifying the amount paid to the general contractor for the self-performed work based on the steps prescribed in the General Contractor Cost Certification instructions, an independent CPA will confirm/verify that all general contractor self-performed costs were at cost with no built-in profit as described above. In addition to confirming/auditing all self-performed work as noted above, an independent CPA will confirm and/or verify an additional 40% of the Development's costs per the Final Cost Certification Application Package; and

(3) No general contractor fee or developer fee will be allowed on the self-performed work that exceeds the de minimis threshold. If the general contractor fee on the self-performed work has already been paid, such fee must be paid out of the Developer Fee and reflected as a subset of the Developer Fee on the Development Final Cost Certification.

Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 25, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 27, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 40 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from paragraph 67-48.0072(16)(b), F.A.C. (2019) for Cedar Oaks Senior Limited Partnership allowing Petitioner's General Contractor fee to exceed the 14% limitation, subject to the following conditions: (a). The excess GC fee will be paid from, and accounted for as a subset of, the Developer Fee; and

(b). The fee reduction in relation to the March 26, 2024 Informational Item regarding approval for one subcontractor to exceed the 20% limitation will be paid from, and as a subset of, the Developer Fee.

Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 25, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 27, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 40 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), F.A.C. (2022) for Sovereign at Harbor West, LLC, allowing Petitioner to extend its firm loan commitment deadline to August 1, 2026, subject to payment of the required 1% extension fee on each Corporation loan amount, consistent with paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), F.A.C. (2022).

Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 25, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 27, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 40 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from subsection 67-48.0072(26), F.A.C. (2024) for Village of Valor, Ltd., allowing Petitioner to extend its loan closing deadline from March 16, 2026, to June 15, 2026. Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 25, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 27, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 40 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), F.A.C. (2024) for Atlantic Pacific Communities III, Ltd., allowing Petitioner to extend its firm loan commitment deadline to September 4, 2026, subject to payment of the required 1% extension fee on each Corporation loan amount, consistent with paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), F.A.C. (2024). Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if

the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 25, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 27, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 40 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-21.003 Application and Selection Process for Developments

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from paragraph 67-21.003(8)(c), subsection (11) and paragraph 67-48.004(3)(c), F.A.C. (2024) for Vista at Springtree, Ltd., allowing Petitioner to withdraw from Florida Housing's Corporation-issued MMRB without also withdrawing from RFA 2024-213 or its award of SAIL funding and Non-Competitive Housing Credits. Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 25, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on February 27, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 40 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.0072 Credit Underwriting and Loan Procedures

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On March 20, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation issued an order granting the waiver from paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), F.A.C. (2022) for Sovereign at Parkside East, LLC, allowing Petitioner to extend Petitioner's firm loan commitment deadline to August 1, 2026, subject to payment of the required 1% extension fee on each Corporation loan amount, consistent with paragraph 67-48.0072(21)(b), F.A.C. (2022). Florida Housing determined that the Petitioner had demonstrated that it would suffer a substantial hardship if the waiver was not granted. The petition was filed on February 25, 2026, and notice of the receipt of petition was published on March 4, 2026 in Vol. 52, Number 44 F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Administration

The Special Meeting Florida Agricultural Legacy Learning Center, Inc. Board of Trustees Executive Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 26, 2026, 12:00 noon, Eastern Time (US and Canada)

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89805751522?pwd=c7aOcqb0e2YNSrfMzbaUbcKnduPelc.1>

Meeting ID: 898 0575 1522

Passcode: 521199

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Approval of appraisal expenditure.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kara Hoblick; (386)446-7630 office (386)527-1467 mobile

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For more information, you may contact: Kara Hoblick; (386)446-7630 office (386)527-1467 mobile

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Fruit and Vegetables

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

DATE AND TIME: April 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m., ET / 9:00 a.m., CT

PLACE: 2741 Penn Ave., Suite 1, Marianna, FL 32448

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Financial Appropriations, Recipient Reports, Budget and Funding Requests, Council Recommendations, and General Research Discussions.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kirby Quam at (863)578-1944 or Kirby.Quam@FDACS.gov.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by

contacting: Kirby Quam at (863)578-1944 or Kirby.Quam@FDACS.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: Kirby Quam at (863)578-1944 or Kirby.Quam@FDACS.gov

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission – Florida Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., ET (or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier).

PLACE:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/21524461908395?p=cY8Q4wQWygxUPBGxhI>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Provide updates on Military Interstate Children's Compact.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: StudentSupportServices1@fldoe.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

The Division of Blind Services/Bureau of Business Enterprise announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

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

PLACE: Via Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24607617798654?p=MPPbEpaBzCRQhIw8I0>

Meeting ID: 246 076 177 986 54

Passcode: n7yo3N6p

Dial in by phone

+1(850)583-5063,118265114# United States, Tallahassee

Phone conference ID: 118 265 114#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Planning for 2027 Biennial Seminar.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary Ellen Harding

maryellen.harding@dbs.fldoe.org

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maryellen.harding@dbs.fldoe.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: Mary Ellen Harding maryellen.harding@dbs.fldoe.org

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Florida Public Service Commission announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: PREHEARING CONFERENCE: Thursday, April 2, 2026, 9:30 a.m.; HEARING: Monday, April 13, 2026, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2026, has also been reserved for continuation of the hearing if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

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

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

DOCKET NO. AND TITLE: 20250137-SU – Application for Limited Proceeding Rate Increase by Sunshine Water Services Company d/b/a Sunshine Water Services.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE PREHEARING:

The purpose of this prehearing conference is to: (1) simplify the issues; (2) identify the positions of the parties on the issues; (3) consider the possibility of obtaining admissions regarding facts and documents which will avoid unnecessary proof; (4) identify exhibits; (5) establish an order of witnesses; and (6) consider such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING:

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony and exhibits and to take final action relative to the application for limited proceeding rate increase by Sunshine Water Services Company d/b/a Sunshine Water Services and to take action on any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement. This proceeding shall: (1) allow the parties to present evidence and testimony in support of their positions; (2) allow for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF HEARING

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.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: N/A
Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Office of Commission Clerk at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850)413-6770. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Florida Building Commission

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

DATE AND TIME: April 14, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Meeting to be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar. Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free) 1(877)309-2073, meeting ID/access code: 533-378-925.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Building Commission will review and decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications and take up other matters that appear on the Commission's agenda.

Other Commission business on the agenda.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mo Madani as set forth below or on the Commission website.

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: Ms. Barbara Bryant, Building Codes and Standards Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0772, (850)487-1824 or fax: (850)414-8436. 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: Mo Madani, Building Codes and Standards Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0772 or call (850)487-1824, refer to http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/meetings/1_meetings.htm.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Office of the Secretary

The Florida Greenways and Trails Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: April 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.; April 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: St. Petersburg Distillery; 855 28th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Council will meet to conduct general business. The Council will discuss trail projects in addition to updates from agencies, organizations and local projects. Additionally, the Council will be holding an election for the next Chair and Vice Chair.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Delaney Goins, Office of Greenways and Trails, Division of Recreation and Parks, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 795, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, Delaney.A.Goins@FloridaDEP.gov, (850)245-3069. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP's Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting. If you have hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Dentistry

The Council of Dental Hygiene announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 21, 2026, 4:00 p.m., ET

PLACE: 1(888)585-9008, Participation Code: 599-196-982#.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To discuss matters related to dental hygiene.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: (850)245-4474.

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: floridasdentistry.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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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

The Department of Children and Families announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 29, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., EDT

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83427797532?pwd=Mo7rrcxrMOCp1PIGcSdnbmRgawoaKZ.1>

Meeting ID: 834 2779 7532

Passcode: DCFYAB

One tap mobile

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+16465588656,,83427797532#,,,,*340647# US (New York)

Join instructions:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/83427797532/invitations?signature=dGHs-Wmo_uGZFSYLLW1EiUjo25avzuSBB-WTiW96bt4

WTiW96bt4

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of this meeting is for the Statewide Youth Advisory Board to conduct general business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kyle Johnson, Department of Children and Families, (407)495-9866 or kyle.johnson1@myflfamilies.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 1 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kyle Johnson, Department of Children and Families, (407)495-9866 or kyle.johnson1@myflfamilies.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).

For more information, you may contact: Kyle Johnson, Department of Children and Families, (407)495-9866 or kyle.johnson1@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Workforce Services

The Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 1, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Boulevard, Suite 300, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. Attendance by telephone is also available by calling (850)988-5144 and entering phone conference ID: 282 335 254#.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Disposition of cases pending before the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission and Commission business. No public testimony or comment will be taken.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the office of the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission at RAAC.Inquiries@commerce.fl.gov or by visiting <https://floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance-appeals-commission/about-the-reemployment-assistance-appeals-commission2/raac-notices>.

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 Commission Clerk at (850)692-0180. 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: the Commission Clerk at (850)692-0180.

QCAUSA

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) hybrid public meeting on sidewalk improvement design project on East Fort Thompson Avenue from S.R. 29/Bridge Street to S.R. 80/East Hickpochee Avenue, Hendry County, FPID No: 438067-1-52-01. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 31, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: City of LaBelle Civic Center

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend a hybrid public information meeting to view the sidewalk improvement design project on East Fort Thompson Avenue from S.R. 29/Bridge Street to S.R. 80/East Hickpochee Avenue in the City of LaBelle, Hendry County, Financial Project ID (FPID) No: 438067-1-52-01.

The purpose of this project is to construct a new sidewalk along East Fort Thompson Avenue from S.R. 29/Bridge Street to S.R. 80/Hickpochee Avenue within the City of LaBelle in Hendry County. Project improvements will also include pavement reconstruction near S.R. 29/Bridge Street, isolated locations of milling and resurfacing to install new crosswalk markings, and drainage system upgrades consisting of a new closed-pipe conveyance system.

Participation is available either in-person or online and materials will be available on the project website. (<https://www.swfroads.com/project/438067-1>) The same materials will be provided for every option.

IN-PERSON OPTION:

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

LaBelle Civic Center, 481 W Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935

Anytime between 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

ONLINE OPTION:

Register in advance by clicking the link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7168062001916456543>

This will include a looping informational video but no formal presentation.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, comments can be provided through the project webpage or by contacting the FDOT Project Manager David Agacinski, Florida Department of Transportation, 10041 Daniels Parkway Fort Myers, FL 33913, David.Agacinski@dot.state.fl.us, (239)225-1924. While comments about the project are accepted at any time, they must be received or postmarked by Monday, April 13, 2026, to be included in the formal meeting record.

FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863)519-2287, or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FDOT Project Manager David Agacinski, Florida Department of Transportation, 10041 Daniels Parkway Fort Myers, FL 33913, David.Agacinski@dot.state.fl.us, (239)225-1924

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Section VII Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Insurance Agent and Agency Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Financial Services, Division of Insurance Agent and Agency Services has received the petition for declaratory statement from Job Dolce, on March 20, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, 626.207, Chapter 940, Florida Statutes, and Article IV, Section 8, 18 U.S.C. § 1033, Section 120.565, Florida Statutes, Rule 28-105.001 et seq., Florida Administrative Code as it applies to the petitioner.

The Petition asks: 1. Whether a federal conviction for Wire Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 constitutes a felony 'involving fraud' within the meaning of Section 626.207(2), Florida Statutes, thereby 'involving fraud' within the meaning of Section 626.207(2), Florida Statutes, thereby triggering the permanent bar to licensure — or whether such a conviction falls instead within the discretionary review categories subject to disqualifying periods under Section 626.207(3) and (4), such that the Department retains authority to consider licensure upon a showing of rehabilitation and fitness; 2. In the event the Department determines that the permanent bar under Section 626.207(2) applies, whether a subsequent grant of Civil Rights Restoration pursuant to Chapter 940, Florida Statutes, and Article IV, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution — or a full pardon — would operate to remove that bar and restore Petitioner's eligibility for licensure consideration under Section 626.207(7); 3. In the event the discretionary review pathway applies, what documentation, showings, or procedural steps the Department recommends Petitioner undertake to present the strongest possible case for licensure consideration, including whether Petitioner has satisfied the applicable disqualifying period beginning from the date of final release from supervision; and 4. Given that the Department has advised it does not issue written consents under 18 U.S.C. § 1033(e)(2), which authority — federal and state — Petitioner should petition for the consent required to lawfully engage in the business of insurance, and what steps the Department recommends to satisfy that federal requirement in conjunction with a Florida licensure application.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Sarah Marcos, Sarah.Marcos@myfloridacfo.com

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

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and
Purchasing

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

University of West Florida

25ITN-11MDV General Contractors

The University of West Florida is issuing this Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) to solicit competitive proposals from highly qualified, licensed, and experienced General Contractors to provide professional construction services for minor projects, renovations, and campus improvements.

The primary intent of this ITN is to establish a pool of pre-qualified General Contractors to perform as-needed services under a Master Agreement.

Responses must be submitted via BidNet Direct by April 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., Central. BidNet Direct questions call (800)835-4603. Solicitation documents available at bidnetdirect.com/florida/university-of-west-florida.

BARR AND BARR

UF-672 School of Music Demo/Abatement Package

Barr & Barr is seeking qualified bids for the UF-672 Music School Early Release demo package. The project is located on main campus in Gainesville, FL and consists of abatement, selective demolition of brick façade, two cast in place concrete stairwells, interior partition demolition, etc. Project start date is anticipated as May 1, 2026. Contact Lauren Pelini at LPelini@barrandbarr.com for addition information.

CITY OF WINTER HAVEN

Notice of Unsolicited Proposal and Report of Public Interest Determination

NOTICE OF UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL AND REPORT OF PUBLIC INTEREST DETERMINATION

Pursuant to Section 255.065, Florida Statutes, THE CITY OF WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, a Florida municipal corporation, hereby issues PUBLIC NOTICE of its acceptance of an UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL issued by SIX/TEN, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, without public bidding, for the construction, purchase, and sale of a public parking garage to be generally located Northwest of the corner of 3rd Street SW and Avenue C SW, Winter Haven, Florida, together with this REPORT of its determination that such proposal is in the public's interest, of the factors considered in making such determination, and of the City's findings based on each considered factor.

Parties interested in this unsolicited proposal may view copies of the unsolicited proposal, Resolution R-25-58 adopted by the City Commission of the City of Winter Haven, Florida on December 8, 2025, and supporting documentation regarding the unsolicited proposal, including an independent analysis of the proposal, by following this link to the agenda archive page for City of Winter Haven boards and committees and selecting the agenda packet for the December 8, 2025 City Commission meeting: https://winterhaven-fl.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1.

Questions regarding this proposal may be directed to: Eric Labbe, AICP, Director of Economic Opportunity & Community Investment, telephone: (863)291-5600, email: elabbe@mywinterhaven.com.

Upon its consideration of the unsolicited proposal at two duly noticed public meetings convened November 24, 2025 and December 8, 2025, the City Commission of the City of Winter Haven, in its capacity as the elected governing body of the City of Winter Haven, Florida, determined the proposal to be in the public's interest based on the following factors and associated statements, each of which was found by the City Commission to be true and correct assertions of fact:

1.The benefits to the public: The parking garage proposed by the unsolicited proposer provides a public benefit by creating

additional parking space supply in a rapidly developing downtown area with significant current and planned growth. The garage would also serve as a City-owned infrastructure asset on a site pre-identified in the 2022 Downtown Strategic Parking and Mobility Master Plan.

2.The financial structure of and the economic efficiencies achieved by the proposal: The proposed construction cost of \$23,224 per space is below both the 2025 national median of \$31,400 per space and the Tampa region median of \$27,224 per space and is within acceptable market parameters for a turnkey, fixed-price delivery parking structure. Further, proposed soft costs are 21% of the construction cost and are within acceptable market parameters of 15%-25%. Just value for underlying realty and its master parcel is \$3,319,331 and, depending on whether the master parcel is subdivided – and to what extent the master parcel is subdivided – prior to being sold to the City, independent analysis confirms that economic efficiencies and costs are within acceptable market parameters for a municipal purchase. After accounting for land value, which represents roughly 20% of the overall project cost, the all-inclusive cost per parking space rises to \$35,000 per space which total cost appears similar to, and even less than, the per space all-inclusive costs paid by other municipalities for other garage projects cited by the Proposer. The proposed garage parking structure will occupy a portion of one parcel, leaving the parcel’s existing building and some surface parking intact. Regarding financial structure, Six/Ten is a 50% owner of the parcel and intends to finance construction costs through a capital structure of approximately 80% loan-to-cost construction financing, using a senior construction loan, and the remainder of approximately 20% equity. The total anticipated cost for delivery of the 292-space parking structure is \$10,217,496.

3.The qualifications and experience of the private entity that submitted the proposal and such entity’s ability to perform the project: The proposer and its project team member entities are well-known and well-respected in the Greater Winter Haven community. Six/Ten, the proposer, is a real estate development and management company with a strong focus on revitalizing downtown Winter Haven, Florida. It holds a portfolio of over 850,000 square feet of commercial property. Founded in 1954, Whitehead Construction, the proposer’s construction company, is a third-generation general contractor based in Winter Haven, Florida with experience in design-build, commercial, and concrete construction, and direct contracting and construction experience with the City of Winter Haven, Florida including construction of the City’s 2012 Parking Garage with 267 spaces. Metromont, the proposer’s pre-cast concrete manufacturer, is located in Bartow, Florida and has direct experience with parking garage construction having supplied materials for the City of Tampa’s 1500-space “Heights Block 1” parking garage project. Finally, C&K Architects, the parking

garage designer, maintains an office in Winter Haven, Florida and previously designed the City’s 2012 Parking Garage project.

4.The project’s compatibility with regional infrastructure plans: The project is compatible with area and regional infrastructure plans. The proposed garage location is situated in south-central downtown within a rapidly developing area experiencing significant growth across residential, commercial, and institutional sectors. Recent and planned developments include 288 residential units in the immediate area of the Parking Garage, existing downtown restaurants, entertainment venues, and passive recreation facilities within 3 city blocks, 6 new restaurants and planned additional entertainment venues within 2 city blocks, a new hotel concept within 2 city blocks, a medical office facility within 1 city block, and a regional private university campus within 1 city block. The development site for the Parking Garage project was previously vetted in the 2022 Downtown Strategic Parking and Mobility Master Plan.

5.Public comments submitted at the meeting (including a statement addressing such comments and explaining why the proposal should proceed): Comments received noted that additional public parking spaces in the downtown area of Winter Haven are needed. Areas of concern included accommodations and design considerations for mobility impaired and disabled individuals, the general unsolicited proposal procurement process, the cost of the completed parking structure, source or sources of municipal funds needed to purchase the completed parking structure, land value, the desire for spaces to remain public and unleased, the importance of lighting and general design with public safety in mind, and wayfinding to direct patrons to and from the project and local businesses.

After consideration of the Proposal and public comments, the project should proceed. Specifically, Six/Ten has demonstrated, and an independent third-party review has confirmed, that the project is cost effective, with construction costs below both regional and national averages. The proposed structure will increase parking capacity within downtown Winter Haven by 21%, significantly improving public access to downtown businesses, and the project will serve to promote further investment and economic development within the Winter Haven downtown area. The Proposal is consistent with regional infrastructure plans, inclusive of the Downtown Strategic Parking and Mobility Master Plan, and the addition of 292 public parking spaces will provide greater municipal flexibility to create future disabled and mobility-impaired accessible on-street spaces, surface lot spaces, and drop-off spaces. The total cost to acquire the project, inclusive of underlying real estate, is expected to be \$10,217,496, and earmarked municipal funds are available for use together with realized savings from other transportation infrastructure projects. A just appraised value of

\$3,319,331 for the underlying real property and its master parcel was determined by the Polk County Property Appraiser for calendar year 2025 and independent analysis confirms that the Proposer’s assigned real estate valuation is likely within acceptable market parameters for the purchase. The project location has been previously identified and vetted as a desired location for a future parking structure and local law prohibits the lease of more than 10% of municipally owned parking spaces in a parking structure without the approval of a majority of the City’s elected officials. Lighting design and safety considerations both are and will be appropriate subjects for comprehensive agreement negotiations and the City is fully committed to placing thoughtful usable wayfinding markers throughout the greater downtown area indicating paths to and from the project, area businesses, and downtown attractions. This report is issued on December 8, 2025, at Winter Haven, Florida, pursuant to authority granted by Resolution R-25-58. Respectfully submitted,
 T. Michael Stavres, City Manager, City of Winter Haven, Florida
 Publish: Florida Administrative Register

**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., Tuesday, March 17, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 23, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5KER26-1	3/18/2026	3/18/2026
40A-2.011	3/17/2026	4/6/2026
40B-3.041	3/20/2026	4/9/2026
40B-3.051	3/20/2026	4/9/2026
40B-3.201	3/20/2026	4/9/2026
40B-3.301	3/20/2026	4/9/2026
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 Division of Library and Information Services
 LSTA Grant Program Applications
 Applications for the FY2025-26 Library Services and Technology Act Grant program must be submitted online using the Department of State Grants System, <http://dosgrants.com>. The deadline for application submission is 6:00 p.m., Eastern on April 20, 2026.
 The funding priorities for FY2025-26 competitive projects are America250 Florida community celebration activities and support.
 All project activities must be in strict accordance with all applicable federal and state laws. Grant activities that do not demonstrate compliance with federal or state laws will not be funded.
 Guidelines for applications are available on the Florida Department of State’s Division of Library and Information Services website, <http://info.Florida.gov/library-development/funding/lsta>. You may also request guidelines by email at GrantsOffice@dos.fl.gov, by phone at (850)245-6625, by fax at (850)245-6643 or by mail at Division of Library and Information Services, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Mail Station #9D, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Division of Air Resource Management

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$20 million available for the purchase of new Class 8 trucks and port drayage trucks (powered by diesel, compressed natural gas [CNG], or propane) to replace eligible diesel trucks of engine model year 2009 or older. Eligible replacement trucks must be utilized for waste hauling, waste management activities, municipal services (e.g., electrical utilities, potable water or wastewater utilities, emergency response) in one or more Florida cities or counties, or for port drayage purposes at one of Florida’s seaports. Eligible program participants include Florida county governments, Florida municipalities, non-governmental private commercial entities that provide municipal services for a Florida county or municipality under contract, or non-governmental private commercial entities that own and operate port drayage truck fleets at one or more of Florida’s seaports. Each governmental entity or non-governmental private commercial entity that provides services for a Florida county or municipality under contract may be awarded funding for up to two (2) eligible replacement units. Non-governmental private commercial entities that provide municipal services to governmental clients under contract, and which operate in more than one county or municipality, may apply separately for funding for unit replacement projects within each separate county or municipality in which that entity provides services. Qualifying governmental entities may be awarded up to \$400,000 per eligible municipal service truck unit, subject to the limits of available funds and the goal of awarding funds to as many qualifying governmental entities as possible. Qualifying private municipal services entities may be awarded up to \$100,000 per eligible municipal service truck unit (not to exceed 25% of the new unit price), subject to the limits of available funds. Qualifying owners and operators of port drayage truck fleets may be awarded funding for up to five (5) eligible replacement units. Qualifying owners and operators of port drayage truck fleets may be awarded up to \$150,000 per eligible port drayage truck unit (not to exceed 50% of the new unit price), subject to the limits of available funds. To be eligible, a qualifying entity must purchase one new truck (diesel, CNG, or propane) for each eligible existing unit scrapped by the entity. Scrappage requirements will apply as specified in Florida’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen (VW) Settlement. As stated in the Updates and Amendments to Florida’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, dated October 31, 2025, the Department will prioritize funding awards to projects in areas of the state engaged in disaster recovery and resiliency planning and in communities that have suffered disproportionate economic, environmental, and operational impacts from severe weather

events in recent years, which would also benefit from reductions in diesel-related emissions. The Department will also prioritize funding for projects located in rural areas of opportunity as defined under Section 288.0656, Fla. Stat. The Department reserves the right to make additional VW Settlement funds available for the purchase of new Class 8 trucks if there is sufficient interest in this NOFA. Florida entities that wish to participate in this program should visit the Department’s webpage at <https://floridadep.gov/volkswagen> to download, complete, and submit the application worksheet before April 23, 2026, 5:00 p.m., EST.

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