

By Senator Dean

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to required advertisements and public  
3           notices by governmental entities; creating s. 50.0311,  
4           F.S.; defining the term "publicly accessible website";  
5           authorizing a governmental entity to use its publicly  
6           accessible website for legally required advertisements  
7           and public notices; providing conditions for such use;  
8           providing for optional receipt of legally required  
9           advertisements and public notices by first-class mail;  
10          providing requirements for advertisements and public  
11          notices published on a publicly accessible website;  
12          amending s. 50.011, F.S.; providing that a notice,  
13          advertisement, or publication on a publicly accessible  
14          website in accordance with s. 50.0311, F.S.,  
15          constitutes legal notice; amending s. 50.021, F.S.;  
16          providing that advertisements directed by law or order  
17          or decree of court to be made in a county in which no  
18          newspaper is published may be made by publication on a  
19          publicly accessible website; amending s. 50.051, F.S.;  
20          providing clarifying provisions; amending s. 50.061,  
21          F.S.; providing clarifying provisions; amending s.  
22          100.342, F.S.; providing for notice of special  
23          election or referendum on a publicly accessible  
24          website; amending s. 125.012, F.S.; providing that  
25          required publication of notice of a county's intention  
26          to grant certain exclusive franchises may be provided  
27          on a publicly accessible website; amending s. 125.35,  
28          F.S.; providing for publication of notice of the sale  
29          of real property by a county on a publicly accessible

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30 website for a specified period; amending s. 125.66,  
31 F.S.; providing for notice of consideration of an  
32 ordinance by a board of county commissioners to be  
33 published on a publicly accessible website; requiring  
34 maintenance of the advertisement for a specified  
35 period; providing clarifying provisions; amending s.  
36 129.03, F.S.; providing for the advertisement of a  
37 summary statement of adopted tentative county budgets  
38 on a publicly accessible website; amending s. 129.06,  
39 F.S.; providing for advertisement of a public hearing  
40 relating to the amendment of a county budget on a  
41 publicly accessible website; amending s. 138.12, F.S.;  
42 providing for publication of notice of a proposal to  
43 expand a county seat and meetings related thereto on a  
44 publicly accessible website; amending s. 153.53, F.S.;  
45 providing for publication of notice of an election to  
46 create a county water and sewer system district on a  
47 publicly accessible website; amending s. 153.55, F.S.;  
48 providing for advertisement of a hearing on a report  
49 relative to the creation of a county water and sewer  
50 system district on a publicly accessible website;  
51 amending s. 153.79, F.S.; providing for public  
52 advertisement by a county water and sewer system  
53 district of projects to construct, reconstruct,  
54 acquire, or improve a water system or a sewer system,  
55 and of a call for sealed bids for such projects, on a  
56 publicly accessible website; amending s. 157.03, F.S.;  
57 providing for advertisement for bids for the  
58 construction of ditches, drains, or canals within a

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59 county on a publicly accessible website; amending s.  
60 157.21, F.S.; providing for advertisement by a county  
61 on a publicly accessible website for bids to enlarge  
62 or deepen a drain; amending s. 157.28, F.S.; providing  
63 for advertisement for bids for the repair of a county  
64 ditch, drain, or canal on a publicly accessible  
65 website; amending s. 159.32, F.S.; providing for  
66 advertisement for competitive bids for contracts for  
67 the construction of a project under the Florida  
68 Industrial Development Financing Act on a publicly  
69 accessible website; amending s. 162.12, F.S.;

70 providing for optional serving of notice by a code  
71 enforcement board of a violation of a county or  
72 municipal code via a publicly accessible website;  
73 amending s. 163.3184, F.S.; providing for notice of  
74 public hearings on the adoption of a local government  
75 comprehensive plan or plan amendment or the approval  
76 of a compliance agreement under the Local Government  
77 Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation  
78 Act via a publicly accessible website; amending s.  
79 163.3225, F.S.; providing for advertisement by a local  
80 government of notice of intent to consider a  
81 development agreement on a publicly accessible  
82 website; amending s. 163.356, F.S.; providing for  
83 posting of notice of the filing of a report of the  
84 activities of a community redevelopment agency on a  
85 publicly accessible website; amending s. 163.360,  
86 F.S.; providing for notice of a public hearing on a  
87 community redevelopment plan via a publicly accessible

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88 website; amending s. 163.361, F.S.; providing for  
89 notice of a public hearing on a proposed modification  
90 of a community redevelopment plan via a publicly  
91 accessible website; amending s. 163.380, F.S.;  
92 providing for public notice of the disposition of any  
93 real property in a community redevelopment area on a  
94 publicly accessible website; amending s. 163.387,  
95 F.S.; providing for publication on a publicly  
96 accessible website of notice of a public hearing  
97 regarding a taxing authority's intention to limit the  
98 amount of the authority's contribution to a community  
99 redevelopment trust fund; providing for publication on  
100 a publicly accessible website of notice of a local  
101 governing body's public hearing on a special  
102 district's request for exemption from appropriation of  
103 tax increment funds to a community redevelopment trust  
104 fund; amending s. 163.511, F.S.; providing for  
105 notification of electors and freeholders of general  
106 provisions relating to special neighborhood  
107 improvement districts via a publicly accessible  
108 website; amending s. 163.514, F.S.; providing for  
109 notification of electors in a neighborhood improvement  
110 district of general provisions relating to powers of  
111 such districts via a publicly accessible website;  
112 amending s. 163.516, F.S.; providing for publication  
113 of notice of a public hearing on a safe neighborhood  
114 improvement plan or on the amendment or modification  
115 of a safe neighborhood improvement plan via a publicly  
116 accessible website; amending s. 163.524, F.S.;

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117 providing for publication of notice of a joint public  
118 hearing on the adoption, amendment, or modification of  
119 a neighborhood enhancement plan via a publicly  
120 accessible website; amending s. 165.041, F.S.;

121 providing for publication of notice of an election for  
122 the approval of a charter for the merger of two or  
123 more municipalities and associated unincorporated  
124 areas via a publicly accessible website; amending s.  
125 165.051, F.S.; providing for notice of an election to  
126 vote on an ordinance to revoke the charter of an  
127 existing municipality to be published on a publicly  
128 accessible website; amending s. 166.041, F.S.;

129 providing for notice of adoption of a municipal  
130 ordinance via a publicly accessible website; providing  
131 clarifying provisions; amending s. 166.0497, F.S.;

132 providing for publication of notice of a public  
133 hearing on the adoption of an ordinance to alter,  
134 amend, or expand a municipal downtown development  
135 district via a publicly accessible website; amending  
136 s. 170.05, F.S.; providing for publication on a  
137 publicly accessible website of a resolution relating  
138 to municipal public improvements financed by special  
139 assessments; amending s. 170.07, F.S.; providing for  
140 publication on a publicly accessible website of notice  
141 of hearing on municipal public improvements financed  
142 by special assessments; amending s. 171.0413, F.S.;

143 providing for publication of notice of a referendum on  
144 annexation of territory by a municipality via a  
145 publicly accessible website; amending s. 171.051,

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146 F.S.; providing for notice of a contraction ordinance  
147 and publication of notice of a referendum on  
148 contraction of municipal boundaries via a publicly  
149 accessible website; amending s. 173.09, F.S.;

150 providing for advertisement via a publicly accessible  
151 website of the sale of land pursuant to foreclosure of  
152 municipal tax and special assessment liens; amending  
153 s. 177.101, F.S.; providing for publishing of legal  
154 notice of intention to apply to a county governing  
155 body to vacate a plat of land via a publicly  
156 accessible website; amending s. 180.09, F.S.;

157 providing for publication of notice via a publicly  
158 accessible website of the adoption of a resolution or  
159 ordinance by a city council or other legislative body  
160 authorizing the issuance of mortgage revenue  
161 certificates or debentures; amending s. 180.24, F.S.;

162 providing for advertisement via a publicly accessible  
163 website of specified construction contracts for  
164 utilities or extensions to a previously constructed  
165 utility; amending s. 189.4044, F.S.; providing for  
166 publication of a notice of proposed declaration of  
167 inactive status of a special district via a publicly  
168 accessible website; amending s. 189.417, F.S.;

169 providing for the advertisement of meetings of the  
170 governing body of an independent special district via  
171 a publicly accessible website; providing for notice of  
172 public meetings of a water management district held to  
173 evaluate responses to solicitations issued by the  
174 district via a publicly accessible website; amending

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175 s. 190.006, F.S.; providing for publication of notice  
176 via a publicly accessible website of a meeting of the  
177 landowners of a community development district for the  
178 purpose of electing district supervisors; amending s.  
179 190.033, F.S.; providing for advertisement for notice  
180 of bids or other competitive solicitation by the board  
181 of supervisors of a community development district via  
182 a publicly accessible website; amending s. 191.005,  
183 F.S.; providing for publication via a publicly  
184 accessible website of special notice of any meeting at  
185 which the governing board of an independent fire  
186 control district will consider a salary change for a  
187 board member; amending s. 192.0105, F.S.; providing  
188 for advertisement via a publicly accessible website of  
189 a listing of the names of taxpayers who are delinquent  
190 in paying tangible personal property taxes as provided  
191 for under the Florida Taxpayer's Bill of Rights;  
192 providing for advertised notice via a publicly  
193 accessible website of the actions of a value  
194 adjustment board as provided for under the Florida  
195 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights; amending s. 194.037, F.S.;  
196 providing for publication on a publicly accessible  
197 website of the findings and results of a property tax  
198 value adjustment board; amending s. 197.3632, F.S.;  
199 providing for publication on a publicly accessible  
200 website of a local government's notice of intent to  
201 use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem  
202 assessments; amending s. 200.065, F.S.; providing for  
203 advertisement on a publicly accessible website of a

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204 taxing authority's intent to adopt a millage rate and  
205 budget; providing for advertisement on a publicly  
206 accessible website of a school district's intent to  
207 adopt a tentative budget; providing for advertisement  
208 on a publicly accessible website of the intention of a  
209 specified multicounty taxing authority to adopt a  
210 tentative budget and millage rate; providing  
211 clarifying and conforming provisions; providing for  
212 notice via a publicly accessible website of correction  
213 of a specified error contained in a notice of proposed  
214 property taxes mailed to taxpayers; amending s.  
215 205.032, F.S.; providing for publication of notice on  
216 a publicly accessible website of the levy of a  
217 business tax by a county governing body; amending s.  
218 205.042, F.S.; providing for publication of notice on  
219 a publicly accessible website of the levy of a  
220 business tax by the governing body of an incorporated  
221 municipality; amending s. 255.0525, F.S.; providing  
222 for advertisement via a publicly accessible website  
223 for the solicitation of competitive bids or proposals  
224 for construction projects of a county, municipality,  
225 or other political subdivision which are projected to  
226 exceed specified costs; amending s. 274.06, F.S.;  
227 providing for publication of notice via a publicly  
228 accessible website of a local government's sale of  
229 tangible personal property having a specified value;  
230 amending s. 290.0057, F.S.; providing for notice via a  
231 publicly accessible website of a public hearing on an  
232 enterprise zone strategic plan; amending s. 298.301,



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233 F.S.; providing for publication on a publicly  
234 accessible website of notice of a public hearing on a  
235 proposed district water control plan or plan  
236 amendment; providing for publication by the board of  
237 supervisors of a water control district on a publicly  
238 accessible website of the filing of an engineer's  
239 report and a geographical depiction of the water  
240 control district; providing conforming provisions;  
241 amending ss. 348.243, 348.83, 348.943, 348.953, and  
242 348.968, F.S.; providing for advertisement via a  
243 publicly accessible website of public hearings on  
244 specified projects of the Broward County Expressway  
245 Authority, the Pasco County Expressway Authority, the  
246 St. Lucie County Expressway and Bridge Authority, the  
247 Seminole County Expressway Authority, and the Santa  
248 Rosa Bay Bridge Authority, respectively; amending s.  
249 350.81, F.S.; providing for publication on a publicly  
250 accessible website of notice of public hearings by a  
251 governmental entity that proposes to provide a  
252 communications service; amending s. 373.4592, F.S.;  
253 providing for publication on a publicly accessible  
254 website of notice by the South Florida Water  
255 Management District of the certification of a non-ad  
256 valorem assessment roll in specified counties relative  
257 to Everglades management and improvement; amending s.  
258 373.45924, F.S.; providing for publication as a notice  
259 on a publicly accessible website of a truth-in-  
260 borrowing statement from the South Florida Water  
261 Management District relative to the district's

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262 proposal to borrow or otherwise finance with debt any  
263 fixed capital outlay projects or operating capital  
264 outlay for Everglades management and improvement;  
265 amending s. 373.536, F.S.; providing for publication  
266 on a publicly accessible website of notice of budget  
267 hearings conducted by the governing board or district  
268 staff of the South Florida Water Management District,  
269 advertisement of budget workshops conducted by the  
270 district for the public, advertisement of the  
271 district's intention to adopt a tentative budget and  
272 millage rate, and notices of the district governing  
273 board's intention to adopt a final budget for the  
274 district for the ensuing fiscal year under the  
275 Everglades Restoration Investment Act; amending s.  
276 376.80, F.S.; providing for notice via a publicly  
277 accessible website of public hearings on the proposed  
278 designation of a specified brownfield area by a local  
279 government; amending s. 379.2425, F.S.; providing for  
280 publication of notice via a publicly accessible  
281 website of the establishment of a restricted area by  
282 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission;  
283 amending s. 380.06, F.S.; providing for publication of  
284 an advertisement on a publicly accessible website of a  
285 public hearing by a local government on an areawide  
286 development of regional impact under the Florida  
287 Environmental Land and Water Management Act of 1972;  
288 amending s. 403.973, F.S.; redefining the term "duly  
289 noticed" to include publication on a publicly  
290 accessible website; providing conforming provisions;

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291 amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; providing for  
292 advertisement of notice on a publicly accessible  
293 website of funding availability through a local  
294 housing assistance plan under the State Housing  
295 Initiatives Partnership Act; amending s. 553.73, F.S.;  
296 providing for advertisement on a publicly accessible  
297 website of a public hearing on the need to adopt local  
298 technical amendments to the Florida Building Code  
299 which provide for more stringent requirements;  
300 amending s. 633.025, F.S.; providing for advertisement  
301 on a publicly accessible website of a public hearing  
302 to determine the need to strengthen a local governing  
303 body's minimum firesafety code requirements; amending  
304 s. 705.103, F.S.; providing for publication of notice  
305 on a publicly accessible website of a law enforcement  
306 agency's election to retain lost property; providing  
307 for publication on a publicly accessible website of  
308 the advertisement of public sale of lost property by a  
309 law enforcement agency; amending s. 715.109, F.S.;  
310 providing for publication on a publicly accessible  
311 website of advertisement of the sale of abandoned  
312 property under the Disposition of Personal Property  
313 Landlord and Tenant Act; reenacting ss. 125.56(1) and  
314 212.054(6), F.S., relating to enforcement and  
315 amendment of the Florida Building Code and Florida  
316 Fire Prevention Code and a discretionary sales surtax,  
317 to incorporate the amendment to s. 125.66, F.S., in  
318 references thereto; reenacting ss. 163.3164(18),  
319 163.346, and 376.80(1), F.S., relating to the

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320 definition of "public notice" for purposes of the  
321 Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land  
322 Development Regulation Act, notice to taxing  
323 authorities, and the brownfield program administration  
324 process, respectively, to incorporate the amendments  
325 to ss. 125.66 and 166.041, F.S., in references  
326 thereto; reenacting ss. 30.50(4) and 200.065(3)(1),  
327 F.S., relating to amendment of a county budget  
328 relative to payment of salaries and expenses by a  
329 sheriff and advertisement and notice requirements with  
330 respect to the fixing of millage rates, to incorporate  
331 the amendments to ss. 129.03 and 129.06, F.S., in  
332 references thereto; reenacting ss. 163.3246(9)(a),  
333 163.32465(6)(h), 288.975(10) and (12)(d), 420.5095(9),  
334 and 1013.30(6), F.S., relating to adoption and review  
335 of local government comprehensive plan amendments,  
336 entry into compliance agreements between parties to an  
337 administrative challenge to an amendment to certain  
338 urban local comprehensive plans, military base reuse  
339 plans, a local government comprehensive plan amendment  
340 to implement a community workforce housing innovation  
341 pilot program project, and review of a university  
342 campus draft master plan, respectively, to incorporate  
343 the amendments to s. 163.3184, F.S., in references  
344 thereto; reenacting s. 163.3187(1)(c), F.S., relating  
345 to the amendment of an adopted comprehensive plan, to  
346 incorporate the amendments to s. 166.041, F.S., in a  
347 reference thereto; reenacting ss. 192.0105(1)(b) and  
348 (c), 200.068, and 286.0105, F.S., relating to taxpayer

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349 rights, certification of compliance with ch. 200,  
350 F.S., relating to determination of millage, and to a  
351 requirement that notices of meetings and hearings of a  
352 board, commission, or agency of the state advise that  
353 a record of the proceedings is required to appeal,  
354 respectively, to incorporate the amendments to s.  
355 200.065, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss.  
356 705.104(1) and 717.119(5)(b), F.S., relating to title  
357 to lost or abandoned property and to disposition by a  
358 law enforcement agency of a firearm or ammunition  
359 found in an unclaimed safe-deposit box or other  
360 safekeeping repository, respectively, to incorporate  
361 the amendment to s. 705.103, F.S., in references  
362 thereto; providing an effective date.

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364 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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366 Section 1. Section 530.0311, Florida Statutes, is created  
367 to read:

368 530.0311 Publication of advertisements and public notices  
369 on a governmental entity's publicly accessible website.-

370 (1) For purposes of notices and advertisements required by  
371 statute to be published by governmental entities, the term  
372 "publicly accessible website" means a governmental entity's  
373 official website that is accessible via the Internet.

374 (2) If specifically authorized by statute, a governmental  
375 entity may use its website for legally required advertisements  
376 and public notices if:

377 (a) A public library or other governmental facility

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378 providing free access to the Internet during regular business  
379 hours exists within the jurisdictional boundaries of such  
380 governmental entity;

381 (b) The governmental entity provides notice to its  
382 residents at least once per year in a newspaper of general  
383 circulation, the governmental entity's newsletter or periodical,  
384 or another publication that is mailed or delivered to all  
385 residents or property owners throughout the governmental  
386 entity's jurisdiction, indicating that residents may receive  
387 legally required advertisements and public notices from the  
388 governmental entity by first-class mail or e-mail upon  
389 registering their name and address or e-mail address with the  
390 local governmental entity;

391 (c) The governmental entity maintains a registry of names,  
392 addresses, and e-mail addresses of residents who request in  
393 writing that they receive legally required advertisements and  
394 public notices from the governmental entity by first-class mail  
395 or e-mail; and

396 (d) At the time of initial publication of an advertisement  
397 or public notice on a governmental entity's publicly accessible  
398 website, the governmental entity mails or e-mails a copy of such  
399 publication to residents indicating a preference to receive such  
400 advertisements and notices by first-class mail or e-mail.

401 (3) Advertisements and public notices published on a  
402 publicly accessible website shall be conspicuously placed on the  
403 website's homepage or accessible through a direct link from the  
404 homepage. The advertisement shall indicate the date on which the  
405 advertisement was first published on the publicly accessible  
406 website.

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407 Section 2. Section 50.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
408 read:

409 50.011 Where and in what language legal notices to be  
410 published.—Whenever by statute an official or legal  
411 advertisement or a publication, or notice in a newspaper has  
412 been or is directed or permitted in the nature of or in lieu of  
413 process, or for constructive service, or in initiating,  
414 assuming, reviewing, exercising or enforcing jurisdiction or  
415 power, or for any purpose, including all legal notices and  
416 advertisements of sheriffs and tax collectors, the  
417 contemporaneous and continuous intent and meaning of such  
418 legislation all and singular, existing or repealed, is and has  
419 been and is hereby declared to be and to have been, and the rule  
420 of interpretation is and has been, a publication in a newspaper  
421 printed and published periodically once a week or oftener,  
422 containing at least 25 percent of its words in the English  
423 language, entered or qualified to be admitted and entered as  
424 periodicals matter at a post office in the county where  
425 published, for sale to the public generally, available to the  
426 public generally for the publication of official or other  
427 notices and customarily containing information of a public  
428 character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners  
429 of property in the county where published, or of interest or of  
430 value to the general public. Notwithstanding any provisions to  
431 the contrary, and if specifically authorized by statute, a  
432 notice, advertisement, or publication on a publicly accessible  
433 website in accordance with s. 50.0311 constitutes legal notice.

434 Section 3. Section 50.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
435 read:

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436 50.021 Publication when no newspaper in county.—When any  
437 law, or order or decree of court, shall direct advertisements to  
438 be made in any county and there be no newspaper published in the  
439 said county, the advertisement may be made by publishing such  
440 advertisement on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
441 entity responsible for publication or posting three copies  
442 thereof in three different places in said county, one of which  
443 shall be at the front door of the courthouse, and by publication  
444 in the nearest county in which a newspaper is published.

445 Section 4. Section 50.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
446 read:

447 50.051 Proof of publication; form of uniform affidavit.—The  
448 printed form upon which all such affidavits establishing proof  
449 of publication in a newspaper are to be executed shall be  
450 substantially as follows:

451  
452 NAME OF NEWSPAPER  
453 Published (Weekly or Daily)  
454 (Town or City) (County) FLORIDA

455  
456 STATE OF FLORIDA

457  
458 COUNTY OF .....:

459 Before the undersigned authority personally appeared .....,  
460 who on oath says that he or she is .... of the ....., a ....  
461 newspaper published at .... in .... County, Florida; that the  
462 attached copy of advertisement, being a .... in the matter of  
463 .... in the .... Court, was published in said newspaper in the  
464 issues of .....



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465 Affiant further says that the said .... is a newspaper  
 466 published at ....., in said .... County, Florida, and that the  
 467 said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in  
 468 said .... County, Florida, each .... and has been entered as  
 469 periodicals matter at the post office in ....., in said ....  
 470 County, Florida, for a period of 1 year next preceding the first  
 471 publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant  
 472 further says that he or she has neither paid nor promised any  
 473 person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or  
 474 refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for  
 475 publication in the said newspaper.

476  
 477 Sworn to and subscribed before me this .... day of .....,  
 478 ...(year)..., by ....., who is personally known to me or who has  
 479 produced (type of identification) as identification.

480  
 481  
 482 ...(Signature of Notary Public)...

483  
 484 ...(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)...

485  
 486 ...(Notary Public)...

487 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 50.061, Florida  
 488 Statutes, is amended to read:

489 50.061 Amounts chargeable.—

490 (4) All official public notices and legal advertisements  
 491 published in a newspaper shall be charged and paid for on the  
 492 basis of 6-point type on 6-point body, unless otherwise  
 493 specified by statute.

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494 Section 6. Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
495 read:

496 100.342 Notice of special election or referendum.—In any  
497 special election or referendum not otherwise provided for there  
498 shall be at least 30 days' notice of the election or referendum  
499 by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
500 county, district, or municipality, as the case may be, or  
501 publication on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
502 entity responsible for publication and published daily during  
503 the 5 weeks immediately preceding the election or referendum. If  
504 advertised in the newspaper, the publication shall be made at  
505 least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week  
506 prior to the week in which the election or referendum is to be  
507 held. If there is no newspaper of general circulation in the  
508 county, district, or municipality and publication is not made on  
509 a publicly accessible website maintained by the entity  
510 responsible for publication, the notice shall be posted in no  
511 fewer less than five places within the territorial limits of the  
512 county, district, or municipality.

513 Section 7. Subsection (17) of section 125.012, Florida  
514 Statutes, is amended to read:

515 125.012 Project facilities; general powers and duties.—Any  
516 county and the board of county commissioners thereof shall have  
517 the power, in addition to the powers otherwise conferred:

518 (17) To grant exclusive or nonexclusive franchises to  
519 persons, firms, or corporations for the operating of  
520 restaurants, cafeterias, bars, taxicabs, vending machines, and  
521 other concessions of a nonaeronautical nature in, on, and in  
522 connection with any project owned and operated by the county.

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523 However, no exclusive franchise shall be so granted unless the  
524 board of county commissioners of such county shall award such  
525 franchise following receipt of sealed competitive bids in the  
526 manner prescribed by law, or cause to be published on a publicly  
527 accessible website maintained by the county or in a newspaper of  
528 general circulation in the county notice of the fact that it  
529 intends to grant such exclusive franchise and will at a time  
530 certain to be fixed in such notice, not less than 30 days after  
531 the publication of the notice, enter into negotiations with any  
532 interested parties as to the terms, conditions, and provisions  
533 of any such exclusive franchise. Such negotiations with any  
534 interested parties as to the terms, conditions, and provisions  
535 of any such exclusive franchise are to continue for a period of  
536 not less than 10 days before such exclusive franchise is  
537 granted.

538 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
539 125.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

540 125.35 County authorized to sell real and personal property  
541 and to lease real property.-

542 (1)

543 (c) No sale of any real property shall be made unless  
544 notice thereof is published once a week for at least 2 weeks in  
545 some newspaper of general circulation published in the county or  
546 published daily during the 2 weeks preceding the sale of any  
547 real property on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
548 county, calling for bids for the purchase of the real estate so  
549 advertised to be sold. In the case of a sale, the bid of the  
550 highest bidder complying with the terms and conditions set forth  
551 in such notice shall be accepted, unless the board of county

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552 commissioners rejects all bids because they are too low. The  
553 board of county commissioners may require a deposit to be made  
554 or a surety bond to be given, in such form or in such amount as  
555 the board determines, with each bid submitted.

556 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
557 (b) of subsection (4) of section 125.66, Florida Statutes, are  
558 amended to read:

559 125.66 Ordinances; enactment procedure; emergency  
560 ordinances; rezoning or change of land use ordinances or  
561 resolutions.—

562 (2) (a) The regular enactment procedure shall be as follows:  
563 The board of county commissioners at any regular or special  
564 meeting may enact or amend any ordinance, except as provided in  
565 subsection (4), if notice of intent to consider such ordinance  
566 is given at least 10 days before the ~~prior to said~~ meeting on a  
567 publicly accessible website maintained by the county or by  
568 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.  
569 If advertised on a publicly accessible website, the  
570 advertisement shall be published daily during the 10 days  
571 immediately preceding the meeting. A copy of such notice shall  
572 be kept available for public inspection during the regular  
573 business hours of the office of the clerk of the board of county  
574 commissioners. The notice of proposed enactment shall state the  
575 date, time, and place of the meeting; the title or titles of  
576 proposed ordinances; and the place or places within the county  
577 where such proposed ordinances may be inspected by the public.  
578 The notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear  
579 at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed  
580 ordinance.

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581 (4) Ordinances or resolutions, initiated by other than the  
582 county, that change the actual zoning map designation of a  
583 parcel or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to  
584 subsection (2). Ordinances or resolutions that change the actual  
585 list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a  
586 zoning category, or ordinances or resolutions initiated by the  
587 county that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel  
588 or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to the following  
589 procedure:

590 (b) In cases in which the proposed ordinance or resolution  
591 changes the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited  
592 uses within a zoning category, or changes the actual zoning map  
593 designation of a parcel or parcels of land involving 10  
594 contiguous acres or more, the board of county commissioners  
595 shall provide for public notice and hearings as follows:

596 1. The board of county commissioners shall hold two  
597 advertised public hearings on the proposed ordinance or  
598 resolution. At least one hearing shall be held after 5 p.m. on a  
599 weekday, unless the board of county commissioners, by a majority  
600 plus one vote, elects to conduct that hearing at another time of  
601 day. The first public hearing shall be held at least 7 days  
602 after the day that the first advertisement is published. The  
603 second hearing shall be held at least 10 days after the first  
604 hearing and shall be advertised at least 5 days prior to the  
605 public hearing.

606 2. The required newspaper advertisements shall be no less  
607 than 2 columns wide by 10 inches long in a standard size or a  
608 tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement  
609 shall be in a type no smaller than 18 point. The newspaper

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610 advertisement shall not be placed in that portion of the  
611 newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements  
612 appear. The newspaper advertisement shall be placed in a  
613 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county and of  
614 general interest and readership in the community pursuant to  
615 chapter 50, not one of limited subject matter. It is the  
616 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the newspaper  
617 advertisement shall appear in a newspaper that is published at  
618 least 5 days a week unless the only newspaper in the community  
619 is published less than 5 days a week. The newspaper  
620 advertisement shall be in substantially the following form:

621  
622 NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE  
623

624 The ...(name of local governmental unit)... proposes to  
625 adopt the following by ordinance or resolution:... (title of  
626 ordinance or resolution)....

627 A public hearing on the ordinance or resolution will be  
628 held on ...(date and time)... at ...(meeting place)....  
629

630 Except for amendments which change the actual list of permitted,  
631 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, the  
632 advertisement shall contain a geographic location map which  
633 clearly indicates the area within the local government covered  
634 by the proposed ordinance or resolution. The map shall include  
635 major street names as a means of identification of the general  
636 area.

637 3. In lieu of publishing the advertisements set out in this  
638 paragraph, the board of county commissioners may mail a notice

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639 to each person owning real property within the area covered by  
640 the ordinance or resolution. Such notice shall clearly explain  
641 the proposed ordinance or resolution and shall notify the person  
642 of the time, place, and location of both public hearings on the  
643 proposed ordinance or resolution.

644 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
645 129.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

646 129.03 Preparation and adoption of budget.—

647 (3) No later than 15 days after certification of value by  
648 the property appraiser pursuant to s. 200.065(1), the county  
649 budget officer, after tentatively ascertaining the proposed  
650 fiscal policies of the board for the ensuing fiscal year, shall  
651 prepare and present to the board a tentative budget for the  
652 ensuing fiscal year for each of the funds provided in this  
653 chapter, including all estimated receipts, taxes to be levied,  
654 and balances expected to be brought forward and all estimated  
655 expenditures, reserves, and balances to be carried over at the  
656 end of the year.

657 (b) Upon receipt of the tentative budgets and completion of  
658 any revisions made by the board, the board shall prepare a  
659 statement summarizing all of the adopted tentative budgets. This  
660 summary statement shall show, for each budget and the total of  
661 all budgets, the proposed tax millages, the balances, the  
662 reserves, and the total of each major classification of receipts  
663 and expenditures, classified according to the classification of  
664 accounts prescribed by the appropriate state agency. The board  
665 shall cause this summary statement to be advertised one time in  
666 a newspaper of general circulation published in the county, on a  
667 publicly accessible website maintained by the county, or by

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668 posting at the courthouse door if there is no such newspaper or  
669 website, and the advertisement shall appear adjacent to the  
670 advertisement required pursuant to s. 200.065.

671 Section 11. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section  
672 129.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

673 129.06 Execution and amendment of budget.—

674 (2) The board at any time within a fiscal year may amend a  
675 budget for that year, and may within the first 60 days of a  
676 fiscal year amend the budget for the prior fiscal year, as  
677 follows:

678 (f) If an amendment to a budget is required for a purpose  
679 not specifically authorized in paragraphs (a)-(e), unless  
680 otherwise prohibited by law, the amendment may be authorized by  
681 resolution or ordinance of the board of county commissioners  
682 adopted following a public hearing. ~~The public hearing must be~~  
683 ~~advertised at least 2 days, but not more than 5 days, before the~~  
684 ~~date of the hearing.~~ The advertisement must appear on a publicly  
685 accessible website maintained by the county or in a newspaper of  
686 paid general circulation and must identify the name of the  
687 taxing authority, the date, place, and time of the hearing, and  
688 the purpose of the hearing. If advertised in the newspaper, the  
689 public hearing must be advertised at least 2 days, but not more  
690 than 5 days, before the date of the hearing. If advertised on a  
691 publicly accessible website, the notice must be published daily  
692 during the 5 days immediately preceding the hearing. The  
693 advertisement must also identify each budgetary fund to be  
694 amended, the source of the funds, the use of the funds, and the  
695 total amount of each budget.

696 Section 12. Section 138.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to



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697 read:

698 138.12 Commissioners may expand county seat.—The board of  
699 county commissioners of any county may expand the geographical  
700 area of the county seat of its county beyond the corporate  
701 limits of the municipality named as the county seat by adopting  
702 a resolution to that effect at any regular or special meeting of  
703 the board. Such a resolution may be adopted only after the board  
704 has held not less than two public hearings on the proposal at  
705 intervals of not less than 10 or more than 20 days and after  
706 notice of the proposal and such meetings has been published on a  
707 publicly accessible website maintained by the county or in a  
708 newspaper of general circulation in the county. However, nothing  
709 herein shall be deemed to extend the boundaries of the  
710 municipality in which the county seat was previously located or  
711 annex to such municipality the territory added to the county  
712 seat.

713 Section 13. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
714 153.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

715 153.53 Establishment of districts in unincorporated areas.—

716 (2)

717 (d) Within 30 days after the petition is received by the  
718 property appraiser, said property appraiser shall determine  
719 whether such petition has been duly signed by the requisite  
720 number of property owners within the boundaries of the proposed  
721 district. If there is a sufficient number of valid signatures,  
722 the property appraiser shall forthwith deliver said petition to  
723 the board of county commissioners who shall within 60 days hold  
724 an election to determine if the district shall be created. The  
725 board of county commissioners shall have notice of such election

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726 published once a week for 4 successive weeks in a newspaper of  
727 general circulation within the area of the proposed district or  
728 daily during the 4 successive weeks immediately preceding the  
729 election on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
730 county. Said notice shall describe the purpose for which the  
731 district is to be established and the territory proposed to be  
732 included in the said district. If there is no such newspaper or  
733 website, ~~then~~ notice may be posted on the courthouse door and in  
734 five conspicuous places within the proposed district.

735 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 153.55, Florida  
736 Statutes, is amended to read:

737 153.55 Public hearing upon report of county commissioners  
738 and creation of district; findings of board of county  
739 commissioners.—

740 (1) Upon submission of any such report the board of county  
741 commissioners shall hold a public hearing upon such report and  
742 the question of the creation of such district, giving at least  
743 20 days' notice of such hearing by advertisement in a newspaper  
744 published in the county and circulating in the area of the  
745 proposed district, by daily publication during the 20 days  
746 immediately preceding the hearing on a publicly accessible  
747 website maintained by the county, or by posting as provided in  
748 s. 153.56 if no such newspaper or website is ~~be~~ published.

749 Section 15. Section 153.79, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
750 read:

751 153.79 Contracts for construction of improvements, sealed  
752 bids.—All contracts let, awarded, or entered into by the  
753 district for the construction, reconstruction, or acquisition or  
754 improvement of a water system or a sewer system or both or any

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755 part thereof, if the amount thereof shall exceed \$1,000, shall  
756 be awarded only after public advertisement and call for sealed  
757 bids therefor on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
758 county or, in a newspaper published in the county circulating in  
759 the district, or, if there is ~~be~~ no such website or newspaper,  
760 ~~then~~ in a newspaper published in the state and circulating in  
761 the district. If advertised in the newspaper, such advertisement  
762 shall ~~to~~ be published at least once at least 3 weeks before the  
763 date set for the receipt of such bids. If advertised on a  
764 publicly accessible website, such advertisement shall be  
765 published daily during the 3 weeks immediately preceding the  
766 date set for the receipt of such bids. Such advertisements for  
767 bids in addition to the other necessary and pertinent matter  
768 shall state in general terms the nature and description of the  
769 improvement or improvements to be undertaken and shall state  
770 that detailed plans and specifications for such work are on file  
771 for inspection in the office of the district clerk and copies  
772 thereof shall be furnished to any interested party upon payment  
773 of reasonable charges to reimburse the district for its expenses  
774 in providing such copies. The award shall be made to the  
775 responsible and competent bidder or bidders who shall offer to  
776 undertake the improvements at the lowest cost to the district  
777 and such bidder or bidders shall be required to file bond for  
778 the full and faithful performance of such work and the execution  
779 of any such contract in such amount as the district board shall  
780 determine, and in all other respects the letting of such  
781 construction contracts shall comply with applicable provisions  
782 of the general laws relating to the letting of public contracts.  
783 Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the district

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784 from hiring or retaining such consulting engineers, attorneys,  
785 financial experts or other technicians as it shall determine, in  
786 its discretion, or from undertaking any construction work with  
787 its own resources, without any such public advertisement.

788 Section 16. Section 157.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
789 read:

790 157.03 Commissioners to appoint committee; report of plans  
791 and estimate; letting contract; right-of-way for drains.—When  
792 the county commissioners shall order that such ditch, drain, or  
793 canal, ~~shall~~ be established, they shall appoint a committee of  
794 three disinterested freeholders who are citizens of the county,  
795 who may employ a surveyor, and shall cause an accurate survey to  
796 be made of the proposed ditch, drain, or canal, and shall  
797 establish the commencement, route, and terminus of said ditch,  
798 drain, or canal, the width, length, and depth thereof, and shall  
799 make and present to the county commissioners, at their next  
800 regular meeting, or at a meeting as soon thereafter as  
801 practicable, plans, specifications, and profiles for said  
802 construction, together with an estimate of the approximate cost  
803 of said ditch, drain, or canal, and the annual cost of its  
804 maintenance, and upon this report of the said committee, the  
805 board of county commissioners shall advertise once a week for 3  
806 weeks, ~~in a newspaper published in the said county~~ or daily for  
807 3 weeks on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
808 county, ~~for bids for the construction of said ditch, drain, or~~  
809 canal, and the same shall be given to the lowest responsible  
810 bidder; provided, the board of county commissioners may, if they  
811 deem it for the best interest of all concerned, reject all bids;  
812 and in case said bids are rejected they may advertise for

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813 further bids. Whenever the survey for any proposed ditch, drain,  
814 or canal~~7~~ shall run through the lands of anyone who shall object  
815 thereto, the board of county commissioners may proceed to  
816 condemn the right-of-way for such ditch, drain, or canal, and  
817 pay therefor out of the funds arising from the levy and  
818 assessments hereinafter provided for.

819 Section 17. Section 157.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
820 read:

821 157.21 Enlargement of drains; appointment of committee;  
822 report to commissioners; letting contract; contractor's bond;  
823 payments; assessment.—Whenever the board of county commissioners  
824 shall have determined upon a petition, filed as provided in s.  
825 157.16, to enlarge or deepen any drain, they shall appoint a  
826 committee of the three competent and disinterested persons who  
827 are citizens of the county, who shall cause an accurate survey  
828 to be made of the proposed work, and shall establish the depth  
829 or width to which the same shall be deepened and shall make and  
830 present to the county commissioners at their next regular  
831 meeting, an estimate of the cost of said work, and upon the  
832 report of said committee to them, said county commissioners  
833 shall advertise not less than 2 weeks in a newspaper published  
834 in the county or daily for 2 weeks on a publicly accessible  
835 website maintained by the county~~7~~ for bids on said work, to be  
836 given to the lowest responsible bidder, with the privilege of  
837 rejecting all bids that may be offered, should the same be  
838 considered unreasonable; and in case the said bids are rejected,  
839 they may again advertise for further bids. The said board of  
840 county commissioners shall require of the person whose bid is  
841 accepted for said work a good and sufficient bond for the

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842 faithful performance of said contract, which said work shall be  
843 done under the supervision of the committee appointed as  
844 aforesaid. When the work shall be completed the committee shall  
845 certify the same to the board of county commissioners who shall  
846 also inspect such work before final payment is made to the  
847 contractor, and such confirmation with the report of the  
848 committee that the work has been done according to contract,  
849 shall be made a matter of record; provided, that nothing in this  
850 chapter shall prevent the county commissioners from making  
851 payments in installments during the progress of the work, if  
852 deemed expedient. Before letting such contract, the committee  
853 appointed by the commissioners shall view the lands to be  
854 benefited by the enlargement or deepening of said drain or  
855 auxiliary and assess each parcel according and in proportion as  
856 each shall be benefited, both those lands lying immediately  
857 along such ditch, drain, or canal, and those adjacent thereto,  
858 for all the expenses that may be incurred in the enlarging or  
859 deepening of said drain and keeping the same in repair from year  
860 to year, and shall file a report of the same with the board of  
861 county commissioners, which said report shall show the several  
862 tracts of lands assessed and the names of the owners thereof,  
863 and the amounts assessed against each tract; provided, however,  
864 that if the owners of any tract cannot be ascertained by  
865 diligent inquiry, said tract shall be assessed as unknown.

866 Section 18. Section 157.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
867 read:

868 157.28 Awarding contracts for repair; approval.—If the  
869 estimated cost of repairing any such ditch, drain, or canal  
870 shall not exceed the sum of \$100, the board of county

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871 commissioners shall have full power to have the same done in  
872 such manner as said board may see fit; but if such estimated  
873 cost shall exceed \$100, then the contract shall be let to the  
874 lowest responsible bidder after advertising for bids at least  
875 once each week for 2 consecutive weeks in some newspaper  
876 published in the county or advertising daily for 2 consecutive  
877 weeks on a publicly accessible website maintained by the county,  
878 or by posting in five conspicuous places in the commissioners'  
879 district in which such ditch, drain, or canal shall be located,  
880 and all work done shall be subject to the approval and  
881 acceptance of the board of county commissioners.

882 Section 19. Section 159.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
883 read:

884 159.32 Construction contracts.—Contracts for the  
885 construction of the project may be awarded by the local agency  
886 in such manner as in its judgment will best promote free and  
887 open competition, including advertisement for competitive bids  
888 in a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of  
889 the local agency or on a publicly accessible website maintained  
890 by the local agency responsible for publication; however, if the  
891 local agency shall determine that the purposes of this part will  
892 be more effectively served, the local agency in its discretion  
893 may award or cause to be awarded contracts for the construction  
894 of any project, or any part thereof, upon a negotiated basis as  
895 determined by the local agency. The local agency shall prescribe  
896 bid security requirements and other procedures in connection  
897 with the award of such contracts as in its judgment shall  
898 protect the public interest. The local agency may by written  
899 contract engage the services of the lessee, purchaser, or

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900 prospective lessee or purchaser of any project in the  
901 construction of the project and may provide in the contract that  
902 the lessee, purchaser, or prospective lessee or purchaser may  
903 act as an agent of, or an independent contractor for, the local  
904 agency for the performance of the functions described therein,  
905 subject to such conditions and requirements consistent with the  
906 provisions of this part as shall be prescribed in the contract,  
907 including functions such as the acquisition of the site and  
908 other real property for the project; the preparation of plans,  
909 specifications, and contract documents; the award of  
910 construction and other contracts upon a competitive or  
911 negotiated basis; the construction of the project, or any part  
912 thereof, directly by the lessee, purchaser, or prospective  
913 lessee or purchaser; the inspection and supervision of  
914 construction; the employment of engineers, architects, builders,  
915 and other contractors; and the provision of money to pay the  
916 cost thereof pending reimbursement by the local agency. Any such  
917 contract may provide that the local agency may, out of proceeds  
918 of bonds, make advances to or reimburse the lessee, purchaser,  
919 or prospective lessee or purchaser for its costs incurred in the  
920 performance of those functions, and shall set forth the  
921 supporting documents required to be submitted to the local  
922 agency and the reviews, examinations, and audits that shall be  
923 required in connection therewith to assure compliance with the  
924 provisions of this part and the contract.

925 Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
926 162.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

927 162.12 Notices.—

928 (2) In addition to providing notice as set forth in



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929 subsection (1), at the option of the code enforcement board,  
930 notice may also be served by publication or posting, as follows:

931 (a)1. Such notice shall be published once during each week  
932 for 4 consecutive weeks (four publications being sufficient) in  
933 a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the code  
934 enforcement board is located or daily during the 4 weeks  
935 immediately preceding the hearing on a publicly accessible  
936 website maintained by the local government. The website and  
937 newspaper shall meet such requirements as are prescribed under  
938 chapter 50 for legal and official advertisements.

939 2. Proof of newspaper publication shall be made as provided  
940 in ss. 50.041 and 50.051.

941  
942 Evidence that an attempt has been made to hand deliver or mail  
943 notice as provided in subsection (1), together with proof of  
944 publication or posting as provided in subsection (2), shall be  
945 sufficient to show that the notice requirements of this part  
946 have been met, without regard to whether or not the alleged  
947 violator actually received such notice.

948 Section 21. Paragraph (b) of subsection (15) and paragraph  
949 (c) of subsection (16) of section 163.3184, Florida Statutes,  
950 are amended to read:

951 163.3184 Process for adoption of comprehensive plan or plan  
952 amendment.—

953 (15) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

954 (b) The local governing body shall hold at least two  
955 advertised public hearings on the proposed comprehensive plan or  
956 plan amendment as follows:

957 1. The first public hearing shall be held at the

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958 transmittal stage pursuant to subsection (3). It shall be held  
959 on a weekday at least 7 days after the day that the first  
960 advertisement is published or after the notice of the first  
961 public hearing is initially published on the publicly accessible  
962 website.

963 2. The second public hearing shall be held at the adoption  
964 stage pursuant to subsection (7). It shall be held on a weekday  
965 at least 5 days after the day that the second advertisement is  
966 published or after the notice of the second public hearing is  
967 initially published on the publicly accessible website.

968 (16) COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS.—

969 (c) Before ~~Prior to~~ its execution of a compliance  
970 agreement, the local government must approve the compliance  
971 agreement at a public hearing advertised at least 10 days before  
972 the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
973 area or daily during the 10 days immediately preceding the  
974 hearing on a publicly accessible website maintained by the local  
975 government in accordance with the advertisement requirements of  
976 subsection (15).

977 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
978 163.3225, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

979 163.3225 Public hearings.—

980 (2) (a) Notice of intent to consider a development agreement  
981 shall be advertised approximately 7 days before each public  
982 hearing in a newspaper of general circulation and readership in  
983 the county where the local government is located or advertised  
984 daily during the 7 days immediately preceding the hearing on a  
985 publicly accessible website maintained by the local government.  
986 Notice of intent to consider a development agreement shall also

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987 be mailed to all affected property owners before the first  
988 public hearing. The day, time, and place at which the second  
989 public hearing will be held shall be announced at the first  
990 public hearing.

991 Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
992 163.356, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

993 163.356 Creation of community redevelopment agency.—  
994 (3)

995 (c) The governing body of the county or municipality shall  
996 designate a chair and vice chair from among the commissioners.  
997 An agency may employ an executive director, technical experts,  
998 and such other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as  
999 it requires, and determine their qualifications, duties, and  
1000 compensation. For such legal service as it requires, an agency  
1001 may employ or retain its own counsel and legal staff. An agency  
1002 authorized to transact business and exercise powers under this  
1003 part shall file with the governing body, on or before March 31  
1004 of each year, a report of its activities for the preceding  
1005 fiscal year, which report shall include a complete financial  
1006 statement setting forth its assets, liabilities, income, and  
1007 operating expenses as of the end of such fiscal year. At the  
1008 time of filing the report, the agency shall publish on a  
1009 publicly accessible website maintained by the agency or in a  
1010 newspaper of general circulation in the community a notice to  
1011 the effect that such report has been filed with the county or  
1012 municipality and that the report is available for inspection  
1013 during business hours in the office of the clerk of the city or  
1014 county commission and in the office of the agency.

1015 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section

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1016 163.360, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1017 163.360 Community redevelopment plans.—

1018 (6) (a) The governing body shall hold a public hearing on a  
1019 community redevelopment plan after public notice thereof by  
1020 posting on a publicly accessible website maintained by the local  
1021 government responsible for publication or by publication in a  
1022 newspaper having a general circulation in the area of operation  
1023 of the county or municipality. The notice shall describe the  
1024 time, date, place, and purpose of the hearing, identify  
1025 generally the community redevelopment area covered by the plan,  
1026 and outline the general scope of the community redevelopment  
1027 plan under consideration.

1028 Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 163.361, Florida  
1029 Statutes, is amended to read:

1030 163.361 Modification of community redevelopment plans.—

1031 (2) The governing body shall hold a public hearing on a  
1032 proposed modification of any community redevelopment plan after  
1033 public notice thereof on a publicly accessible website  
1034 maintained by the local government responsible for publication  
1035 or by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in  
1036 the area of operation of the agency.

1037 Section 26. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
1038 163.380, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1039 163.380 Disposal of property in community redevelopment  
1040 area.—The disposal of property in a community redevelopment area  
1041 which is acquired by eminent domain is subject to the  
1042 limitations set forth in s. 73.013.

1043 (3) (a) Before ~~Prior to~~ disposition of any real property or  
1044 interest therein in a community redevelopment area, any county,

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1045 municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall give  
1046 public notice of such disposition by publication in a newspaper  
1047 having a general circulation in the community or on a publicly  
1048 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for  
1049 publication, at least 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the execution of  
1050 any contract to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer real property  
1051 and, before ~~prior to~~ the delivery of any instrument of  
1052 conveyance with respect thereto under the provisions of this  
1053 section, invite proposals from, and make all pertinent  
1054 information available to, private redevelopers or any persons  
1055 interested in undertaking to redevelop or rehabilitate a  
1056 community redevelopment area or any part thereof. Such notice  
1057 shall identify the area or portion thereof and shall state that  
1058 proposals must be made by those interested within 30 days after  
1059 the date of publication of the notice and that such further  
1060 information as is available may be obtained at such office as is  
1061 designated in the notice. The county, municipality, or community  
1062 redevelopment agency shall consider all such redevelopment or  
1063 rehabilitation proposals and the financial and legal ability of  
1064 the persons making such proposals to carry them out; and the  
1065 county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may  
1066 negotiate with any persons for proposals for the purchase,  
1067 lease, or other transfer of any real property acquired by it in  
1068 the community redevelopment area. The county, municipality, or  
1069 community redevelopment agency may accept such proposal as it  
1070 deems to be in the public interest and in furtherance of the  
1071 purposes of this part. Except in the case of a governing body  
1072 acting as the agency, as provided in s. 163.357, a notification  
1073 of intention to accept such proposal must be filed with the

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1074 governing body not less than 30 days before ~~prior to~~ any such  
1075 acceptance. Thereafter, the county, municipality, or community  
1076 redevelopment agency may execute such contract in accordance  
1077 with the provisions of subsection (1) and deliver deeds, leases,  
1078 and other instruments and take all steps necessary to effectuate  
1079 such contract.

1080 Section 27. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
1081 (d) of subsection (2) of section 163.387, Florida Statutes, are  
1082 amended to read:

1083 163.387 Redevelopment trust fund.—

1084 (1)

1085 (b)1. For any governing body that has not authorized by  
1086 June 5, 2006, a study to consider whether a finding of necessity  
1087 resolution pursuant to s. 163.355 should be adopted, has not  
1088 adopted a finding of necessity resolution pursuant to s. 163.355  
1089 by March 31, 2007, has not adopted a community redevelopment  
1090 plan by June 7, 2007, and was not authorized to exercise  
1091 community redevelopment powers pursuant to a delegation of  
1092 authority under s. 163.410 by a county that has adopted a home  
1093 rule charter, the amount of tax increment to be contributed by  
1094 any taxing authority shall be limited as follows:

1095 a. If a taxing authority imposes a millage rate that  
1096 exceeds the millage rate imposed by the governing body that  
1097 created the trust fund, the amount of tax increment to be  
1098 contributed by the taxing authority imposing the higher millage  
1099 rate shall be calculated using the millage rate imposed by the  
1100 governing body that created the trust fund. Nothing shall  
1101 prohibit any taxing authority from voluntarily contributing a  
1102 tax increment at a higher rate for a period of time as specified

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1103 by interlocal agreement between the taxing authority and the  
1104 community redevelopment agency.

1105       b. At any time more than 24 years after the fiscal year in  
1106 which a taxing authority made its first contribution to a  
1107 redevelopment trust fund, by resolution effective no sooner than  
1108 the next fiscal year and adopted by majority vote of the taxing  
1109 authority's governing body at a public hearing held not less  
1110 than 30 or more than 45 days after written notice by registered  
1111 mail to the community redevelopment agency and published on a  
1112 publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible  
1113 for publication or in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
1114 redevelopment area, the taxing authority may limit the amount of  
1115 increment contributed by the taxing authority to the  
1116 redevelopment trust fund to the amount of increment the taxing  
1117 authority was obligated to contribute to the redevelopment trust  
1118 fund in the fiscal year immediately preceding the adoption of  
1119 such resolution, plus any increase in the increment after the  
1120 adoption of the resolution computed using the taxable values of  
1121 any area which is subject to an area reinvestment agreement. As  
1122 used in this subparagraph, the term "area reinvestment  
1123 agreement" means an agreement between the community  
1124 redevelopment agency and a private party, with or without  
1125 additional parties, which provides that the increment computed  
1126 for a specific area shall be reinvested in services or public or  
1127 private projects, or both, including debt service, supporting  
1128 one or more projects consistent with the community redevelopment  
1129 plan that is identified in the agreement to be constructed  
1130 within that area. Any such reinvestment agreement must specify  
1131 the estimated total amount of public investment necessary to

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1132 provide the projects or services, or both, including any  
1133 applicable debt service. The contribution to the redevelopment  
1134 trust fund of the increase in the increment of any area that is  
1135 subject to an area reinvestment agreement following the passage  
1136 of a resolution as provided in this sub-subparagraph shall cease  
1137 when the amount specified in the area reinvestment agreement as  
1138 necessary to provide the projects or services, or both,  
1139 including any applicable debt service, has been invested.

1140 2. For any community redevelopment agency that was not  
1141 created pursuant to a delegation of authority under s. 163.410  
1142 by a county that has adopted a home rule charter and that  
1143 modifies its adopted community redevelopment plan after October  
1144 1, 2006, in a manner that expands the boundaries of the  
1145 redevelopment area, the amount of increment to be contributed by  
1146 any taxing authority with respect to the expanded area shall be  
1147 limited as set forth in sub-subparagraphs 1.a. and b.

1148 (2)

1149 (d)1. A local governing body that creates a community  
1150 redevelopment agency under s. 163.356 may exempt from paragraph  
1151 (a) a special district that levies ad valorem taxes within that  
1152 community redevelopment area. The local governing body may grant  
1153 the exemption either in its sole discretion or in response to  
1154 the request of the special district. The local governing body  
1155 must establish procedures by which a special district may submit  
1156 a written request to be exempted from paragraph (a).

1157 2. In deciding whether to deny or grant a special  
1158 district's request for exemption from paragraph (a), the local  
1159 governing body must consider:

1160 a. Any additional revenue sources of the community



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1161 redevelopment agency which could be used in lieu of the special  
1162 district's tax increment.

1163 b. The fiscal and operational impact on the community  
1164 redevelopment agency.

1165 c. The fiscal and operational impact on the special  
1166 district.

1167 d. The benefit to the specific purpose for which the  
1168 special district was created. The benefit to the special  
1169 district must be based on specific projects contained in the  
1170 approved community redevelopment plan for the designated  
1171 community redevelopment area.

1172 e. The impact of the exemption on incurred debt and whether  
1173 such exemption will impair any outstanding bonds that have  
1174 pledged tax increment revenues to the repayment of the bonds.

1175 f. The benefit of the activities of the special district to  
1176 the approved community redevelopment plan.

1177 g. The benefit of the activities of the special district to  
1178 the area of operation of the local governing body that created  
1179 the community redevelopment agency.

1180 3. The local governing body must hold a public hearing on a  
1181 special district's request for exemption after public notice of  
1182 the hearing is published on a publicly accessible website  
1183 maintained by the local governing body or in a newspaper having  
1184 a general circulation in the county or municipality that created  
1185 the community redevelopment area. The notice must describe the  
1186 time, date, place, and purpose of the hearing and must identify  
1187 generally the community redevelopment area covered by the plan  
1188 and the impact of the plan on the special district that  
1189 requested the exemption.

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1190           4. If a local governing body grants an exemption to a  
1191 special district under this paragraph, the local governing body  
1192 and the special district must enter into an interlocal agreement  
1193 that establishes the conditions of the exemption, including, but  
1194 not limited to, the period of time for which the exemption is  
1195 granted.

1196           5. If a local governing body denies a request for exemption  
1197 by a special district, the local governing body shall provide  
1198 the special district with a written analysis specifying the  
1199 rationale for such denial. This written analysis must include,  
1200 but is not limited to, the following information:

1201           a. A separate, detailed examination of each consideration  
1202 listed in subparagraph 2.

1203           b. Specific examples of how the approved community  
1204 redevelopment plan will benefit, and has already benefited, the  
1205 purpose for which the special district was created.

1206           6. The decision to either deny or grant an exemption must  
1207 be made by the local governing body within 120 days after the  
1208 date the written request was submitted to the local governing  
1209 body pursuant to the procedures established by such local  
1210 governing body.

1211           Section 28. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and paragraph  
1212 (c) of subsection (4) of section 163.511, Florida Statutes, are  
1213 amended to read:

1214           163.511 Special neighborhood improvement districts;  
1215 creation; referendum; board of directors; duration; extension.-

1216           (3)

1217           (c) Within 45 days from compilation of the voter  
1218 registration list pursuant to paragraph (b), the city clerk or

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1219 the supervisor of elections shall notify each such elector of  
1220 the general provisions of this section, including the taxing  
1221 authority and the date of the upcoming referendum. Notification  
1222 shall be by United States mail and, in addition thereto, by  
1223 publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in  
1224 the county or municipality in which the district is located or  
1225 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the entity  
1226 responsible for such publication.

1227 (4)

1228 (c) Within 45 days from compilation of the freeholders'  
1229 registration list pursuant to paragraph (b), the city clerk or  
1230 the supervisor of elections shall notify each such freeholder of  
1231 the general provisions of this section, including the taxing  
1232 authority and the date of the upcoming referendum, and the  
1233 method provided for submitting corrections to the registration  
1234 list should the status of the freeholder have changed since the  
1235 compilation of the tax rolls. Notification shall be by United  
1236 States mail and, in addition thereto, by publication one time in  
1237 a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality  
1238 in which the district is located or on a publicly accessible  
1239 website maintained by the entity responsible for such  
1240 publication.

1241 Section 29. Paragraph (b) of subsection (16) of section  
1242 163.514, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1243 163.514 Powers of neighborhood improvement districts.—  
1244 Unless prohibited by ordinance, the board of any district shall  
1245 be empowered to:

1246 (16)

1247 (b) In order to implement this subsection, the city clerk

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1248 or the supervisor of elections, whichever is appropriate, shall  
1249 compile a list of the names and last known addresses of the  
1250 electors in the neighborhood improvement district from the list  
1251 of registered voters of the county as of the last day of the  
1252 preceding month. The same shall constitute the registration list  
1253 for the purposes of a referendum. Within 45 days after  
1254 compilation of the voter registration list, the city clerk or  
1255 the supervisor of elections shall notify each elector of the  
1256 general provisions of this section, including the taxing  
1257 authority and the date of the upcoming referendum. Notification  
1258 shall be by United States mail and, in addition thereto, by  
1259 publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in  
1260 the county or municipality in which the district is located or  
1261 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the county or  
1262 municipality responsible for such publication.

1263 Section 30. Subsections (5) and (7) of section 163.516,  
1264 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1265 163.516 Safe neighborhood improvement plans.—

1266 (5) Before ~~Prior to~~ adoption of the safe neighborhood  
1267 improvement plan, the board shall hold a public hearing on the  
1268 plan after public notice thereof by publication in a newspaper  
1269 of general circulation in the county or municipality in which  
1270 the district is located or on a publicly accessible website  
1271 maintained by the entity responsible for such publication. The  
1272 notice shall describe the time, date, place, and purpose of the  
1273 hearing; identify the boundaries of the district; and outline  
1274 the general scope of the plan.

1275 (7) If, at any time after approval of the safe neighborhood  
1276 improvement plan, it becomes desirable to amend or modify the

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1277 plan, the board may do so. Before ~~Prior to~~ any such amendment or  
1278 modification, the board shall obtain written approval of the  
1279 local governing body concerning conformity to the local  
1280 government comprehensive plan and hold a public hearing on the  
1281 proposed amendment or modification after public notice thereof  
1282 by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
1283 county or municipality in which the district is located or on a  
1284 publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible  
1285 for such publication. The notice shall describe the time, place,  
1286 and purpose of the hearing and generally describe the proposed  
1287 amendment or modification.

1288 Section 31. Subsections (10) and (11) of section 163.524,  
1289 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1290 163.524 Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement Program;  
1291 participation; creation of Neighborhood Preservation and  
1292 Enhancement Districts; creation of Neighborhood Councils and  
1293 Neighborhood Enhancement Plans.—

1294 (10) Before ~~Prior to~~ the adoption of the Neighborhood  
1295 Enhancement Plan, the local government planning agency and  
1296 Neighborhood Council shall hold a joint public hearing on the  
1297 plan after public notice by the local government by publication  
1298 in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or  
1299 municipality in which the district is located or on a publicly  
1300 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for such  
1301 publication. The notice shall describe the time, date, place,  
1302 and purpose of the hearing; identify the boundaries of the  
1303 district; and outline the general scope of the plan as required  
1304 by law.

1305 (11) If at any time after approval of the Neighborhood

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1306 Enhancement Plan, it becomes desirable to amend or modify the  
1307 plan, the local governing body may do so. Before ~~Prior to~~ any  
1308 such amendment or modification, the local government planning  
1309 agency and the Neighborhood Council shall hold a joint public  
1310 hearing on the proposed amendment or modification after public  
1311 notice by the local government by publication in a newspaper of  
1312 general circulation in the county or municipality in which the  
1313 district is located or on a publicly accessible website  
1314 maintained by the entity responsible for such publication. The  
1315 notice shall describe the time, place, and purpose of the  
1316 hearing and shall generally describe the proposed amendment or  
1317 modification.

1318 Section 32. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
1319 165.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1320 165.041 Incorporation; merger.—

1321 (2)

1322 (c) Notice of the election shall be published at least once  
1323 each week for 2 consecutive weeks immediately preceding ~~prior to~~  
1324 the election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area  
1325 to be affected or published daily during the 2 consecutive weeks  
1326 immediately preceding the election on a publicly accessible  
1327 website maintained by the local government responsible for  
1328 publication. Such notice shall give the time and places for the  
1329 election and a general description of the area to be included in  
1330 the municipality, which shall be in the form of a map to show  
1331 clearly the area to be covered by the municipality.

1332 Section 33. Subsection (2) of section 165.051, Florida  
1333 Statutes, is amended to read:

1334 165.051 Dissolution procedures.—

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1335 (2) If a vote of the qualified voters is required, the  
1336 governing body of the municipality or, if the municipal  
1337 governing body does not act within 30 days, the governing body  
1338 of the county or counties in which the municipality is located,  
1339 shall set the date of the election, which shall be the next  
1340 regularly scheduled election or a special election held before  
1341 ~~prior to~~ such election, if approved by a majority of the members  
1342 of the governing body of each governmental unit affected, but no  
1343 sooner than 30 days after passage of the ordinance. Notice of  
1344 the election shall be published at least once each week for 2  
1345 consecutive weeks preceding ~~prior to~~ the election in a newspaper  
1346 of general circulation in the municipality or published daily  
1347 during the 2 consecutive weeks immediately preceding the  
1348 election on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
1349 local government responsible for publication.

1350 Section 34. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (3) of  
1351 section 166.041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1352 166.041 Procedures for adoption of ordinances and  
1353 resolutions.—

1354 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), a proposed  
1355 ordinance may be read by title, or in full, on at least 2  
1356 separate days and shall, at least 10 days before ~~prior to~~  
1357 adoption, be noticed once in a newspaper of general circulation  
1358 in the municipality or noticed daily during the 10 days  
1359 immediately preceding the adoption on a publicly accessible  
1360 website maintained by the municipality. The notice of proposed  
1361 enactment shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting;  
1362 the title or titles of proposed ordinances; and the place or  
1363 places within the municipality where such proposed ordinances

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1364 may be inspected by the public. The notice shall also advise  
1365 that interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard  
1366 with respect to the proposed ordinance.

1367 (c) Ordinances initiated by other than the municipality  
1368 that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel or  
1369 parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to paragraph (a).  
1370 Ordinances that change the actual list of permitted,  
1371 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, or  
1372 ordinances initiated by the municipality that change the actual  
1373 zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land shall be  
1374 enacted pursuant to the following procedure:

1375 1. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the  
1376 actual zoning map designation for a parcel or parcels of land  
1377 involving less than 10 contiguous acres, the governing body  
1378 shall direct the clerk of the governing body to notify by mail  
1379 each real property owner whose land the municipality will  
1380 redesignate by enactment of the ordinance and whose address is  
1381 known by reference to the latest ad valorem tax records. The  
1382 notice shall state the substance of the proposed ordinance as it  
1383 affects that property owner and shall set a time and place for  
1384 one or more public hearings on such ordinance. Such notice shall  
1385 be given at least 30 days prior to the date set for the public  
1386 hearing, and a copy of the notice shall be kept available for  
1387 public inspection during the regular business hours of the  
1388 office of the clerk of the governing body. The governing body  
1389 shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance and may,  
1390 upon the conclusion of the hearing, immediately adopt the  
1391 ordinance.

1392 2. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the



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1393 actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within  
1394 a zoning category, or changes the actual zoning map designation  
1395 of a parcel or parcels of land involving 10 contiguous acres or  
1396 more, the governing body shall provide for public notice and  
1397 hearings as follows:

1398       a. The local governing body shall hold two advertised  
1399 public hearings on the proposed ordinance. At least one hearing  
1400 shall be held after 5 p.m. on a weekday, unless the local  
1401 governing body, by a majority plus one vote, elects to conduct  
1402 that hearing at another time of day. The first public hearing  
1403 shall be held at least 7 days after the day that the first  
1404 advertisement is published. The second hearing shall be held at  
1405 least 10 days after the first hearing and shall be advertised at  
1406 least 5 days prior to the public hearing.

1407       b. The required newspaper advertisements shall be no less  
1408 than 2 columns wide by 10 inches long in a standard size or a  
1409 tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement  
1410 shall be in a type no smaller than 18 point. The newspaper  
1411 advertisement shall not be placed in that portion of the  
1412 newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements  
1413 appear. The newspaper advertisement shall be placed in a  
1414 newspaper of general paid circulation in the municipality and of  
1415 general interest and readership in the municipality, not one of  
1416 limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. It is the  
1417 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the newspaper  
1418 advertisement appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5  
1419 days a week unless the only newspaper in the municipality is  
1420 published less than 5 days a week. The newspaper advertisement  
1421 shall be in substantially the following form:

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## NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE

The ...(name of local governmental unit)... proposes to adopt the following ordinance:...(title of the ordinance)....

A public hearing on the ordinance will be held on ...(date and time)... at ...(meeting place)....

Except for amendments which change the actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, the advertisement shall contain a geographic location map which clearly indicates the area covered by the proposed ordinance. The map shall include major street names as a means of identification of the general area.

c. In lieu of publishing the advertisement set out in this paragraph, the municipality may mail a notice to each person owning real property within the area covered by the ordinance. Such notice shall clearly explain the proposed ordinance and shall notify the person of the time, place, and location of any public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

Section 35. Subsection (2) of section 166.0497, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:c

166.0497 Alteration, amendment, or expansion of established downtown development district; procedures.-

(2) In the resolution of intent, the governing body shall set a date for a public hearing on adoption of an ordinance altering, amending, or expanding the district and describing the new proposed district. Upon the adoption of the resolution, the governing body shall cause a notice of the public hearing to be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the

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1451 municipality or on a publicly accessible website maintained by  
1452 the municipality. Such, ~~which~~ notice shall be published in the  
1453 newspaper one time not less than 30 days and no ~~not~~ more than 60  
1454 days before ~~prior to~~ the date of the hearing, or published daily  
1455 on the website during the 60 days immediately preceding the date  
1456 of the hearing. The notice shall set forth the date, time, and  
1457 place of the hearing and shall describe the new proposed  
1458 boundaries of the district. Any citizen, taxpayer, or property  
1459 owner shall have the right to be heard in opposition to the  
1460 proposed amendment or expansion of the district. After the  
1461 public hearing, if the governing body intends to proceed with  
1462 the amendment or expansion of the district, it shall, in the  
1463 manner authorized by law, adopt an ordinance defining the new  
1464 district. The governing body shall not incorporate land into the  
1465 district not included in the description contained in the  
1466 resolution and the notice of public hearing, but it may  
1467 eliminate any lands from that description when it adopts the  
1468 ordinance containing the final determination of the boundaries.

1469 Section 36. Section 170.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
1470 read:

1471 170.05 Publication of resolution.—Upon the adoption of the  
1472 resolution provided for in s. 170.03, the municipality shall  
1473 cause said resolution to be published on a publicly accessible  
1474 website maintained by the municipality or one time in a  
1475 newspaper of general circulation published in said municipality,  
1476 and if there is ~~be~~ no website or newspaper published in said  
1477 municipality, the governing authority of said municipality shall  
1478 cause said resolution to be published once a week for a period  
1479 of 2 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in

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1480 the county in which said municipality is located.

1481 Section 37. Section 170.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
1482 read:

1483 170.07 Publication of preliminary assessment roll.—Upon the  
1484 completion of said preliminary assessment roll, the governing  
1485 authority of the municipality shall by resolution fix a time and  
1486 place at which the owners of the property to be assessed or any  
1487 other persons interested therein may appear before said  
1488 governing authority and be heard as to the propriety and  
1489 advisability of making such improvements, as to the cost  
1490 thereof, as to the manner of payment therefor, and as to the  
1491 amount thereof to be assessed against each property so improved.  
1492 Thirty days' notice in writing of such time and place shall be  
1493 given to such property owners. The notice shall include the  
1494 amount of the assessment and shall be served by mailing a copy  
1495 to each of such property owners at his or her last known  
1496 address, the names and addresses of such property owners to be  
1497 obtained from the records of the property appraiser or from such  
1498 other sources as the city or town clerk or engineer deems  
1499 reliable, proof of such mailing to be made by the affidavit of  
1500 the clerk or deputy clerk of said municipality, or by the  
1501 engineer, said proof to be filed with the clerk, provided, that  
1502 failure to mail said notice or notices shall not invalidate any  
1503 of the proceedings hereunder. Notice of the time and place of  
1504 such hearing shall also be given by two publications a week  
1505 apart in a newspaper of general circulation in said municipality  
1506 or by publication daily for 2 weeks on a publicly accessible  
1507 website maintained by the municipality, and if there is ~~be~~ no  
1508 website or newspaper published in said municipality, the

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1509 governing authority of said municipality shall cause said notice  
1510 to be published in like manner in a newspaper of general  
1511 circulation published in the county in which said municipality  
1512 is located; provided that the last publication shall be at least  
1513 1 week before ~~prior to~~ the date of the hearing. Said notice  
1514 shall describe the streets or other areas to be improved and  
1515 advise all persons interested that the description of each  
1516 property to be assessed and the amount to be assessed to each  
1517 piece or parcel of property may be ascertained at the office of  
1518 the clerk of the municipality. Such service by publication shall  
1519 be verified by the affidavit of the publisher and filed with the  
1520 clerk of said municipality.

1521 Section 38. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
1522 171.0413, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1523 171.0413 Annexation procedures.—Any municipality may annex  
1524 contiguous, compact, unincorporated territory in the following  
1525 manner:

1526 (2) Following the final adoption of the ordinance of  
1527 annexation by the governing body of the annexing municipality,  
1528 the ordinance shall be submitted to a vote of the registered  
1529 electors of the area proposed to be annexed. The governing body  
1530 of the annexing municipality may also choose to submit the  
1531 ordinance of annexation to a separate vote of the registered  
1532 electors of the annexing municipality. The referendum on  
1533 annexation shall be called and conducted and the expense thereof  
1534 paid by the governing body of the annexing municipality.

1535 (b) The governing body of the annexing municipality shall  
1536 publish notice of the referendum on annexation at least once  
1537 each week for 2 consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date

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1538 of the referendum in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
1539 area in which the referendum is to be held or daily during the 2  
1540 weeks immediately preceding the date of the referendum on a  
1541 publicly accessible website maintained by the annexing  
1542 municipality. The notice shall give the ordinance number, the  
1543 time and places for the referendum, and a brief, general  
1544 description of the area proposed to be annexed. The description  
1545 shall include a map clearly showing the area and a statement  
1546 that the complete legal description by metes and bounds and the  
1547 ordinance can be obtained from the office of the city clerk.

1548 Section 39. Subsections (3) and (7) of section 171.051,  
1549 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1550 171.051 Contraction procedures.—Any municipality may  
1551 initiate the contraction of municipal boundaries in the  
1552 following manner:

1553 (3) After introduction, the contraction ordinance shall be  
1554 noticed at least once per week for 2 consecutive weeks in a  
1555 newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or  
1556 published daily during the 2 consecutive weeks immediately  
1557 preceding the date of the meeting on a publicly accessible  
1558 website maintained by the municipality, such notice to describe  
1559 the area to be excluded. Such description shall include a  
1560 statement of findings to show that the area to be excluded fails  
1561 to meet the criteria of s. 171.043, set the time and place of  
1562 the meeting at which the ordinance will be considered, and  
1563 advise that all parties affected may be heard.

1564 (7) The municipal governing body shall establish the date  
1565 of election and publish notice of the referendum election at  
1566 least once a week for the 2 consecutive weeks immediately

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1567 preceding ~~prior to~~ the election in a newspaper of general  
1568 circulation in the area proposed to be excluded or in the  
1569 municipality or daily during the 2 consecutive weeks immediately  
1570 preceding the date of the meeting on a publicly accessible  
1571 website maintained by the municipality. Such notice shall give  
1572 the time and places for the election and a general description  
1573 of the area to be excluded, which shall be in the form of a map  
1574 clearly showing the area proposed to be excluded.

1575 Section 40. Subsection (1) of section 173.09, Florida  
1576 Statutes, is amended to read:

1577 173.09 Judgment for complainant; special magistrate's sale;  
1578 complainant may purchase and later sell.—

1579 (1) Any such decree shall direct the special magistrate  
1580 thereby appointed to sell the several parcels of land separately  
1581 to the highest and best bidder for cash (or, at the option of  
1582 complainant, to the extent of special assessments included in  
1583 such judgment, for bonds or interest coupons issued by  
1584 complainant), at public outcry at the courthouse door of the  
1585 county in which such suit is pending, or at such point or place  
1586 in the complainant municipality as the court in such final  
1587 decree may direct, after having advertised such sale (which  
1588 advertisement may include all lands so ordered sold) once each  
1589 week for 2 consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the  
1590 city or town in which the complainant is situated or publishing  
1591 notice of the sale daily for 2 consecutive weeks on a publicly  
1592 accessible website maintained by the municipality, or if there  
1593 is no such website or newspaper, in a newspaper published in the  
1594 county in which the suit is pending, and if all the lands so  
1595 advertised for sale be not sold on the day specified in such

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1596 advertisement, such sale shall be continued from day to day  
1597 until the sale of all such land is completed.

1598 Section 41. Subsection (4) of section 177.101, Florida  
1599 Statutes, is amended to read:

1600 177.101 Vacation and annulment of plats subdividing land.-

1601 (4) Persons making application for vacations of plats  
1602 either in whole or in part shall give notice of their intention  
1603 to apply to the governing body of the county to vacate said plat  
1604 by publishing legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation  
1605 in the county in which the tract or parcel of land is located,  
1606 in not less than two weekly issues of said paper, or daily for 2  
1607 weeks on a publicly accessible website maintained by the local  
1608 government, and must attach to the petition for vacation the  
1609 proof of such publication, together with certificates showing  
1610 that all state and county taxes have been paid. For the purpose  
1611 of the tax collector's certification that state, county, and  
1612 municipal taxes have been paid, the taxes shall be deemed to  
1613 have been paid if, in addition to any partial payment under s.  
1614 194.171, the owner of the platted lands sought to be vacated  
1615 shall post a cash bond, approved by the tax collector of the  
1616 county where the land is located and by the Department of  
1617 Revenue, conditioned to pay the full amount of any judgment  
1618 entered pursuant to s. 194.192 adverse to the person making  
1619 partial payment, including all costs, interest, and penalties.  
1620 The circuit court shall fix the amount of said bond by order,  
1621 after considering the reasonable timeframe for such litigation  
1622 and all other relevant factors; and a certified copy of such  
1623 approval, order, and cash bond shall be attached to the  
1624 application. If such tract or parcel of land is within the



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1625 corporate limits of any incorporated city or town, the governing  
1626 body of the county shall be furnished with a certified copy of a  
1627 resolution of the town council or city commission, as the case  
1628 may be, showing that it has already by suitable resolution  
1629 vacated such plat or subdivision or such part thereof sought to  
1630 be vacated.

1631 Section 42. Section 180.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
1632 read:

1633 180.09 Notice of resolution or ordinance authorizing  
1634 issuance of certificates.—Upon the adoption of resolution or  
1635 ordinance by the city council, or other legislative body, by  
1636 whatever name known, authorizing the issuance of mortgage  
1637 revenue certificates or debentures, a notice thereof shall be  
1638 published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of  
1639 general circulation in the county in which the municipality is  
1640 located or daily for 2 consecutive weeks on a publicly  
1641 accessible website maintained by the municipality, or posted by  
1642 ~~posting a notice~~ in at least three conspicuous places within the  
1643 limits of the municipality, one of which shall be posted at the  
1644 door of the city hall or city offices; provided, that if any of  
1645 the mortgage revenue certificates or debentures are to be  
1646 purchased by the United States of America, or any  
1647 instrumentality or subdivision thereof, it shall not be  
1648 necessary to advertise or offer the same for sale by competitive  
1649 bidding.

1650 Section 43. Subsection (1) of section 180.24, Florida  
1651 Statutes, is amended to read:

1652 180.24 Contracts for construction; bond; publication of  
1653 notice; bids.—

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1654 (1) Any municipality desiring the accomplishment of any or  
1655 all of the purposes of this chapter may make contracts for the  
1656 construction of any of the utilities mentioned in this chapter,  
1657 or any extension or extensions to any previously constructed  
1658 utility, which said contracts shall be in writing, and the  
1659 contractor shall be required to give bond, which said bond shall  
1660 be executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the  
1661 state; provided, however, construction contracts in excess of  
1662 \$25,000 shall be advertised by the publication of a notice in a  
1663 newspaper of general circulation in the county in which said  
1664 municipality is located at least once each week for 2  
1665 consecutive weeks, by publication daily for 2 weeks on a  
1666 publicly accessible website maintained by the municipality, or  
1667 by posting three notices in three conspicuous places in said  
1668 municipality, one of which shall be on the door of the city  
1669 hall; and that at least 10 days shall elapse between the date of  
1670 the first publication or posting of such notice and the date of  
1671 receiving bids and the execution of such contract documents. For  
1672 municipal construction projects identified in s. 255.0525, the  
1673 notice provision of that section supersedes and replaces the  
1674 notice provisions in this section.

1675 Section 44. Subsection (1) of section 189.4044, Florida  
1676 Statutes, is amended to read:

1677 189.4044 Special procedures for inactive districts.—

1678 (1) The department shall declare inactive any special  
1679 district in this state by documenting that:

1680 (a) The special district meets one of the following  
1681 criteria:

1682 1. The registered agent of the district, the chair of the

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1683 governing body of the district, or the governing body of the  
1684 appropriate local general-purpose government notifies the  
1685 department in writing that the district has taken no action for  
1686 2 or more years;

1687         2. Following an inquiry from the department, the registered  
1688 agent of the district, the chair of the governing body of the  
1689 district, or the governing body of the appropriate local  
1690 general-purpose government notifies the department in writing  
1691 that the district has not had a governing board or a sufficient  
1692 number of governing board members to constitute a quorum for 2  
1693 or more years or the registered agent of the district, the chair  
1694 of the governing body of the district, or the governing body of  
1695 the appropriate local general-purpose government fails to  
1696 respond to the department's inquiry within 21 days; or

1697         3. The department determines, pursuant to s. 189.421, that  
1698 the district has failed to file any of the reports listed in s.  
1699 189.419.

1700         (b) The department, special district, or local general-  
1701 purpose government published a notice of proposed declaration of  
1702 inactive status on a publicly accessible website maintained by  
1703 the entity responsible for publication or in a newspaper of  
1704 general circulation in the county or municipality in which the  
1705 territory of the special district is located and sent a copy of  
1706 such notice by certified mail to the registered agent or chair  
1707 of the board, if any. Such notice must include the name of the  
1708 special district, the law under which it was organized and  
1709 operating, a general description of the territory included in  
1710 the special district, and a statement that any objections must  
1711 be filed pursuant to chapter 120 within 21 days after the

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1712 publication date; and

1713 (c) Twenty-one days have elapsed from the publication date  
1714 of the notice of proposed declaration of inactive status and no  
1715 administrative appeals were filed.

1716 Section 45. Subsection (1) of section 189.417, Florida  
1717 Statutes, is amended to read:

1718 189.417 Meetings; notice; required reports.—

1719 (1) The governing body of each special district shall file  
1720 quarterly, semiannually, or annually a schedule of its regular  
1721 meetings with the local governing authority or authorities. The  
1722 schedule shall include the date, time, and location of each  
1723 scheduled meeting. The schedule shall be published quarterly,  
1724 semiannually, or annually in a newspaper of general paid  
1725 circulation in the manner required in this subsection. The  
1726 governing body of an independent special district shall  
1727 advertise the day, time, place, and purpose of any meeting other  
1728 than a regular meeting or any recessed and reconvened meeting of  
1729 the governing body, at least 7 days before ~~prior to~~ such  
1730 meeting, in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the  
1731 county or counties in which the special district is located, or  
1732 daily during the 7 days immediately preceding the meeting on a  
1733 publicly accessible website maintained by the district, unless a  
1734 bona fide emergency situation exists, in which case a meeting to  
1735 deal with the emergency may be held as necessary, with  
1736 reasonable notice, so long as it is subsequently ratified by the  
1737 board. No approval of the annual budget shall be granted at an  
1738 emergency meeting. If the advertisement is published in a  
1739 newspaper, the advertisement shall be placed in that portion of  
1740 the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements

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1741 appear and. ~~The advertisement~~ shall appear in a newspaper that  
1742 is published at least 5 days a week, unless the only newspaper  
1743 in the county is published fewer than 5 days a week. The  
1744 newspaper selected must be one of general interest and  
1745 readership in the community and not one of limited subject  
1746 matter, pursuant to chapter 50. Any other provision of law to  
1747 the contrary notwithstanding, and except in the case of  
1748 emergency meetings, water management districts may provide  
1749 reasonable notice of public meetings held to evaluate responses  
1750 to solicitations issued by the water management district, by  
1751 publication in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the  
1752 county where the principal office of the water management  
1753 district is located, or in the county or counties where the  
1754 public work will be performed, no less than 7 days before such  
1755 meeting or on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
1756 district during the 7 days immediately preceding the meeting.

1757 Section 46. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
1758 190.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1759 190.006 Board of supervisors; members and meetings.—

1760 (2) (a) Within 90 days following the effective date of the  
1761 rule or ordinance establishing the district, there shall be held  
1762 a meeting of the landowners of the district for the purpose of  
1763 electing five supervisors for the district. Notice of the  
1764 landowners' meeting shall be published once a week for 2  
1765 consecutive weeks in a newspaper that ~~which~~ is in general  
1766 circulation in the area of the district, the last day of such  
1767 newspaper publication to be not less fewer than 14 days or more  
1768 than 28 days before the date of the election, or published daily  
1769 during the 28 days immediately preceding the date of the

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1770 election on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
1771 district. The landowners, when assembled at such meeting, shall  
1772 organize by electing a chair who shall conduct the meeting. The  
1773 chair may be any person present at the meeting. If the chair is  
1774 a landowner or proxy holder of a landowner, he or she may  
1775 nominate candidates and make and second motions.

1776 Section 47. Subsection (1) of section 190.033, Florida  
1777 Statutes, is amended to read:

1778 190.033 Bids required.-

1779 (1) No contract shall be let by the board for any goods,  
1780 supplies, or materials to be purchased when the amount thereof  
1781 to be paid by the district shall exceed the amount provided in  
1782 s. 287.017 for category four, unless notice of bids or other  
1783 competitive solicitation, including requests for proposals or  
1784 qualifications, is advertised once in a newspaper in general  
1785 circulation in the county and in the district or on a publicly  
1786 accessible website maintained by the district. Any board seeking  
1787 to construct or improve a public building, structure, or other  
1788 public works shall comply with the bidding procedures of s.  
1789 255.20 and other applicable general law. In each case, the bid  
1790 of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder shall be  
1791 accepted unless all bids are rejected because the bids are too  
1792 high, or the board determines it is in the best interests of the  
1793 district to reject all bids. In each case in which requests for  
1794 proposals, qualifications, or other competitive solicitations  
1795 are used, the district shall determine which response is most  
1796 advantageous for the district and award the contract to that  
1797 proposer. The board may require the bidders or proposers to  
1798 furnish bond with a responsible surety to be approved by the

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1799 board. If the district does not receive a response to its  
1800 competitive solicitation, the district may proceed to purchase  
1801 such goods, supplies, materials, or construction services in the  
1802 manner it deems in the best interests of the district. Nothing  
1803 in this section shall prevent the board from undertaking and  
1804 performing the construction, operation, and maintenance of any  
1805 project or facility authorized by this act by the employment of  
1806 labor, material, and machinery.

1807 Section 48. Subsection (4) of section 191.005, Florida  
1808 Statutes, is amended to read:

1809 191.005 District boards of commissioners; membership,  
1810 officers, meetings.—

1811 (4) Members of the board may each be paid a salary or  
1812 honorarium to be determined by at least a majority plus one vote  
1813 of the board, which salary or honorarium may not exceed \$500 per  
1814 month for each member. Special notice of any meeting at which  
1815 the board will consider a salary change for a board member shall  
1816 be published at least once, at least 14 days before ~~prior to~~ the  
1817 meeting, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in  
1818 which the district is located or published daily during the 14  
1819 days immediately preceding the meeting on a publicly accessible  
1820 website maintained by the district. Separate compensation for  
1821 the board member serving as treasurer may be authorized by like  
1822 vote so long as total compensation for the board member does not  
1823 exceed \$500 per month. Members may be reimbursed for travel and  
1824 per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

1825 Section 49. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
1826 (g) of subsection (2) of section 192.0105, Florida Statutes, are  
1827 amended to read:

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1828           192.0105 Taxpayer rights.—There is created a Florida  
1829 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights for property taxes and assessments to  
1830 guarantee that the rights, privacy, and property of the  
1831 taxpayers of this state are adequately safeguarded and protected  
1832 during tax levy, assessment, collection, and enforcement  
1833 processes administered under the revenue laws of this state. The  
1834 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights compiles, in one document, brief but  
1835 comprehensive statements that summarize the rights and  
1836 obligations of the property appraisers, tax collectors, clerks  
1837 of the court, local governing boards, the Department of Revenue,  
1838 and taxpayers. Additional rights afforded to payors of taxes and  
1839 assessments imposed under the revenue laws of this state are  
1840 provided in s. 213.015. The rights afforded taxpayers to assure  
1841 that their privacy and property are safeguarded and protected  
1842 during tax levy, assessment, and collection are available only  
1843 insofar as they are implemented in other parts of the Florida  
1844 Statutes or rules of the Department of Revenue. The rights so  
1845 guaranteed to state taxpayers in the Florida Statutes and the  
1846 departmental rules include:

1847           (1) THE RIGHT TO KNOW.—

1848           (i) The right to an advertisement in a newspaper or on a  
1849 publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible  
1850 for publication listing names of taxpayers who are delinquent in  
1851 paying tangible personal property taxes, with amounts due, and  
1852 giving notice that interest is accruing at 18 percent and that,  
1853 unless taxes are paid, warrants will be issued, prior to  
1854 petition made with the circuit court for an order to seize and  
1855 sell property (see s. 197.402(2)).

1856           (2) THE RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS.—



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1857 (g) The right to be mailed a timely written decision by the  
1858 value adjustment board containing findings of fact and  
1859 conclusions of law and reasons for upholding or overturning the  
1860 determination of the property appraiser, and the right to  
1861 advertised notice, including notice on a publicly accessible  
1862 website, of all board actions, including appropriate narrative  
1863 and column descriptions, in brief and nontechnical language (see  
1864 ss. 194.034(2) and 194.037(3)).

1865 Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 194.037, Florida  
1866 Statutes, is amended to read:

1867 194.037 Disclosure of tax impact.—

1868 (1) After hearing all petitions, complaints, appeals, and  
1869 disputes, the clerk shall make public notice of the findings and  
1870 results of the board. If advertised in the newspaper, the  
1871 advertisement shall be in at least a quarter-page size  
1872 advertisement of a standard size or tabloid size newspaper, and  
1873 the headline shall be in a type no smaller than 18 point. If  
1874 advertised in the newspaper, the advertisement shall not be  
1875 placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and  
1876 classified advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be  
1877 published in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the  
1878 county or on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
1879 entity responsible for publication. If the advertisement is  
1880 published in a newspaper, the newspaper selected shall be one of  
1881 general interest and readership in the community, and not one of  
1882 limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. The headline  
1883 shall read: TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. The public  
1884 notice shall list the members of the value adjustment board and  
1885 the taxing authorities to which they are elected. The form shall

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1886 show, in columnar form, for each of the property classes listed  
1887 under subsection (2), the following information, with  
1888 appropriate column totals:

1889 (a) In the first column, the number of parcels for which  
1890 the board granted exemptions that had been denied or that had  
1891 not been acted upon by the property appraiser.

1892 (b) In the second column, the number of parcels for which  
1893 petitions were filed concerning a property tax exemption.

1894 (c) In the third column, the number of parcels for which  
1895 the board considered the petition and reduced the assessment  
1896 from that made by the property appraiser on the initial  
1897 assessment roll.

1898 (d) In the fourth column, the number of parcels for which  
1899 petitions were filed but not considered by the board because  
1900 such petitions were withdrawn or settled prior to the board's  
1901 consideration.

1902 (e) In the fifth column, the number of parcels for which  
1903 petitions were filed requesting a change in assessed value,  
1904 including requested changes in assessment classification.

1905 (f) In the sixth column, the net change in taxable value  
1906 from the assessor's initial roll which results from board  
1907 decisions.

1908 (g) In the seventh column, the net shift in taxes to  
1909 parcels not granted relief by the board. The shift shall be  
1910 computed as the amount shown in column 6 multiplied by the  
1911 applicable millage rates adopted by the taxing authorities in  
1912 hearings held pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(d) or adopted by vote of  
1913 the electors pursuant to s. 9(b) or s. 12, Art. VII of the State  
1914 Constitution, but without adjustment as authorized pursuant to

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1915 s. 200.065(6). If for any taxing authority the hearing has not  
1916 been completed at the time the notice required herein is  
1917 prepared, the millage rate used shall be that adopted in the  
1918 hearing held pursuant to s. 200.065(2)(c).

1919 Section 51. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
1920 197.3632, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1921 197.3632 Uniform method for the levy, collection, and  
1922 enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments.-

1923 (3)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
1924 contrary, a local government which is authorized to impose a  
1925 non-ad valorem assessment and which elects to use the uniform  
1926 method of collecting such assessment for the first time as  
1927 authorized in this section shall adopt a resolution at a public  
1928 hearing before ~~prior to~~ January 1 or, if the property appraiser,  
1929 tax collector, and local government agree, March 1. The  
1930 resolution shall clearly state its intent to use the uniform  
1931 method of collecting such assessment. The local government shall  
1932 publish notice of its intent to use the uniform method for  
1933 collecting such assessment weekly in a newspaper of general  
1934 circulation within each county contained in the boundaries of  
1935 the local government for 4 consecutive weeks preceding the  
1936 hearing or daily during the 4 consecutive weeks immediately  
1937 preceding the hearing on a publicly accessible website  
1938 maintained by the local government. The resolution shall state  
1939 the need for the levy and shall include a legal description of  
1940 the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. If the  
1941 resolution is adopted, the local governing board shall send a  
1942 copy of it by United States mail to the property appraiser, the  
1943 tax collector, and the department by January 10 or, if the

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1944 property appraiser, tax collector, and local government agree,  
1945 March 10.

1946 Section 52. Paragraphs (d) and (f) of subsection (2),  
1947 paragraph (g) of subsection (3), paragraph (b) of subsection  
1948 (12), and paragraph (a) of subsection (14) of section 200.065,  
1949 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1950 200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

1951 (2) No millage shall be levied until a resolution or  
1952 ordinance has been approved by the governing board of the taxing  
1953 authority which resolution or ordinance must be approved by the  
1954 taxing authority according to the following procedure:

1955 (d) Within 15 days after the meeting adopting the tentative  
1956 budget, the taxing authority shall advertise in a newspaper of  
1957 general circulation in the county as provided in subsection (3),  
1958 its intent to finally adopt a millage rate and budget or  
1959 advertise on its publicly accessible website its intent to  
1960 finally adopt a millage rate and budget, and shall maintain the  
1961 notice on its website until completion of the hearing. If  
1962 advertised in a newspaper, a public hearing to finalize the  
1963 budget and adopt a millage rate shall be held not less than 2  
1964 days nor more than 5 days after the day that the advertisement  
1965 is first published. During the hearing, the governing body of  
1966 the taxing authority shall amend the adopted tentative budget as  
1967 it sees fit, adopt a final budget, and adopt a resolution or  
1968 ordinance stating the millage rate to be levied. The resolution  
1969 or ordinance shall state the percent, if any, by which the  
1970 millage rate to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate computed  
1971 pursuant to subsection (1), which shall be characterized as the  
1972 percentage increase in property taxes adopted by the governing

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1973 body. The adoption of the budget and the millage-levy resolution  
1974 or ordinance shall be by separate votes. For each taxing  
1975 authority levying millage, the name of the taxing authority, the  
1976 rolled-back rate, the percentage increase, and the millage rate  
1977 to be levied shall be publicly announced before ~~prior to~~ the  
1978 adoption of the millage-levy resolution or ordinance. ~~In no~~  
1979 ~~event may~~ The millage rate adopted pursuant to this paragraph  
1980 may not exceed the millage rate tentatively adopted pursuant to  
1981 paragraph (c). If the rate tentatively adopted pursuant to  
1982 paragraph (c) exceeds the proposed rate provided to the property  
1983 appraiser pursuant to paragraph (b), or as subsequently adjusted  
1984 pursuant to subsection (11), each taxpayer within the  
1985 jurisdiction of the taxing authority shall be sent notice by  
1986 first-class mail of his or her taxes under the tentatively  
1987 adopted millage rate and his or her taxes under the previously  
1988 proposed rate. The notice must be prepared by the property  
1989 appraiser, at the expense of the taxing authority, and must  
1990 generally conform to the requirements of s. 200.069. If such  
1991 additional notice is necessary, its mailing must precede the  
1992 hearing held pursuant to this paragraph by not less than 10 days  
1993 and not more than 15 days.

1994 (f)1. Notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph (c) to  
1995 the contrary, each school district shall advertise its intent to  
1996 adopt a tentative budget in a newspaper of general circulation  
1997 pursuant to subsection (3) or on the school district's publicly  
1998 accessible website within 29 days after ~~of~~ certification of  
1999 value pursuant to subsection (1). Not less than 2 days or more  
2000 than 5 days thereafter, the district shall hold a public hearing  
2001 on the tentative budget pursuant to the applicable provisions of

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2002 paragraph (c). The advertisement shall remain on the website or  
2003 in the newspaper through the date of the hearing.

2004 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph (b) to the  
2005 contrary, each school district shall advise the property  
2006 appraiser of its recomputed proposed millage rate within 35 days  
2007 after ~~of~~ certification of value pursuant to subsection (1). The  
2008 recomputed proposed millage rate of the school district shall be  
2009 considered its proposed millage rate for the purposes of  
2010 paragraph (b).

2011 3. Notwithstanding any provisions of paragraph (d) to the  
2012 contrary, each school district shall hold a public hearing to  
2013 finalize the budget and adopt a millage rate within 80 days  
2014 after ~~of~~ certification of value pursuant to subsection (1), but  
2015 not earlier than 65 days after certification. The hearing shall  
2016 be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of  
2017 paragraph (d), except that ~~a newspaper~~ advertisement need not  
2018 precede the hearing.

2019 (3) The advertisement shall be no less than one-quarter  
2020 page in size of a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and  
2021 the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type no smaller  
2022 than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in that  
2023 portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified  
2024 advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a  
2025 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or in a  
2026 geographically limited insert of such newspaper. The geographic  
2027 boundaries in which such insert is circulated shall include the  
2028 geographic boundaries of the taxing authority. It is the  
2029 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement  
2030 appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week

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2031 unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than 5  
2032 days a week, or that the advertisement appear in a  
2033 geographically limited insert of such newspaper which insert is  
2034 published throughout the taxing authority's jurisdiction at  
2035 least twice each week. It is further the legislative intent that  
2036 the newspaper selected be one of general interest and readership  
2037 in the community and not one of limited subject matter, pursuant  
2038 to chapter 50.

2039 (g) If ~~In the event that~~ the mailing of the notice of  
2040 proposed property taxes is delayed beyond September 3 in a  
2041 county, any multicounty taxing authority which levies ad valorem  
2042 taxes within that county shall advertise its intention to adopt  
2043 a tentative budget and millage rate on a publicly accessible  
2044 website maintained by the taxing authority or in a newspaper of  
2045 paid general circulation within that county, as provided in this  
2046 subsection, and shall hold the hearing required pursuant to  
2047 paragraph (2)(c). If advertised in the newspaper, the hearing  
2048 shall be held not less than 2 days or more than 5 days  
2049 thereafter, and not later than September 18. If advertised on  
2050 the website, the hearing shall be held not less than 2 days  
2051 after initial publication of the advertisement on the website  
2052 and not later than September 18, and shall remain on the website  
2053 until the date of the hearing. The advertisement shall be in the  
2054 following form, unless the proposed millage rate is less than or  
2055 equal to the rolled-back rate, computed pursuant to subsection  
2056 (1), in which case the advertisement shall be as provided in  
2057 paragraph (e):

2058 NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE  
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2060           The ...(name of the taxing authority)... proposes to  
 2061 increase its property tax levy by ...(percentage of increase  
 2062 over rolled-back rate)... percent.

2063           All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public  
 2064 hearing on the proposed tax increase to be held on ...(date and  
 2065 time)... at ...(meeting place)....

2066           (12) The time periods specified in this section shall be  
 2067 determined by using the date of certification of value pursuant  
 2068 to subsection (1) or July 1, whichever date is later, as day 1.  
 2069 The time periods shall be considered directory and may be  
 2070 shortened, provided:

2071           (b) Any public hearing preceded by a newspaper  
 2072 advertisement is held not less than 2 days or more than 5 days  
 2073 following publication of such advertisement and any public  
 2074 hearing preceded by advertisement on a website advertisement is  
 2075 held not less than 2 days after initial publication; and

2076           (14) (a) If the notice of proposed property taxes mailed to  
 2077 taxpayers under this section contains an error, the property  
 2078 appraiser, in lieu of mailing a corrected notice to all  
 2079 taxpayers, may correct the error by mailing a short form of the  
 2080 notice to those taxpayers affected by the error and its  
 2081 correction. The notice shall be prepared by the property  
 2082 appraiser at the expense of the taxing authority which caused  
 2083 the error or at the property appraiser's expense if he or she  
 2084 caused the error. The form of the notice must be approved by the  
 2085 executive director of the Department of Revenue or the executive  
 2086 director's designee. If the error involves only the date and  
 2087 time of the public hearings required by this section, the  
 2088 property appraiser, with the permission of the taxing authority



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2089 affected by the error, may correct the error by advertising the  
2090 corrected information on a publicly accessible website  
2091 maintained by the taxing authority or in a newspaper of general  
2092 circulation in the county as provided in subsection (3).

2093 Section 53. Section 205.032, Florida Statutes, is amended  
2094 to read:

2095 205.032 Levy; counties.—The governing body of a county may  
2096 levy, by appropriate resolution or ordinance, a business tax for  
2097 the privilege of engaging in or managing any business,  
2098 profession, or occupation within its jurisdiction. However, the  
2099 governing body must first give at least 14 days' public notice  
2100 between the first and last reading of the resolution or  
2101 ordinance by publishing a notice in a newspaper of general  
2102 circulation within its jurisdiction as defined by law or by  
2103 publishing the notice daily for at least 14 days during the  
2104 period between the first and last reading of the resolution or  
2105 ordinance on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
2106 county. The public notice must contain the proposed  
2107 classifications and rates applicable to the business tax.

2108 Section 54. Section 205.042, Florida Statutes, is amended  
2109 to read:

2110 205.042 Levy; municipalities.—The governing body of an  
2111 incorporated municipality may levy, by appropriate resolution or  
2112 ordinance, a business tax for the privilege of engaging in or  
2113 managing any business, profession, or occupation within its  
2114 jurisdiction. However, the governing body must first give at  
2115 least 14 days' public notice between the first and last reading  
2116 of the resolution or ordinance by publishing the notice in a  
2117 newspaper of general circulation within its jurisdiction as

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2118 defined by law or by publishing the notice daily for at least 14  
2119 days during the period between the first and last reading of the  
2120 resolution or ordinance on a publicly accessible website  
2121 maintained by the county. The notice must contain the proposed  
2122 classifications and rates applicable to the business tax. The  
2123 business tax may be levied on:

2124 (1) Any person who maintains a permanent business location  
2125 or branch office within the municipality, for the privilege of  
2126 engaging in or managing any business within its jurisdiction.

2127 (2) Any person who maintains a permanent business location  
2128 or branch office within the municipality, for the privilege of  
2129 engaging in or managing any profession or occupation within its  
2130 jurisdiction.

2131 (3) Any person who does not qualify under subsection (1) or  
2132 subsection (2) and who transacts any business or engages in any  
2133 occupation or profession in interstate commerce, if the business  
2134 tax is not prohibited by s. 8, Art. I of the United States  
2135 Constitution.

2136 Section 55. Subsection (2) of section 255.0525, Florida  
2137 Statutes, is amended to read:

2138 255.0525 Advertising for competitive bids or proposals.—

2139 (2) The solicitation of competitive bids or proposals for  
2140 any county, municipality, or other political subdivision  
2141 construction project that is projected to cost more than  
2142 \$200,000 shall be publicly advertised at least once in a  
2143 newspaper of general circulation in the county where the project  
2144 is located at least 21 days before ~~prior to~~ the established bid  
2145 opening and at least 5 days before ~~prior to~~ any scheduled prebid  
2146 conference, or advertised daily during the 21-day period

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2147 immediately preceding the established bid opening date and daily  
2148 during the 5-day period immediately preceding any scheduled  
2149 prebid conference on a publicly accessible website maintained by  
2150 the entity responsible for publication. The solicitation of  
2151 competitive bids or proposals for any county, municipality, or  
2152 other political subdivision construction project that is  
2153 projected to cost more than \$500,000 shall be publicly  
2154 advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation  
2155 in the county where the project is located at least 30 days  
2156 before ~~prior to~~ the established bid opening and at least 5 days  
2157 before ~~prior to~~ any scheduled prebid conference, or advertised  
2158 daily during the 30-day period immediately preceding the  
2159 established bid opening date and daily during the 5-day period  
2160 immediately preceding any scheduled prebid conference on a  
2161 publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible  
2162 for publication. Bids or proposals shall be received and opened  
2163 at the location, date, and time established in the bid or  
2164 proposal advertisement. In cases of emergency, the procedures  
2165 required in this section may be altered by the local  
2166 governmental entity in any manner that is reasonable under the  
2167 emergency circumstances.

2168 Section 56. Section 274.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
2169 read:

2170 274.06 Alternative procedure.—Having consideration for the  
2171 best interests of the county or district, a governmental unit's  
2172 property that is obsolete or the continued use of which is  
2173 uneconomical or inefficient, or which serves no useful function,  
2174 which property is not otherwise lawfully disposed of, may be  
2175 disposed of for value to any person, or may be disposed of for

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2176 value without bids to the state, to any governmental unit, or to  
2177 any political subdivision as defined in s. 1.01, or if the  
2178 property is without commercial value it may be donated,  
2179 destroyed, or abandoned. The determination of property to be  
2180 disposed of by a governmental unit pursuant to this section  
2181 instead of pursuant to other provisions of law shall be at the  
2182 election of such governmental unit in the reasonable exercise of  
2183 its discretion. Property, the value of which the governmental  
2184 unit estimates to be under \$5,000, may be disposed of in the  
2185 most efficient and cost-effective means as determined by the  
2186 governmental unit. Any sale of property the value of which the  
2187 governmental unit estimates to be \$5,000 or more shall be sold  
2188 only to the highest responsible bidder, or by public auction,  
2189 after publication of notice not less than 1 week nor more than 2  
2190 weeks before such ~~prior to~~ sale in a newspaper having a general  
2191 circulation in the county or district in which is located the  
2192 official office of the governmental unit, and in additional  
2193 newspapers if in the judgment of the governmental unit the best  
2194 interests of the county or district will better be served by the  
2195 additional notices, or daily during the 2 weeks immediately  
2196 preceding such sale on a publicly accessible website maintained  
2197 by the entity responsible for publication. This section does  
2198 ~~not, provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed~~  
2199 ~~to~~ require the sheriff of a county to advertise the sale of  
2200 miscellaneous contraband of an estimated value of less than  
2201 \$5,000.

2202 Section 57. Subsection (3) of section 290.0057, Florida  
2203 Statutes, is amended to read:

2204 290.0057 Enterprise zone development plan.-

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2205 (3) Prior to adopting the strategic plan, the governing  
2206 body or bodies shall hold a public hearing on the strategic plan  
2207 after public notice thereof by publication in a newspaper having  
2208 a general circulation in the area of operation of the governing  
2209 body or bodies or by publication on a publicly accessible  
2210 website maintained by the entity responsible for publication.  
2211 The notice shall describe the time, date, place, and purpose of  
2212 the hearing, identify the nominated area covered by the plan,  
2213 and outline the general scope of the strategic plan under  
2214 consideration.

2215 Section 58. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 298.301,  
2216 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2217 298.301 District water control plan adoption; district  
2218 boundary modification; plan amendment; notice forms; objections;  
2219 hearings; assessments.-

2220 (2) Before adopting a water control plan or plan amendment,  
2221 the board of supervisors must adopt a resolution to consider  
2222 adoption of the proposed plan or plan amendment. As soon as the  
2223 resolution proposing the adoption or amendment of the district's  
2224 water control plan has been filed with the district secretary,  
2225 the board of supervisors shall give notice of a public hearing  
2226 on the proposed plan or plan amendment by causing publication to  
2227 be made once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of  
2228 general circulation published in each county in which lands and  
2229 other property described in the resolution are situated or by  
2230 publication daily for 3 consecutive weeks on a publicly  
2231 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for such  
2232 publication. The notice must be in substantially the following  
2233 form:

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## Notice of Hearing

To the owners and all persons interested in the lands corporate, and other property in and adjacent to the ...name of district... District.

You are notified that the ...name of district... District has filed in the office of the secretary of the district a resolution to consider approval of a water control plan or an amendment to the current water control plan to provide ...here insert a summary of the proposed water control plan or plan amendment.... On or before its scheduled meeting of ...(date and time)... at the district's offices located at ...(list address of offices)... written objections to the proposed plan or plan amendment may be filed at the district's offices. A public hearing on the proposed plan or plan amendment will be conducted at the scheduled meeting, and written objections will be considered at that time. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board of supervisors may determine to proceed with the process for approval of the proposed plan or plan amendment and direct the district engineer to prepare an engineer's report identifying any property to be taken, determining benefits and damages, and estimating the cost of implementing the improvements associated with the proposed plan or plan amendment. A final hearing on approval of the proposed plan or plan amendment and engineer's report shall be duly noticed and held at a regularly scheduled board of supervisors meeting at least 25 days but no later than 60 days after the last scheduled publication of the notice of filing of the engineer's report

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2263 with the secretary of the district.

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2265 Date of first publication: ....., ...(year)...

2266 .....

2267 (Chair or President, Board of Supervisors)

2268 ..... County, Florida

2269 (6) Upon the filing of the engineer's report, the board of  
2270 supervisors shall give notice thereof by arranging the  
2271 publication of the notice of filing of the engineer's report  
2272 together with a geographical depiction of the district once a  
2273 week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general  
2274 circulation in each county in the district or by publishing such  
2275 notice daily for 3 consecutive weeks on a publicly accessible  
2276 website maintained by the entity responsible for such  
2277 publication. A location map or legal description of the land  
2278 shall constitute a geographical depiction. The notice must be  
2279 substantially as follows:

2280 Notice of Filing Engineer's Report for

2281 ..... District

2282

2283 Notice is given to all persons interested in the following  
2284 described land and property in ..... County (or Counties),  
2285 Florida, viz.: ...(Here describe land and property)... included  
2286 within the ..... district that the engineer hereto  
2287 appointed to determine benefits and damages to the property and  
2288 lands situated in the district and to determine the estimated  
2289 cost of construction required by the water control plan, within  
2290 or without the limits of the district, under the proposed water  
2291 control plan or plan amendment, filed her or his report in the

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2292 office of the secretary of the district, located at ...(list  
 2293 address of district offices)..., on the ..... day of  
 2294 ....., ...(year)..., and you may examine the report and  
 2295 file written objections with the secretary of the district to  
 2296 all, or any part thereof, on or before .....(enter date 20 days  
 2297 after the last scheduled publication of this notice, if  
 2298 published in the newspaper, or if published on the website,  
 2299 enter date 60 days after the initial publication on the website,  
 2300 which date must be before the date of the final hearing).... The  
 2301 report recommends ...(describe benefits and damages).... A final  
 2302 hearing to consider approval of the report and proposed water  
 2303 control plan or plan amendment shall be held ...(time, place,  
 2304 and date at least 25 days but no later than 60 days after the  
 2305 last scheduled newspaper publication of this notice, or if  
 2306 published on the website, no less than 60 days after the initial  
 2307 publication on the website)....

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Date of first publication: ....., ...(year)...

2310

(Chair or President, Board of Supervisors)

2312

..... County, Florida

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Section 59. Subsection (3) of section 348.243, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

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348.243 Purposes and powers.—

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(3) Any provision in this part or any other provision of  
 2317 law to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any  
 2318 municipality is not necessary for any project of the authority,  
 2319 whether or not the project lies in whole or in part within the  
 2320 boundaries of the municipality. However, the officials and



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2321 residents of any municipality in which any project of the  
2322 authority is to be located, in whole or in part, shall be given  
2323 ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the  
2324 authority as to their positions thereon at a duly advertised  
2325 public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing shall be by  
2326 publication on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
2327 entity responsible for publication daily during the 2 weeks  
2328 immediately preceding the public hearing, or by way of a  
2329 newspaper published in Broward County and circulated in the  
2330 affected municipality. If published in a newspaper, the legal  
2331 notice and display advertisement shall be published at least 2  
2332 weeks before the public hearing. Advertisement of the public  
2333 hearing ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public  
2334 hearing and a short description of the subject to be discussed.  
2335 The public hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set  
2336 for a time and place certain without the necessity of further  
2337 advertisement. In routing and locating any expressway or its  
2338 interchanges in or through a municipality, the authority shall  
2339 give due regard to the effect of such location on the  
2340 municipality as a whole and shall not unreasonably split,  
2341 divide, or otherwise separate areas of the municipality one from  
2342 the other.

2343 Section 60. Subsection (4) of section 348.83, Florida  
2344 Statutes, is amended to read:

2345 348.83 Purposes and powers.—

2346 (4) Anything in this part or any other provision of the law  
2347 to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any municipality  
2348 shall not be necessary for any project of the authority, whether  
2349 or not the project lies within the boundaries of any

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2350 municipality either in whole or in part. However, the officials  
2351 and residents of any municipality in which any project of the  
2352 authority is to be located in whole or in part shall be given  
2353 ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the  
2354 authority as to their position thereon at a duly advertised  
2355 public hearing. Advertisement of said public hearing shall be by  
2356 publication on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
2357 entity responsible for publication daily during the 2 weeks  
2358 immediately preceding the public hearing or by way of a  
2359 newspaper published in Pasco County and circulated in the  
2360 affected municipalities. If published in a newspaper, the said  
2361 legal advertisement shall be published once at least 2 weeks  
2362 before ~~prior to~~ the public hearing. Advertisement of the public  
2363 hearing ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public  
2364 hearing and a short description of the subject to be discussed.  
2365 The public hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set  
2366 for a time and place certain without necessity of further  
2367 advertisement.

2368 Section 61. Subsection (3) of section 348.943, Florida  
2369 Statutes, is amended to read:

2370 348.943 Purposes and powers.—

2371 (3) Any provision in this part or any other provision of  
2372 law to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any  
2373 municipality is not necessary for any project of the authority,  
2374 whether or not the project lies in whole or in part within the  
2375 boundaries of the municipality. However, the officials and  
2376 residents of any municipality in which any project of the  
2377 authority is to be located, in whole or in part, shall be given  
2378 ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the

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2379 authority as to their positions thereon at a duly advertised  
2380 public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing shall be by  
2381 publication on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
2382 entity responsible for publication daily during the 2 weeks  
2383 immediately preceding the public hearing or by way of a  
2384 newspaper published in St. Lucie County and circulated in the  
2385 affected municipality. If published in a newspaper, the legal  
2386 notice and display advertisement shall be published at least 2  
2387 weeks before the public hearing. Advertisement of the public  
2388 hearing ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public  
2389 hearing and a short description of the subject to be discussed.  
2390 The public hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set  
2391 for a time and place certain without the necessity of further  
2392 advertisement. In routing and locating any expressway or its  
2393 interchanges in or through a municipality, the authority shall  
2394 give due regard to the effect of such location on the  
2395 municipality as a whole and shall not unreasonably split,  
2396 divide, or otherwise separate areas of the municipality one from  
2397 the other.

2398 Section 62. Subsection (4) of section 348.953, Florida  
2399 Statutes, is amended to read:

2400 348.953 Purposes and powers.—

2401 (4) Anything in this part or any other provision of the law  
2402 to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any municipality  
2403 shall not be necessary for any project of the authority, whether  
2404 or not the project lies within the boundaries of any  
2405 municipality, either in whole or in part. However, the officials  
2406 and residents of any municipality in which any project of the  
2407 authority is to be located, in whole or in part, shall be given

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2408 ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the  
2409 authority as to their position thereon at a duly advertised  
2410 public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing shall be by  
2411 publication on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
2412 entity responsible for publication daily during the 2 weeks  
2413 immediately preceding the public hearing or by way of a  
2414 newspaper published in Seminole County and circulated in the  
2415 affected municipalities. If published in a newspaper, the legal  
2416 advertisement shall be published once at least 2 weeks before  
2417 ~~prior to~~ the public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing  
2418 ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public hearing and a  
2419 short description of the subject to be discussed. The public  
2420 hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set for a time  
2421 and place certain without necessity of further advertisement. In  
2422 routing and locating any expressway or its interchanges in or  
2423 through a municipality, the authority shall give due regard to  
2424 the effect of such location on the municipality as a whole and  
2425 shall not unreasonably split, divide, or otherwise separate  
2426 areas of the municipality one from the other.

2427 Section 63. Subsection (3) of section 348.968, Florida  
2428 Statutes, is amended to read:

2429 348.968 Purposes and powers.—

2430 (3) Any provision in this part or any other provision of  
2431 law to the contrary notwithstanding, the consent of any  
2432 municipality is not necessary for any project of the authority,  
2433 whether or not the project lies in whole or in part within the  
2434 boundaries of the municipality. However, the officials and  
2435 residents of any municipality in which any project of the  
2436 authority is to be located, in whole or in part, shall be given

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2437 ample opportunity to discuss the project and advise the  
2438 authority as to their positions thereon at a duly advertised  
2439 public hearing. Advertisement of the public hearing shall be by  
2440 publication on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
2441 entity responsible for publication daily during the 2 weeks  
2442 immediately preceding the public hearing or by way of a  
2443 newspaper published in Santa Rosa County and circulated in the  
2444 affected municipality. If published in a newspaper, the legal  
2445 notice and display advertisement shall be published at least 2  
2446 weeks before the public hearing. Advertisement of the public  
2447 hearing ~~and~~ shall contain the time and place of the public  
2448 hearing and a short description of the subject to be discussed.  
2449 The public hearing may be adjourned from time to time and set  
2450 for a time and place certain without the necessity of further  
2451 advertisement. In routing and locating any expressway or its  
2452 interchanges in or through a municipality, the authority shall  
2453 give due regard to the effect of such location on the  
2454 municipality as a whole and shall not unreasonably split,  
2455 divide, or otherwise separate areas of the municipality one from  
2456 the other.

2457 Section 64. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
2458 350.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2459 350.81 Communications services offered by governmental  
2460 entities.—

2461 (2) (a) A governmental entity that proposes to provide a  
2462 communications service shall hold no less than two public  
2463 hearings, which shall be held not less than 30 days apart. At  
2464 least 30 days before the first of the two public hearings, the  
2465 governmental entity must give notice of the hearing by

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2466 publication in the predominant newspaper of general circulation  
2467 in the area considered for service or by publication daily  
2468 during the 30 days immediately preceding the first of the two  
2469 public hearings on a publicly accessible website maintained by  
2470 the entity responsible for such publication. At least 40 days  
2471 before the first public hearing, the governmental entity must  
2472 electronically provide notice to the Department of Revenue and  
2473 the Public Service Commission, which shall post the notice on  
2474 the department's and the commission's website to be available to  
2475 the public. The Department of Revenue shall also send the notice  
2476 by United States Postal Service to the known addresses for all  
2477 dealers of communications services registered with the  
2478 department under chapter 202 or provide an electronic  
2479 notification, if the means are available, within 10 days after  
2480 receiving the notice. The notice must include the time and place  
2481 of the hearings and must state that the purpose of the hearings  
2482 is to consider whether the governmental entity will provide  
2483 communications services. The notice must include, at a minimum,  
2484 the geographic areas proposed to be served by the governmental  
2485 entity and the services, if any, which the governmental entity  
2486 believes are not currently being adequately provided. The notice  
2487 must also state that any dealer who wishes to do so may appear  
2488 and be heard at the public hearings.

2489 Section 65. Paragraph (c) of subsection (8) of section  
2490 373.4592, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2491 373.4592 Everglades improvement and management.—

2492 (8) SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.—

2493 (c) The district shall publish notice of the certification  
2494 of the non-ad valorem assessment roll pursuant to chapter 197 in

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2495 a newspaper of general circulation in the counties wherein the  
2496 assessment is being levied, within 1 week after the district  
2497 certifies the non-ad valorem assessment roll to the tax  
2498 collector pursuant to s. 197.3632(5), or on a publicly  
2499 accessible website maintained by the district during the week  
2500 after the district certifies the non-ad valorem assessment roll  
2501 to the tax collector. The assessments levied pursuant to  
2502 paragraph (a) shall be final and conclusive as to each lot or  
2503 parcel unless the owner thereof shall, within 90 days after ~~of~~  
2504 certification of the non-ad valorem assessment roll pursuant to  
2505 s. 197.3632(5), commence an action in circuit court. Absent such  
2506 commencement of an action within such period of time by an owner  
2507 of a lot or parcel, such owner shall thereafter be estopped to  
2508 raise any question related to the special benefit afforded the  
2509 property or the reasonableness of the amount of the assessment.  
2510 Except with respect to an owner who has commenced such an  
2511 action, the non-ad valorem assessment roll as finally adopted  
2512 and certified by the South Florida Water Management District to  
2513 the tax collector pursuant to s. 197.3632(5) shall be competent  
2514 and sufficient evidence that the assessments were duly levied  
2515 and that all other proceedings adequate to the adoption of the  
2516 non-ad valorem assessment roll were duly held, taken, and  
2517 performed as required by s. 197.3632. If any assessment is  
2518 abated in whole or in part by the court, the amount by which the  
2519 assessment is so reduced may, by resolution of the governing  
2520 board of the district, be payable from funds of the district  
2521 legally available for that purpose, or at the discretion of the  
2522 governing board of the district, assessments may be increased in  
2523 the manner provided in s. 197.3632.

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2524 Section 66. Subsection (2) of section 373.45924, Florida  
 2525 Statutes, is amended to read:

2526 373.45924 South Florida Water Management District;  
 2527 Everglades truth in borrowing.—

2528 (2) Whenever the South Florida Water Management District  
 2529 proposes to borrow or to otherwise finance with debt any fixed  
 2530 capital outlay projects or operating capital outlay for purposes  
 2531 pursuant to s. 373.4592, it shall develop the following  
 2532 documents to explain the issuance of a debt or obligation:

2533 (a) A summary of outstanding debt, including borrowing.

2534 (b) A statement of proposed financing, which shall include  
 2535 the following items:

- 2536 1. A listing of the purpose of the debt or obligation.
- 2537 2. The source of repayment of the debt or obligation.
- 2538 3. The principal amount of the debt or obligation.
- 2539 4. The interest rate on the debt or obligation.
- 2540 5. A schedule of annual debt service payments for each  
 2541 proposed debt or obligation.

2542 (c) A truth-in-borrowing statement, developed from the  
 2543 information compiled pursuant to this section, in substantially  
 2544 the following form:

2545  
 2546 The South Florida Water Management District is proposing to  
 2547 incur \$...(insert principal)... of debt or obligation through  
 2548 borrowing for the purpose of ...(insert purpose).... This debt  
 2549 or obligation is expected to be repaid over a period of  
 2550 ...(insert term of issue from subparagraph (b)5.)... years from  
 2551 the following sources: ...(list sources).... At a forecasted  
 2552 interest rate of ...(insert rate of interest from subparagraph



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2553 (b)4.)..., total interest paid over the life of the debt or  
2554 obligation will be \$...(insert sum of interest payments)....

2555

2556 The truth-in-borrowing statement shall be published as a notice  
2557 in one or more newspapers having a combined general circulation  
2558 in the counties having land in the district or on a publicly  
2559 accessible website maintained by the district. If advertised in  
2560 a newspaper, such notice must be at least 6 inches square in  
2561 size and shall not be placed in that portion of the newspaper  
2562 where legal notices and classified advertisements appear.

2563 Section 67. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of subsection  
2564 (3) of section 373.536, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2565 373.536 District budget and hearing thereon.—

2566 (3) BUDGET HEARINGS AND WORKSHOPS; NOTICE.—

2567 (a) Unless alternative notice requirements are otherwise  
2568 provided by law, notice of all budget hearings conducted by the  
2569 governing board or district staff must be published in a  
2570 newspaper of general paid circulation in each county in which  
2571 the district lies not less than 5 days nor more than 15 days  
2572 before the hearing or published daily during the 15 days before  
2573 the hearing on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
2574 district.

2575 (b) Budget workshops conducted for the public and not  
2576 governed by s. 200.065 must be advertised in a newspaper of  
2577 general paid circulation in the community or area in which the  
2578 workshop will occur not less than 5 days nor more than 15 days  
2579 before the workshop or published daily during the 15 days before  
2580 the hearing on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
2581 district.

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2582 (c) The tentative budget shall be adopted in accordance  
2583 with the provisions of s. 200.065; however, if the mailing of  
2584 the notice of proposed property taxes is delayed beyond  
2585 September 3 in any county in which the district lies, the  
2586 district shall advertise its intention to adopt a tentative  
2587 budget and millage rate, pursuant to s. 200.065(3)(g), in a  
2588 newspaper of general paid circulation in that county or on a  
2589 publicly accessible website maintained by the district.

2590 (d) As provided in s. 200.065(2)(d), the board shall  
2591 publish one or more notices of its intention to adopt a final  
2592 budget for the district for the ensuing fiscal year. The notice  
2593 shall appear adjacent to an advertisement that sets forth the  
2594 tentative budget in a format meeting the budget summary  
2595 requirements of s. 129.03(3)(b). The district shall not include  
2596 expenditures of federal special revenues and state special  
2597 revenues when preparing the statement required by s.  
2598 200.065(3)(1). The notice and advertisement shall be published  
2599 in one or more newspapers having a combined general paid  
2600 circulation in each county in which the district lies or on a  
2601 publicly accessible website maintained by the district.  
2602 Districts may include explanatory phrases and examples in budget  
2603 advertisements published under s. 200.065 to clarify or  
2604 illustrate the effect that the district budget may have on ad  
2605 valorem taxes.

2606 Section 68. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of  
2607 section 376.80, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2608 376.80 Brownfield program administration process.—

2609 (2)(a) If a local government proposes to designate a  
2610 brownfield area that is outside community redevelopment areas,

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2611 enterprise zones, empowerment zones, closed military bases, or  
2612 designated brownfield pilot project areas, the local government  
2613 shall adopt the resolution and conduct the public hearings in  
2614 accordance with the requirements of subsection (1), except at  
2615 least one of the required public hearings shall be conducted as  
2616 close as reasonably practicable to the area to be designated to  
2617 provide an opportunity for public input on the size of the area,  
2618 the objectives for rehabilitation, job opportunities and  
2619 economic developments anticipated, neighborhood residents'  
2620 considerations, and other relevant local concerns. Notice of the  
2621 public hearing must be made in a newspaper of general  
2622 circulation in the area or on a publicly accessible website  
2623 maintained by the local government. If published in a newspaper,  
2624 ~~and~~ the notice must be at least 16 square inches in size. Notice  
2625 of the public hearing, must be in ethnic newspapers or local  
2626 community bulletins, must be posted in the affected area, and  
2627 must be announced at a scheduled meeting of the local governing  
2628 body before the actual public hearing. In determining the areas  
2629 to be designated, the local government must consider:

- 2630 1. Whether the brownfield area warrants economic  
2631 development and has a reasonable potential for such activities;
- 2632 2. Whether the proposed area to be designated represents a  
2633 reasonably focused approach and is not overly large in  
2634 geographic coverage;
- 2635 3. Whether the area has potential to interest the private  
2636 sector in participating in rehabilitation; and
- 2637 4. Whether the area contains sites or parts of sites  
2638 suitable for limited recreational open space, cultural, or  
2639 historical preservation purposes.

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2640 (b) A local government shall designate a brownfield area  
2641 under the provisions of this act provided that:

2642 1. A person who owns or controls a potential brownfield  
2643 site is requesting the designation and has agreed to  
2644 rehabilitate and redevelop the brownfield site;

2645 2. The rehabilitation and redevelopment of the proposed  
2646 brownfield site will result in economic productivity of the  
2647 area, along with the creation of at least 5 new permanent jobs  
2648 at the brownfield site that are full-time equivalent positions  
2649 not associated with the implementation of the brownfield site  
2650 rehabilitation agreement and that are not associated with  
2651 redevelopment project demolition or construction activities  
2652 pursuant to the redevelopment of the proposed brownfield site or  
2653 area. However, the job creation requirement shall not apply to  
2654 the rehabilitation and redevelopment of a brownfield site that  
2655 will provide affordable housing as defined in s. 420.0004 or the  
2656 creation of recreational areas, conservation areas, or parks;

2657 3. The redevelopment of the proposed brownfield site is  
2658 consistent with the local comprehensive plan and is a  
2659 permittable use under the applicable local land development  
2660 regulations;

2661 4. Notice of the proposed rehabilitation of the brownfield  
2662 area has been provided to neighbors and nearby residents of the  
2663 proposed area to be designated, and the person proposing the  
2664 area for designation has afforded to those receiving notice the  
2665 opportunity for comments and suggestions about rehabilitation.  
2666 Notice pursuant to this subparagraph must be made on a publicly  
2667 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for  
2668 publication or in a newspaper of general circulation in the

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2669 area. The notice must be, at least 16 square inches in size, and  
2670 ~~the notice must~~ be posted in the affected area; and

2671 5. The person proposing the area for designation has  
2672 provided reasonable assurance that he or she has sufficient  
2673 financial resources to implement and complete the rehabilitation  
2674 agreement and redevelopment of the brownfield site.

2675 Section 69. Subsection (3) of section 379.2425, Florida  
2676 Statutes, is amended to read:

2677 379.2425 Spearfishing; definition; limitations; penalty.—

2678 (3) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
2679 have the power to establish restricted areas when it is  
2680 determined that safety hazards exist or when needs are  
2681 determined by biological findings. Restricted areas shall be  
2682 established only after an investigation has been conducted and  
2683 upon application by the governing body of the county or  
2684 municipality in which the restricted areas are to be located and  
2685 one publication in a local newspaper of general circulation in  
2686 said county or municipality or on a publicly accessible website  
2687 maintained by the entity responsible for publication, in  
2688 addition to any other notice required by law. Before ~~Prior to~~  
2689 promulgation of regulations, the local governing body of the  
2690 area affected shall agree to post and maintain notices in the  
2691 area affected.

2692 Section 70. Paragraph (e) of subsection (25) of section  
2693 380.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2694 380.06 Developments of regional impact.—

2695 (25) AREAWIDE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT.—

2696 (e) The local government shall schedule a public hearing  
2697 within 60 days after receipt of the petition. The public hearing

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2698 shall be advertised at least 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the  
2699 hearing. In addition to the public hearing notice by the local  
2700 government, the petitioner, except when the petitioner is a  
2701 local government, shall provide actual notice to each person  
2702 owning land within the proposed areawide development plan at  
2703 least 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the hearing. If the petitioner is  
2704 a local government, or local governments pursuant to an  
2705 interlocal agreement, notice of the public hearing shall be  
2706 provided by the publication of an advertisement on a publicly  
2707 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for  
2708 publication or in a newspaper of general circulation that meets  
2709 the requirements of this paragraph. The newspaper advertisement  
2710 must be no less than one-quarter page in a standard size or  
2711 tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the newspaper  
2712 advertisement must be in type no smaller than 18 point. The  
2713 newspaper advertisement may ~~shall~~ not be published in that  
2714 portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified  
2715 advertisements appear. The advertisement must be published on a  
2716 publicly accessible website maintained by the entity responsible  
2717 for publication or in a newspaper of general paid circulation in  
2718 the county and of general interest and readership in the  
2719 community, not one of limited subject matter, pursuant to  
2720 chapter 50. Whenever possible, the newspaper advertisement must  
2721 appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week,  
2722 unless the only newspaper in the community is published less  
2723 than 5 days a week. The advertisement must be in substantially  
2724 the form used to advertise amendments to comprehensive plans  
2725 pursuant to s. 163.3184. The local government shall specifically  
2726 notify in writing the regional planning agency and the state

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2727 land planning agency at least 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the public  
2728 hearing. At the public hearing, all interested parties may  
2729 testify and submit evidence regarding the petitioner's  
2730 qualifications, the need for and benefits of an areawide  
2731 development of regional impact, and such other issues relevant  
2732 to a full consideration of the petition. If more than one local  
2733 government has jurisdiction over the defined planning area in an  
2734 areawide development plan, the local governments shall hold a  
2735 joint public hearing. Such hearing shall address, at a minimum,  
2736 the need to resolve conflicting ordinances or comprehensive  
2737 plans, if any. The local government holding the joint hearing  
2738 shall comply with the following additional requirements:

2739 1. The notice of the hearing shall be published at least 60  
2740 days in advance of the hearing and shall specify where the  
2741 petition may be reviewed.

2742 2. The notice shall be given to the state land planning  
2743 agency, to the applicable regional planning agency, and to such  
2744 other persons as may have been designated by the state land  
2745 planning agency as entitled to receive such notices.

2746 3. A public hearing date shall be set by the appropriate  
2747 local government at the next scheduled meeting.

2748 Section 71. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
2749 403.973, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2750 403.973 Expedited permitting; comprehensive plan  
2751 amendments.—

2752 (2) As used in this section, the term:

2753 (a) "Duly noticed" means publication on a publicly  
2754 accessible website maintained by the municipality or county  
2755 having jurisdiction or in a newspaper of general circulation in

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2756 the municipality or county having ~~with~~ jurisdiction. If  
2757 published in a newspaper, the notice shall appear on at least 2  
2758 separate days, one of which shall be at least 7 days before the  
2759 meeting. If published on a publicly accessible website, the  
2760 notice shall appear daily during the 7 days immediately  
2761 preceding the meeting. The notice shall state the date, time,  
2762 and place of the meeting scheduled to discuss or enact the  
2763 memorandum of agreement, and the places within the municipality  
2764 or county where such proposed memorandum of agreement may be  
2765 inspected by the public. The newspaper notice must be one-eighth  
2766 of a page in size and must be published in a portion of the  
2767 paper other than the legal notices section. The notice shall  
2768 also advise that interested parties may appear at the meeting  
2769 and be heard with respect to the memorandum of agreement.

2770 Section 72. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
2771 420.9075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2772 420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.—

2773 (4) Each local housing assistance plan is governed by the  
2774 following criteria and administrative procedures:

2775 (b) The county or eligible municipality or its  
2776 administrative representative shall advertise the notice of  
2777 funding availability in a newspaper of general circulation and  
2778 periodicals serving ethnic and diverse neighborhoods, at least  
2779 30 days before the beginning of the application period or daily  
2780 during the 30 days immediately preceding the application period  
2781 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the county or  
2782 eligible municipality. If no funding is available due to a  
2783 waiting list, no notice of funding availability is required.

2784 Section 73. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section



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2785 553.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2786 553.73 Florida Building Code.—

2787 (4)

2788 (b) Local governments may, subject to the limitations of  
2789 this section, adopt amendments to the technical provisions of  
2790 the Florida Building Code which apply solely within the  
2791 jurisdiction of such government and which provide for more  
2792 stringent requirements than those specified in the Florida  
2793 Building Code, not more than once every 6 months. A local  
2794 government may adopt technical amendments that address local  
2795 needs if:

2796 1. The local governing body determines, following a public  
2797 hearing which has been advertised in a newspaper of general  
2798 circulation at least 10 days before the hearing or daily during  
2799 the 10 days immediately preceding the hearing on a publicly  
2800 accessible website maintained by the local government, that  
2801 there is a need to strengthen the requirements of the Florida  
2802 Building Code. The determination must be based upon a review of  
2803 local conditions by the local governing body, which review  
2804 demonstrates by evidence or data that the geographical  
2805 jurisdiction governed by the local governing body exhibits a  
2806 local need to strengthen the Florida Building Code beyond the  
2807 needs or regional variation addressed by the Florida Building  
2808 Code, that the local need is addressed by the proposed local  
2809 amendment, and that the amendment is no more stringent than  
2810 necessary to address the local need.

2811 2. Such additional requirements are not discriminatory  
2812 against materials, products, or construction techniques of  
2813 demonstrated capabilities.

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2814           3. Such additional requirements may not introduce a new  
2815 subject not addressed in the Florida Building Code.

2816           4. The enforcing agency shall make readily available, in a  
2817 usable format, all amendments adopted pursuant to this section.

2818           5. Any amendment to the Florida Building Code shall be  
2819 transmitted within 30 days by the adopting local government to  
2820 the commission. The commission shall maintain copies of all such  
2821 amendments in a format that is usable and obtainable by the  
2822 public. Local technical amendments shall not become effective  
2823 until 30 days after the amendment has been received and  
2824 published by the commission.

2825           6. Any amendment to the Florida Building Code adopted by a  
2826 local government pursuant to this paragraph shall be effective  
2827 only until the adoption by the commission of the new edition of  
2828 the Florida Building Code every third year. At such time, the  
2829 commission shall review such amendment for consistency with the  
2830 criteria in paragraph (8) (a) and adopt such amendment as part of  
2831 the Florida Building Code or rescind the amendment. The  
2832 commission shall immediately notify the respective local  
2833 government of the rescission of any amendment. After receiving  
2834 such notice, the respective local government may readopt the  
2835 rescinded amendment pursuant to the provisions of this  
2836 paragraph.

2837           7. Each county and municipality desiring to make local  
2838 technical amendments to the Florida Building Code shall by  
2839 interlocal agreement establish a countywide compliance review  
2840 board to review any amendment to the Florida Building Code,  
2841 adopted by a local government within the county pursuant to this  
2842 paragraph, that is challenged by any substantially affected

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2843 party for purposes of determining the amendment's compliance  
2844 with this paragraph. If challenged, the local technical  
2845 amendments shall not become effective until time for filing an  
2846 appeal pursuant to subparagraph 8. has expired or, if there is  
2847 an appeal, until the commission issues its final order  
2848 determining the adopted amendment is in compliance with this  
2849 subsection.

2850       8. If the compliance review board determines such amendment  
2851 is not in compliance with this paragraph, the compliance review  
2852 board shall notify such local government of the noncompliance  
2853 and that the amendment is invalid and unenforceable until the  
2854 local government corrects the amendment to bring it into  
2855 compliance. The local government may appeal the decision of the  
2856 compliance review board to the commission. If the compliance  
2857 review board determines such amendment to be in compliance with  
2858 this paragraph, any substantially affected party may appeal such  
2859 determination to the commission. Any such appeal shall be filed  
2860 with the commission within 14 days of the board's written  
2861 determination. The commission shall promptly refer the appeal to  
2862 the Division of Administrative Hearings for the assignment of an  
2863 administrative law judge. The administrative law judge shall  
2864 conduct the required hearing within 30 days, and shall enter a  
2865 recommended order within 30 days of the conclusion of such  
2866 hearing. The commission shall enter a final order within 30 days  
2867 thereafter. The provisions of chapter 120 and the uniform rules  
2868 of procedure shall apply to such proceedings. The local  
2869 government adopting the amendment that is subject to challenge  
2870 has the burden of proving that the amendment complies with this  
2871 paragraph in proceedings before the compliance review board and

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2872 the commission, as applicable. Actions of the commission are  
2873 subject to judicial review pursuant to s. 120.68. The compliance  
2874 review board shall determine whether its decisions apply to a  
2875 respective local jurisdiction or apply countywide.

2876 9. An amendment adopted under this paragraph shall include  
2877 a fiscal impact statement which documents the costs and benefits  
2878 of the proposed amendment. Criteria for the fiscal impact  
2879 statement shall include the impact to local government relative  
2880 to enforcement, the impact to property and building owners, as  
2881 well as to industry, relative to the cost of compliance. The  
2882 fiscal impact statement may not be used as a basis for  
2883 challenging the amendment for compliance.

2884 10. In addition to subparagraphs 7. and 9., the commission  
2885 may review any amendments adopted pursuant to this subsection  
2886 and make nonbinding recommendations related to compliance of  
2887 such amendments with this subsection.

2888 Section 74. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
2889 633.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2890 633.025 Minimum firesafety standards.—

2891 (4) Such codes shall be minimum codes and a municipality,  
2892 county, or special district with firesafety responsibilities may  
2893 adopt more stringent firesafety standards, subject to the  
2894 requirements of this subsection. Such county, municipality, or  
2895 special district may establish alternative requirements to those  
2896 requirements which are required under the minimum firesafety  
2897 standards on a case-by-case basis, in order to meet special  
2898 situations arising from historic, geographic, or unusual  
2899 conditions, if the alternative requirements result in a level of  
2900 protection to life, safety, or property equal to or greater than

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2901 the applicable minimum firesafety standards. For the purpose of  
2902 this subsection, the term "historic" means that the building or  
2903 structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places  
2904 of the United States Department of the Interior.

2905 (a) The local governing body shall determine, following a  
2906 public hearing that ~~which~~ has been advertised in a newspaper of  
2907 general circulation at least 10 days before the hearing or daily  
2908 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the local  
2909 government during the 10 days immediately preceding the hearing,  
2910 if there is a need to strengthen the requirements of the minimum  
2911 firesafety code adopted by such governing body. The  
2912 determination must be based upon a review of local conditions by  
2913 the local governing body, which review demonstrates that local  
2914 conditions justify more stringent requirements than those  
2915 specified in the minimum firesafety code for the protection of  
2916 life and property or justify requirements that meet special  
2917 situations arising from historic, geographic, or unusual  
2918 conditions.

2919  
2920 This subsection gives local government the authority to  
2921 establish firesafety codes that exceed the minimum firesafety  
2922 codes and standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal. The  
2923 Legislature intends that local government give proper public  
2924 notice and hold public hearings before adopting more stringent  
2925 firesafety codes and standards. A substantially affected person  
2926 may appeal, to the department, the local government's resolution  
2927 of the challenge, and the department shall determine if the  
2928 amendment complies with this section. Actions of the department  
2929 are subject to judicial review pursuant to s. 120.68. The

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2930 department shall consider reports of the Florida Building  
2931 Commission, pursuant to part IV of chapter 553, when evaluating  
2932 building code enforcement.

2933 Section 75. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
2934 705.103, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2935 705.103 Procedure for abandoned or lost property.—

2936 (2) Whenever a law enforcement officer ascertains that an  
2937 article of lost or abandoned property is present on public  
2938 property and is of such nature that it cannot be easily removed,  
2939 the officer shall cause a notice to be placed upon such article  
2940 in substantially the following form:

2941  
2942 NOTICE TO THE OWNER AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ATTACHED  
2943 PROPERTY. This property, to wit: ... (setting forth brief  
2944 description)... is unlawfully upon public property known as  
2945 ... (setting forth brief description of location)... and must be  
2946 removed within 5 days; otherwise, it will be removed and  
2947 disposed of pursuant to chapter 705, Florida Statutes. The owner  
2948 will be liable for the costs of removal, storage, and  
2949 publication of notice. Dated this: ... (setting forth the date of  
2950 posting of notice)..., signed: ... (setting forth name, title,  
2951 address, and telephone number of law enforcement officer)....

2952  
2953 Such notice shall be not less than 8 inches by 10 inches and  
2954 shall be sufficiently weatherproof to withstand normal exposure  
2955 to the elements. In addition to posting, the law enforcement  
2956 officer shall make a reasonable effort to ascertain the name and  
2957 address of the owner. If such is reasonably available to the  
2958 officer, she or he shall mail a copy of such notice to the owner

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2959 on or before the date of posting. If the property is a motor  
2960 vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(1) or a vessel as defined in s.  
2961 327.02, the law enforcement agency shall contact the Department  
2962 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in order to determine the  
2963 name and address of the owner and any person who has filed a  
2964 lien on the vehicle or vessel as provided in s. 319.27(2) or (3)  
2965 or s. 328.15(1). On receipt of this information, the law  
2966 enforcement agency shall mail a copy of the notice by certified  
2967 mail, return receipt requested, to the owner and to the  
2968 lienholder, if any. If, at the end of 5 days after posting the  
2969 notice and mailing such notice, if required, the owner or any  
2970 person interested in the lost or abandoned article or articles  
2971 described has not removed the article or articles from public  
2972 property or shown reasonable cause for failure to do so, the  
2973 following shall apply:

2974 (b) For lost property, the officer shall take custody and  
2975 the agency shall retain custody of the property for 90 days. The  
2976 agency shall publish notice of the intended disposition of the  
2977 property, as provided in this section, during the first 45 days  
2978 of this time period.

2979 1. If the agency elects to retain the property for use by  
2980 the unit of government, donate the property to a charitable  
2981 organization, surrender such property to the finder, sell the  
2982 property, or trade the property to another unit of local  
2983 government or state agency, notice of such election shall be  
2984 given by an advertisement published daily for 2 consecutive  
2985 weeks on a publicly accessible website maintained by the entity  
2986 responsible for publication or once a week for 2 consecutive  
2987 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where

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2988 the property was found if the value of the property is more than  
2989 \$100. If the value of the property is \$100 or less, notice shall  
2990 be given by posting a description of the property at the law  
2991 enforcement agency where the property was turned in. The notice  
2992 must be posted for not less than 2 consecutive weeks in a public  
2993 place designated by the law enforcement agency. The notice must  
2994 describe the property in a manner reasonably adequate to permit  
2995 the rightful owner of the property to claim it.

2996 2. If the agency elects to sell the property, it must do so  
2997 at public sale by competitive bidding. Notice of the time and  
2998 place of the sale shall be given by an advertisement of the sale  
2999 published daily for the 4 consecutive weeks immediately  
3000 preceding the sale on a publicly accessible website maintained  
3001 by the entity responsible for publication or once a week for 2  
3002 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
3003 county where the sale is to be held. The notice shall include a  
3004 statement that the sale shall be subject to any and all liens.  
3005 The sale must be held at the nearest suitable place to that  
3006 where the lost or abandoned property is held or stored. The  
3007 advertisement must include a description of the goods and the  
3008 time and place of the sale. If advertised in the newspaper, the  
3009 sale may take place no earlier than 10 days after the final  
3010 publication. If there is no publicly accessible website  
3011 maintained by the entity responsible for publication or  
3012 newspaper of general circulation in the county where the sale is  
3013 to be held, the advertisement shall be posted at the door of the  
3014 courthouse and at three other public places in the county at  
3015 least 10 days before the ~~prior to~~ sale. Notice of the agency's  
3016 intended disposition shall describe the property in a manner



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3017 reasonably adequate to permit the rightful owner of the property  
3018 to identify it.

3019 Section 76. Subsection (2) of section 715.109, Florida  
3020 Statutes, is amended to read:

3021 715.109 Sale or disposition of abandoned property.—

3022 (2) Notice of the time and place of the public sale shall  
3023 be given by an advertisement of the sale published once a week  
3024 for 2 ~~two~~ consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general  
3025 circulation where the sale is to be held or publication daily  
3026 during the 4 weeks immediately preceding the sale on a publicly  
3027 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for  
3028 publication. The sale must be held at the nearest suitable place  
3029 to that where the personal property is held or stored. The  
3030 advertisement must include a description of the goods, the name  
3031 of the former tenant, and the time and place of the sale. If  
3032 advertised in a newspaper, the sale must take place at least 10  
3033 days after the first publication. If there is no newspaper of  
3034 general circulation where the sale is to be held or no publicly  
3035 accessible website maintained by the governing body responsible  
3036 for publication, the advertisement must be posted at least 10  
3037 days before the sale in not less than six conspicuous places in  
3038 the neighborhood of the proposed sale. The last publication  
3039 shall be at least 5 days before the sale is to be held. Notice  
3040 of sale may be published before the last of the dates specified  
3041 for taking possession of the property in any notice given  
3042 pursuant to s. 715.104.

3043 Section 77. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
3044 made by this act to section 125.66, Florida Statutes, in a  
3045 reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 125.56, Florida

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3046 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3047 125.56 Enforcement and amendment of the Florida Building  
3048 Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code; inspection fees;  
3049 inspectors; etc.—

3050 (1) The board of county commissioners of each of the  
3051 several counties of the state is authorized to enforce the  
3052 Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code, as  
3053 provided in ss. 553.80, 633.022, and 633.025, and, at its  
3054 discretion, to adopt local technical amendments to the Florida  
3055 Building Code, pursuant to s. 553.73(4)(b) and (c) and local  
3056 technical amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code,  
3057 pursuant to s. 633.0215, to provide for the safe construction,  
3058 erection, alteration, repair, securing, and demolition of any  
3059 building within its territory outside the corporate limits of  
3060 any municipality. Upon a determination to consider amending the  
3061 Florida Building Code or the Florida Fire Prevention Code by a  
3062 majority of the members of the board of county commissioners of  
3063 such county, the board shall call a public hearing and comply  
3064 with the public notice requirements of s. 125.66(2). The board  
3065 shall hear all interested parties at the public hearing and may  
3066 then amend the building code or the fire code consistent with  
3067 the terms and purposes of this act. Upon adoption, an amendment  
3068 to the code shall be in full force and effect throughout the  
3069 unincorporated area of such county until otherwise notified by  
3070 the Florida Building Commission pursuant to s. 553.73 or the  
3071 State Fire Marshal pursuant to s. 633.0215. Nothing herein  
3072 contained shall be construed to prevent the board of county  
3073 commissioners from repealing such amendment to the building code  
3074 or the fire code at any regular meeting of such board.

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3075 Section 78. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
3076 made by this act to section 125.66, Florida Statutes, in a  
3077 reference thereto, subsection (6) of section 212.054, Florida  
3078 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3079 212.054 Discretionary sales surtax; limitations,  
3080 administration, and collection.—

3081 (6) The governing body of any county levying a  
3082 discretionary sales surtax shall enact an ordinance levying the  
3083 surtax in accordance with the procedures described in s.  
3084 125.66(2).

3085 Section 79. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3086 made by this act to sections 125.66 and 166.041, Florida  
3087 Statutes, in references thereto, subsection (18) of section  
3088 163.3164, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3089 163.3164 Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land  
3090 Development Regulation Act; definitions.—As used in this act:

3091 (18) "Public notice" means notice as required by s.  
3092 125.66(2) for a county or by s. 166.041(3)(a) for a  
3093 municipality. The public notice procedures required in this part  
3094 are established as minimum public notice procedures.

3095 Section 80. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3096 made by this act to sections 125.66 and 166.041, Florida  
3097 Statutes, in references thereto, section 163.346, Florida  
3098 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3099 163.346 Notice to taxing authorities.—Before the governing  
3100 body adopts any resolution or enacts any ordinance required  
3101 under s. 163.355, s. 163.356, s. 163.357, or s. 163.387; creates  
3102 a community redevelopment agency; approves, adopts, or amends a  
3103 community redevelopment plan; or issues redevelopment revenue

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3104 bonds under s. 163.385, the governing body must provide public  
3105 notice of such proposed action pursuant to s. 125.66(2) or s.  
3106 166.041(3) (a) and, at least 15 days before such proposed action,  
3107 mail by registered mail a notice to each taxing authority which  
3108 levies ad valorem taxes on taxable real property contained  
3109 within the geographic boundaries of the redevelopment area.

3110 Section 81. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3111 made by this act to sections 125.66 and 166.041, Florida  
3112 Statutes, in references thereto, subsection (1) of section  
3113 376.80, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3114 376.80 Brownfield program administration process.—

3115 (1) A local government with jurisdiction over the  
3116 brownfield area must notify the department of its decision to  
3117 designate a brownfield area for rehabilitation for the purposes  
3118 of ss. 376.77-376.86. The notification must include a  
3119 resolution, by the local government body, to which is attached a  
3120 map adequate to clearly delineate exactly which parcels are to  
3121 be included in the brownfield area or alternatively a less-  
3122 detailed map accompanied by a detailed legal description of the  
3123 brownfield area. If a property owner within the area proposed  
3124 for designation by the local government requests in writing to  
3125 have his or her property removed from the proposed designation,  
3126 the local government shall grant the request. For  
3127 municipalities, the governing body shall adopt the resolution in  
3128 accordance with the procedures outlined in s. 166.041, except  
3129 that the notice for the public hearings on the proposed  
3130 resolution must be in the form established in s. 166.041(3) (c)2.  
3131 For counties, the governing body shall adopt the resolution in  
3132 accordance with the procedures outlined in s. 125.66, except

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3133 that the notice for the public hearings on the proposed  
3134 resolution shall be in the form established in s. 125.66(4)(b)2.

3135 Section 82. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3136 made by this act to section 129.06, Florida Statutes, in a  
3137 reference thereto, subsection (4) of section 30.50, Florida  
3138 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3139 30.50 Payment of salaries and expenses.—

3140 (4) The sheriff shall keep necessary budget accounts and  
3141 records, and shall charge all paid bills and payrolls to the  
3142 proper budget accounts. The reserve for contingencies, or any  
3143 part thereof, may be transferred to any of the budget  
3144 appropriations, in the discretion of the sheriff. With the  
3145 approval of the board of county commissioners, or of the budget  
3146 commission if there is a budget commission in the county, the  
3147 budget may be amended as provided for county budgets in s.  
3148 129.06(2).

3149 Section 83. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
3150 made by this act to section 129.03, Florida Statutes, in a  
3151 reference thereto, paragraph (1) of subsection (3) of section  
3152 200.065, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3153 200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

3154 (3) The advertisement shall be no less than one-quarter  
3155 page in size of a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and  
3156 the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type no smaller  
3157 than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be placed in that  
3158 portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified  
3159 advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a  
3160 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or in a  
3161 geographically limited insert of such newspaper. The geographic

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3162 boundaries in which such insert is circulated shall include the  
3163 geographic boundaries of the taxing authority. It is the  
3164 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement  
3165 appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week  
3166 unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than 5  
3167 days a week, or that the advertisement appear in a  
3168 geographically limited insert of such newspaper which insert is  
3169 published throughout the taxing authority's jurisdiction at  
3170 least twice each week. It is further the legislative intent that  
3171 the newspaper selected be one of general interest and readership  
3172 in the community and not one of limited subject matter, pursuant  
3173 to chapter 50.

3174 (1) Any advertisement required pursuant to this section  
3175 shall be accompanied by an adjacent notice meeting the budget  
3176 summary requirements of s. 129.03(3)(b). Except for those taxing  
3177 authorities proposing to levy ad valorem taxes for the first  
3178 time, the following statement shall appear in the budget summary  
3179 in boldfaced type immediately following the heading, if the  
3180 applicable percentage is greater than zero:

3181  
3182 THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF ...(name of  
3183 taxing authority)... ARE ...(percent rounded to one decimal  
3184 place)... MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

3185  
3186 For purposes of this paragraph, "proposed operating budget  
3187 expenditures" or "operating expenditures" means all moneys of  
3188 the local government, including dependent special districts,  
3189 that:

3190 1. Were or could be expended during the applicable fiscal

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3191 year, or

3192 2. Were or could be retained as a balance for future  
3193 spending in the fiscal year.

3194  
3195 Provided, however, those moneys held in or used in trust,  
3196 agency, or internal service funds, and expenditures of bond  
3197 proceeds for capital outlay or for advanced refunded debt  
3198 principal, shall be excluded.

3199 Section 84. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3200 made by this act to section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, in a  
3201 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section  
3202 163.3246, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3203 163.3246 Local government comprehensive planning  
3204 certification program.-

3205 (9) (a) Upon certification all comprehensive plan amendments  
3206 associated with the area certified must be adopted and reviewed  
3207 in the manner described in ss. 163.3184(1), (2), (7), (14),  
3208 (15), and (16) and 163.3187, such that state and regional agency  
3209 review is eliminated. The department may not issue any  
3210 objections, recommendations, and comments report on proposed  
3211 plan amendments or a notice of intent on adopted plan  
3212 amendments; however, affected persons, as defined by s.  
3213 163.3184(1) (a), may file a petition for administrative review  
3214 pursuant to the requirements of s. 163.3187(3) (a) to challenge  
3215 the compliance of an adopted plan amendment.

3216 Section 85. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3217 made by this act to section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, in a  
3218 reference thereto, paragraph (h) of subsection (6) of section  
3219 163.32465, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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3220 163.32465 State review of local comprehensive plans in  
3221 urban areas.—

3222 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGES TO PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR PILOT  
3223 PROGRAM.—

3224 (h) Parties to a proceeding under this section may enter  
3225 into compliance agreements using the process in s. 163.3184(16).  
3226 Any remedial amendment adopted pursuant to a settlement  
3227 agreement shall be provided to the agencies and governments  
3228 listed in paragraph (4) (a).

3229 Section 86. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3230 made by this act to section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, in a  
3231 reference thereto, subsection (10) and paragraph (d) of  
3232 subsection (12) of section 288.975, Florida Statutes, are  
3233 reenacted to read:

3234 288.975 Military base reuse plans.—

3235 (10) Within 60 days after receipt of a proposed military  
3236 base reuse plan, these entities shall review and provide  
3237 comments to the host local government. The commencement of this  
3238 review period shall be advertised in newspapers of general  
3239 circulation within the host local government and any affected  
3240 local government to allow for public comment. No later than 180  
3241 days after receipt and consideration of all comments, and the  
3242 holding of at least two public hearings, the host local  
3243 government shall adopt the military base reuse plan. The host  
3244 local government shall comply with the notice requirements set  
3245 forth in s. 163.3184(15) to ensure full public participation in  
3246 this planning process.

3247 (12) Following receipt of a petition, the petitioning party  
3248 or parties and the host local government shall seek resolution



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3249 of the issues in dispute. The issues in dispute shall be  
3250 resolved as follows:

3251 (d) Within 45 days after receiving the report from the  
3252 state land planning agency, the Administration Commission shall  
3253 take action to resolve the issues in dispute. In deciding upon a  
3254 proper resolution, the Administration Commission shall consider  
3255 the nature of the issues in dispute, any requests for a formal  
3256 administrative hearing pursuant to chapter 120, the compliance  
3257 of the parties with this section, the extent of the conflict  
3258 between the parties, the comparative hardships and the public  
3259 interest involved. If the Administration Commission incorporates  
3260 in its final order a term or condition that requires any local  
3261 government to amend its local government comprehensive plan, the  
3262 local government shall amend its plan within 60 days after the  
3263 issuance of the order. Such amendment or amendments shall be  
3264 exempt from the limitation of the frequency of plan amendments  
3265 contained in s. 163.3187(1), and a public hearing on such  
3266 amendment or amendments pursuant to s. 163.3184(15)(b)1. shall  
3267 not be required. The final order of the Administration  
3268 Commission is subject to appeal pursuant to s. 120.68. If the  
3269 order of the Administration Commission is appealed, the time for  
3270 the local government to amend its plan shall be tolled during  
3271 the pendency of any local, state, or federal administrative or  
3272 judicial proceeding relating to the military base reuse plan.

3273 Section 87. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3274 made by this act to section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, in a  
3275 reference thereto, subsection (9) of section 420.5095, Florida  
3276 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3277 420.5095 Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot

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3278 Program.—

3279 (9) Notwithstanding s. 163.3184(3)-(6), any local  
3280 government comprehensive plan amendment to implement a Community  
3281 Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program project found  
3282 consistent with the provisions of this section shall be  
3283 expedited as provided in this subsection. At least 30 days prior  
3284 to adopting a plan amendment under this subsection, the local  
3285 government shall notify the state land planning agency of its  
3286 intent to adopt such an amendment, and the notice shall include  
3287 its evaluation related to site suitability and availability of  
3288 facilities and services. The public notice of the hearing  
3289 required by s. 163.3184(15)(b)2. shall include a statement that  
3290 the local government intends to use the expedited adoption  
3291 process authorized by this subsection. Such amendments shall  
3292 require only a single public hearing before the governing board,  
3293 which shall be an adoption hearing as described in s.  
3294 163.3184(7). The state land planning agency shall issue its  
3295 notice of intent pursuant to s. 163.3184(8) within 30 days after  
3296 determining that the amendment package is complete. Any further  
3297 proceedings shall be governed by ss. 163.3184(9)-(16).  
3298 Amendments proposed under this section are not subject to s.  
3299 163.3187(1), which limits the adoption of a comprehensive plan  
3300 amendment to no more than two times during any calendar year.

3301 Section 88. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3302 made by this act to section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, in a  
3303 reference thereto, subsection (6) of section 1013.30, Florida  
3304 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3305 1013.30 University campus master plans and campus  
3306 development agreements.—

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3307 (6) Before a campus master plan is adopted, a copy of the  
3308 draft master plan must be sent for review or made available  
3309 electronically to the host and any affected local governments,  
3310 the state land planning agency, the Department of Environmental  
3311 Protection, the Department of Transportation, the Department of  
3312 State, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the  
3313 applicable water management district and regional planning  
3314 council. At the request of a governmental entity, a hard copy of  
3315 the draft master plan shall be submitted within 7 business days  
3316 of an electronic copy being made available. These agencies must  
3317 be given 90 days after receipt of the campus master plans in  
3318 which to conduct their review and provide comments to the  
3319 university board of trustees. The commencement of this review  
3320 period must be advertised in newspapers of general circulation  
3321 within the host local government and any affected local  
3322 government to allow for public comment. Following receipt and  
3323 consideration of all comments and the holding of an informal  
3324 information session and at least two public hearings within the  
3325 host jurisdiction, the university board of trustees shall adopt  
3326 the campus master plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that  
3327 the university board of trustees comply with the notice  
3328 requirements set forth in s. 163.3184(15) to ensure full public  
3329 participation in this planning process. The informal public  
3330 information session must be held before the first public  
3331 hearing. The first public hearing shall be held before the draft  
3332 master plan is sent to the agencies specified in this  
3333 subsection. The second public hearing shall be held in  
3334 conjunction with the adoption of the draft master plan by the  
3335 university board of trustees. Campus master plans developed

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3336 under this section are not rules and are not subject to chapter  
3337 120 except as otherwise provided in this section.

3338 Section 89. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3339 made by this act to section 166.041, Florida Statutes, in a  
3340 reference thereto, paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
3341 163.3187, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3342 163.3187 Amendment of adopted comprehensive plan.—

3343 (1) Amendments to comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to  
3344 this part may be made not more than two times during any  
3345 calendar year, except:

3346 (c) Any local government comprehensive plan amendments  
3347 directly related to proposed small scale development activities  
3348 may be approved without regard to statutory limits on the  
3349 frequency of consideration of amendments to the local  
3350 comprehensive plan. A small scale development amendment may be  
3351 adopted only under the following conditions:

3352 1. The proposed amendment involves a use of 10 acres or  
3353 fewer and:

3354 a. The cumulative annual effect of the acreage for all  
3355 small scale development amendments adopted by the local  
3356 government shall not exceed:

3357 (I) A maximum of 120 acres in a local government that  
3358 contains areas specifically designated in the local  
3359 comprehensive plan for urban infill, urban redevelopment, or  
3360 downtown revitalization as defined in s. 163.3164, urban infill  
3361 and redevelopment areas designated under s. 163.2517,  
3362 transportation concurrency exception areas approved pursuant to  
3363 s. 163.3180(5), or regional activity centers and urban central  
3364 business districts approved pursuant to s. 380.06(2)(e);

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3365 however, amendments under this paragraph may be applied to no  
3366 more than 60 acres annually of property outside the designated  
3367 areas listed in this sub-sub-subparagraph. Amendments adopted  
3368 pursuant to paragraph (k) shall not be counted toward the  
3369 acreage limitations for small scale amendments under this  
3370 paragraph.

3371 (II) A maximum of 80 acres in a local government that does  
3372 not contain any of the designated areas set forth in sub-sub-  
3373 subparagraph (I).

3374 (III) A maximum of 120 acres in a county established  
3375 pursuant to s. 9, Art. VIII of the State Constitution.

3376 b. The proposed amendment does not involve the same  
3377 property granted a change within the prior 12 months.

3378 c. The proposed amendment does not involve the same owner's  
3379 property within 200 feet of property granted a change within the  
3380 prior 12 months.

3381 d. The proposed amendment does not involve a text change to  
3382 the goals, policies, and objectives of the local government's  
3383 comprehensive plan, but only proposes a land use change to the  
3384 future land use map for a site-specific small scale development  
3385 activity.

3386 e. The property that is the subject of the proposed  
3387 amendment is not located within an area of critical state  
3388 concern, unless the project subject to the proposed amendment  
3389 involves the construction of affordable housing units meeting  
3390 the criteria of s. 420.0004(3), and is located within an area of  
3391 critical state concern designated by s. 380.0552 or by the  
3392 Administration Commission pursuant to s. 380.05(1). Such  
3393 amendment is not subject to the density limitations of sub-

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3394 subparagraph f., and shall be reviewed by the state land  
3395 planning agency for consistency with the principles for guiding  
3396 development applicable to the area of critical state concern  
3397 where the amendment is located and shall not become effective  
3398 until a final order is issued under s. 380.05(6).

3399 f. If the proposed amendment involves a residential land  
3400 use, the residential land use has a density of 10 units or less  
3401 per acre or the proposed future land use category allows a  
3402 maximum residential density of the same or less than the maximum  
3403 residential density allowable under the existing future land use  
3404 category, except that this limitation does not apply to small  
3405 scale amendments involving the construction of affordable  
3406 housing units meeting the criteria of s. 420.0004(3) on property  
3407 which will be the subject of a land use restriction agreement,  
3408 or small scale amendments described in sub-sub-subparagraph  
3409 a.(I) that are designated in the local comprehensive plan for  
3410 urban infill, urban redevelopment, or downtown revitalization as  
3411 defined in s. 163.3164, urban infill and redevelopment areas  
3412 designated under s. 163.2517, transportation concurrency  
3413 exception areas approved pursuant to s. 163.3180(5), or regional  
3414 activity centers and urban central business districts approved  
3415 pursuant to s. 380.06(2)(e).

3416 2.a. A local government that proposes to consider a plan  
3417 amendment pursuant to this paragraph is not required to comply  
3418 with the procedures and public notice requirements of s.  
3419 163.3184(15)(c) for such plan amendments if the local government  
3420 complies with the provisions in s. 125.66(4)(a) for a county or  
3421 in s. 166.041(3)(c) for a municipality. If a request for a plan  
3422 amendment under this paragraph is initiated by other than the

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3423 local government, public notice is required.

3424       b. The local government shall send copies of the notice and  
3425 amendment to the state land planning agency, the regional  
3426 planning council, and any other person or entity requesting a  
3427 copy. This information shall also include a statement  
3428 identifying any property subject to the amendment that is  
3429 located within a coastal high-hazard area as identified in the  
3430 local comprehensive plan.

3431       3. Small scale development amendments adopted pursuant to  
3432 this paragraph require only one public hearing before the  
3433 governing board, which shall be an adoption hearing as described  
3434 in s. 163.3184(7), and are not subject to the requirements of s.  
3435 163.3184(3)-(6) unless the local government elects to have them  
3436 subject to those requirements.

3437       4. If the small scale development amendment involves a site  
3438 within an area that is designated by the Governor as a rural  
3439 area of critical economic concern under s. 288.0656(7) for the  
3440 duration of such designation, the 10-acre limit listed in  
3441 subparagraph 1. shall be increased by 100 percent to 20 acres.  
3442 The local government approving the small scale plan amendment  
3443 shall certify to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
3444 Development that the plan amendment furthers the economic  
3445 objectives set forth in the executive order issued under s.  
3446 288.0656(7), and the property subject to the plan amendment  
3447 shall undergo public review to ensure that all concurrency  
3448 requirements and federal, state, and local environmental permit  
3449 requirements are met.

3450       Section 90. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3451 made by this act to section 200.065, Florida Statutes, in

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3452 references thereto, paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of  
3453 section 192.0105, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

3454 192.0105 Taxpayer rights.—There is created a Florida  
3455 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights for property taxes and assessments to  
3456 guarantee that the rights, privacy, and property of the  
3457 taxpayers of this state are adequately safeguarded and protected  
3458 during tax levy, assessment, collection, and enforcement  
3459 processes administered under the revenue laws of this state. The  
3460 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights compiles, in one document, brief but  
3461 comprehensive statements that summarize the rights and  
3462 obligations of the property appraisers, tax collectors, clerks  
3463 of the court, local governing boards, the Department of Revenue,  
3464 and taxpayers. Additional rights afforded to payors of taxes and  
3465 assessments imposed under the revenue laws of this state are  
3466 provided in s. 213.015. The rights afforded taxpayers to assure  
3467 that their privacy and property are safeguarded and protected  
3468 during tax levy, assessment, and collection are available only  
3469 insofar as they are implemented in other parts of the Florida  
3470 Statutes or rules of the Department of Revenue. The rights so  
3471 guaranteed to state taxpayers in the Florida Statutes and the  
3472 departmental rules include:

3473 (1) THE RIGHT TO KNOW.—

3474 (b) The right to notification of a public hearing on each  
3475 taxing authority's tentative budget and proposed millage rate  
3476 and advertisement of a public hearing to finalize the budget and  
3477 adopt a millage rate (see s. 200.065(2)(c) and (d)).

3478 (c) The right to advertised notice of the amount by which  
3479 the tentatively adopted millage rate results in taxes that  
3480 exceed the previous year's taxes (see s. 200.065(2)(d) and (3)).



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3481 The right to notification by first-class mail of a comparison of  
3482 the amount of the taxes to be levied from the proposed millage  
3483 rate under the tentative budget change, compared to the previous  
3484 year's taxes, and also compared to the taxes that would be  
3485 levied if no budget change is made (see ss. 200.065(2)(b) and  
3486 200.069(2), (3), (4), and (8)).

3487 Section 91. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3488 made by this act to section 200.065, Florida Statutes, in a  
3489 reference thereto, section 200.068, Florida Statutes, is  
3490 reenacted to read:

3491 200.068 Certification of compliance with this chapter.—Not  
3492 later than 30 days following adoption of an ordinance or  
3493 resolution establishing a property tax levy, each taxing  
3494 authority shall certify compliance with the provisions of this  
3495 chapter to the Department of Revenue. In addition to a statement  
3496 of compliance, such certification shall include a copy of the  
3497 ordinance or resolution so adopted; a copy of the certification  
3498 of value showing rolled-back millage and proposed millage rates,  
3499 as provided to the property appraiser pursuant to s. 200.065(1)  
3500 and (2)(b); maximum millage rates calculated pursuant to s.  
3501 200.065(5), s. 200.185, or s. 200.186, together with values and  
3502 calculations upon which the maximum millage rates are based; and  
3503 a certified copy of the advertisement, as published pursuant to  
3504 s. 200.065(3). In certifying compliance, the governing body of  
3505 the county shall also include a certified copy of the notice  
3506 required under s. 194.037. However, if the value adjustment  
3507 board completes its hearings after the deadline for  
3508 certification under this section, the county shall submit such  
3509 copy to the department not later than 30 days following

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3510 completion of such hearings.

3511 Section 92. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3512 made by this act to section 200.065, Florida Statutes, in a  
3513 reference thereto, section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, is  
3514 reenacted to read:

3515 286.0105 Notices of meetings and hearings must advise that  
3516 a record is required to appeal.—Each board, commission, or  
3517 agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof  
3518 shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice  
3519 of the meeting or hearing is required, of such board,  
3520 commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice  
3521 that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the  
3522 board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter  
3523 considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a  
3524 record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she  
3525 may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is  
3526 made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon  
3527 which the appeal is to be based. The requirements of this  
3528 section do not apply to the notice provided in s. 200.065(3).

3529 Section 93. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3530 made by this act to section 705.103, Florida Statutes, in a  
3531 reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 705.104, Florida  
3532 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3533 705.104 Title to lost or abandoned property.—

3534 (1) Title to lost or abandoned property is hereby vested in  
3535 the finder upon the expiration of the 90-day custodial time  
3536 period specified in s. 705.103(2)(b), provided the notice  
3537 requirements of s. 705.103 have been met, unless the rightful  
3538 owner or a lienholder claims the property within that time.

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3539 Section 94. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments  
3540 made by this act to section 705.103, Florida Statutes, in  
3541 references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section  
3542 717.119, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

3543 717.119 Payment or delivery of unclaimed property.—

3544 (5) All intangible and tangible property held in a safe-  
3545 deposit box or any other safekeeping repository reported under  
3546 s. 717.117 shall not be delivered to the department until 120  
3547 days after the report due date. The delivery of the property,  
3548 through the United States mail or any other carrier, shall be  
3549 insured by the holder at an amount equal to the estimated value  
3550 of the property. Each package shall be clearly marked on the  
3551 outside "Deliver Unopened." A holder's safe-deposit box contents  
3552 shall be delivered to the department in a single shipment. In  
3553 lieu of a single shipment, holders may provide the department  
3554 with a single detailed shipping schedule that includes package  
3555 tracking information for all packages being sent pursuant to  
3556 this section.

3557 (b) Any firearm or ammunition found in an unclaimed safe-  
3558 deposit box or any other safekeeping repository shall be  
3559 delivered by the holder to a law enforcement agency for disposal  
3560 pursuant to s. 705.103(2)(b) with the balance of the proceeds  
3561 deposited into the State School Fund if the firearm is sold.  
3562 However, the department is authorized to make a reasonable  
3563 attempt to ascertain the historical value to collectors of any  
3564 firearm that has been delivered to the department. Any firearm  
3565 appearing to have historical value to collectors may be sold by  
3566 the department pursuant to s. 717.122 to a person having a  
3567 federal firearms license. Any firearm which is not sold pursuant

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3568 to s. 717.122 shall be delivered by the department to a law  
3569 enforcement agency in this state for disposal pursuant to s.  
3570 705.103(2)(b) with the balance of the proceeds deposited into  
3571 the State School Fund if the firearm is sold. The department  
3572 shall not be administratively, civilly, or criminally liable for  
3573 any firearm delivered by the department to a law enforcement  
3574 agency in this state for disposal.

3575 Section 95. This act shall take effect October 1, 2010.