

By Senator Bennett

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to effective public notices by  
3           governmental entities; creating s. 50.0311, F.S.;  
4           defining the term "publicly accessible website";  
5           authorizing a local government 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          or e-mail; providing requirements for advertisements  
11          and public notices published on a publicly accessible  
12          website; amending s. 50.011, F.S.; providing that a  
13          notice, advertisement, or publication on a publicly  
14          accessible website of a local government in accordance  
15          with s. 50.0311, F.S., constitutes legal notice;  
16          amending s. 50.021, F.S.; providing that  
17          advertisements directed by law or order or decree of  
18          court to be made in a county in which no newspaper is  
19          published may be made by publication on a publicly  
20          accessible website; amending s. 50.051, F.S.;  
21          providing clarifying provisions; amending s. 50.061,  
22          F.S.; providing clarifying provisions; amending s.  
23          100.342, F.S.; providing for notice of a special  
24          election or referendum on a publicly accessible  
25          website; amending s. 125.66, F.S.; providing for  
26          notice of consideration of an ordinance by a board of  
27          county commissioners to be published on a publicly  
28          accessible website; requiring maintenance of the  
29          advertisement for a specified period; providing

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30 clarifying provisions; amending s. 129.03, F.S.;

31 providing for the advertisement of a summary statement

32 of adopted tentative county budgets on a publicly

33 accessible website; amending s. 129.06, F.S.;

34 providing for advertisement of a public hearing

35 relating to the amendment of a county budget on a

36 publicly accessible website; amending s. 153.79, F.S.;

37 providing for public advertisement by a county water

38 and sewer system district of projects to construct,

39 reconstruct, acquire, or improve a water system or a

40 sewer system, and of a call for sealed bids for such

41 projects, on a publicly accessible website; amending

42 s. 159.32, F.S.; providing for advertisement for

43 competitive bids for contracts for the construction of

44 a project under the Florida Industrial Development

45 Financing Act on a publicly accessible website;

46 amending s. 162.12, F.S.; providing for optional

47 serving of notice by a code enforcement board of a

48 violation of a county or municipal code via a publicly

49 accessible website; amending s. 163.3184, F.S.;

50 providing for notice of public hearings on the

51 adoption of a local government comprehensive plan or

52 plan amendment via a publicly accessible website;

53 amending s. 166.041, F.S.; providing for notice of

54 adoption of a municipal ordinance via a publicly

55 accessible website; providing clarifying provisions;

56 amending s. 170.05, F.S.; providing for publication on

57 a publicly accessible website of a resolution relating

58 to municipal public improvements financed by special

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59 assessments; amending s. 170.07, F.S.; providing for  
60 publication on a publicly accessible website of notice  
61 of hearing on municipal public improvements financed  
62 by special assessments; amending s. 180.24, F.S.;  
63 providing for advertisement via a publicly accessible  
64 website of specified construction contracts for  
65 utilities or extensions to a previously constructed  
66 utility; amending s. 197.3632, F.S.; providing for  
67 publication on a publicly accessible website of a  
68 local government's notice of intent to use the uniform  
69 method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments;  
70 amending s. 200.065, F.S.; providing for advertisement  
71 on a publicly accessible website of a taxing  
72 authority's intent to adopt a millage rate and budget;  
73 providing for advertisement on a publicly accessible  
74 website of the intention of a specified multicounty  
75 taxing authority to adopt a tentative budget and  
76 millage rate; providing clarifying and conforming  
77 provisions; providing for notice via a publicly  
78 accessible website of correction of a specified error  
79 contained in a notice of proposed property taxes  
80 mailed to taxpayers; amending s. 255.0525, F.S.;  
81 providing for advertisement via a publicly accessible  
82 website for the solicitation of competitive bids or  
83 proposals for construction projects of a county,  
84 municipality, or other political subdivision which are  
85 projected to exceed specified costs; amending s.  
86 380.06, F.S.; providing for publication of an  
87 advertisement on a publicly accessible website of a

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88 public hearing by a local government on an areawide  
89 development of regional impact under the Florida  
90 Environmental Land and Water Management Act of 1972;  
91 amending s. 403.7049, F.S.; prescribing procedures for  
92 fulfilling public disclosure system requirements with  
93 respect to the duty of a municipality to disclose  
94 costs for solid waste management; amending s. 403.973,  
95 F.S.; redefining the term "duly noticed" to include  
96 publication on a publicly accessible website;  
97 providing conforming provisions; amending s. 420.9075,  
98 F.S.; providing for advertisement of notice on a  
99 publicly accessible website of funding availability  
100 through a local housing assistance plan under the  
101 State Housing Initiatives Partnership Act; providing  
102 an effective date.

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

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106 Section 1. Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes, is created to  
107 read:

108 50.0311 Publication of advertisements and public notices on  
109 a local government's publicly accessible website and government  
110 access channels.-

111 (1) For purposes of notices and advertisements required by  
112 statute to be published by a local government, the term  
113 "publicly accessible website" means the official website of a  
114 county or municipal government which is accessible via the  
115 Internet.

116 (2) If specifically authorized by ordinance, a local

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117 government may use its website for legally required  
118 advertisements and public notices if:

119 (a) A public library or other governmental facility that  
120 provides free access to the Internet during regular business  
121 hours exists within the jurisdictional boundaries of such county  
122 or municipality;

123 (b) The local government provides notice to its residents  
124 at least once per year in a newspaper of general circulation,  
125 the county or municipality's newsletter or periodical, or  
126 another publication that is mailed or delivered to all residents  
127 or property owners throughout the local government's  
128 jurisdiction, indicating that residents may receive legally  
129 required advertisements and public notices from the local  
130 government by first-class mail or e-mail upon registering their  
131 name and address or e-mail address with the local governmental  
132 entity; and

133 (c) The local government maintains a registry of names,  
134 addresses, and e-mail addresses of residents who request in  
135 writing that they receive legally required advertisements and  
136 public notices from the local government by first-class mail or  
137 e-mail.

138 (3) Advertisements and public notices published on a  
139 publicly accessible website shall be conspicuously placed on the  
140 website's homepage or accessible through a direct link from the  
141 homepage. The advertisement must indicate the date on which the  
142 advertisement was first published on the publicly accessible  
143 website.

144 (4) The local government that has a government access  
145 channel authorized under s. 610.109 may also include on its

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146 government access channel a summary of all advertisements and  
147 public notices that are published on its website.

148 Section 2. Section 50.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
149 read:

150 50.011 Where and in what language legal notices to be  
151 published.—Whenever by statute an official or legal  
152 advertisement or a publication, or notice in a newspaper has  
153 been or is directed or permitted in the nature of or in lieu of  
154 process, or for constructive service, or in initiating,  
155 assuming, reviewing, exercising or enforcing jurisdiction or  
156 power, or for any purpose, including all legal notices and  
157 advertisements of sheriffs and tax collectors, the  
158 contemporaneous and continuous intent and meaning of such  
159 legislation all and singular, existing or repealed, is and has  
160 been and is hereby declared to be and to have been, and the rule  
161 of interpretation is and has been, a publication in a newspaper  
162 printed and published periodically once a week or oftener,  
163 containing at least 25 percent of its words in the English  
164 language, entered or qualified to be admitted and entered as  
165 periodicals matter at a post office in the county where  
166 published, for sale to the public generally, available to the  
167 public generally for the publication of official or other  
168 notices and customarily containing information of a public  
169 character or of interest or of value to the residents or owners  
170 of property in the county where published, or of interest or of  
171 value to the general public. Notwithstanding any provisions to  
172 the contrary, and as specifically authorized by s. 50.0311, a  
173 notice, advertisement, or publication on a publicly accessible  
174 website of a local government in accordance with s. 50.0311

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175 constitutes legal notice.

176 Section 3. Section 50.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 177 read:

178 50.021 Publication when no newspaper in county.—When any  
 179 law, or order or decree of court, directs ~~shall direct~~  
 180 advertisements to be made in any county and ~~there be~~ no  
 181 newspaper is published in that ~~the said~~ county, the  
 182 advertisement may be made, in the case of a county or  
 183 municipality, by publishing such advertisement on a publicly  
 184 accessible website maintained by the entity responsible for  
 185 publication or posting three copies thereof in three different  
 186 places in the ~~said~~ county, one of which shall be at the front  
 187 door of the courthouse, and by publication in the nearest county  
 188 in which a newspaper is published.

189 Section 4. Section 50.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 190 read:

191 50.051 Proof of publication; form of uniform affidavit.—The  
 192 printed form upon which all such affidavits establishing proof  
 193 of publication in a newspaper are to be executed shall be  
 194 substantially as follows:

195  
 196 NAME OF NEWSPAPER

197  
 198 Published (Weekly or Daily)

199  
 200 (Town or City) (County) FLORIDA

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 202 STATE OF FLORIDA

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204 COUNTY OF .....

205 Before the undersigned authority personally appeared .....,  
 206 who on oath says that he or she is .... of the ....., a ....  
 207 newspaper published at .... in .... County, Florida; that the  
 208 attached copy of advertisement, being a .... in the matter of  
 209 .... in the .... Court, was published in said newspaper in the  
 210 issues of .....

211 Affiant further says that the said .... is a newspaper  
 212 published at ....., in said .... County, Florida, and that the  
 213 said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in  
 214 said .... County, Florida, each .... and has been entered as  
 215 periodicals matter at the post office in ....., in said ....  
 216 County, Florida, for a period of 1 year next preceding the first  
 217 publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant  
 218 further says that he or she has neither paid nor promised any  
 219 person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or  
 220 refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for  
 221 publication in the said newspaper.

222  
 223 Sworn to and subscribed before me this .... day of .....,  
 224 ...(year)..., by ....., who is personally known to me or who has  
 225 produced (type of identification) as identification.

226  
 227 ...(Signature of Notary Public)...

228  
 229 ...(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)...

230  
 231 ...(Notary Public)...

232 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 50.061, Florida

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233 Statutes, is amended to read:

234 50.061 Amounts chargeable.—

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

239 Section 6. Section 100.342, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
240 read:

241 100.342 Notice of special election or referendum.—In any  
242 special election or referendum not otherwise provided for there  
243 shall be at least 30 days' notice of the election or referendum  
244 by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
245 county, district, or municipality, as the case may be, or, in  
246 the case of a county or municipality, publication on a publicly  
247 accessible website maintained by the local government  
248 responsible for publication and published daily during the 5  
249 weeks immediately preceding the election or referendum. If  
250 advertised in the newspaper, the publication shall be made at  
251 least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week  
252 prior to the week in which the election or referendum is to be  
253 held. If there is no newspaper of general circulation in the  
254 county, district, or municipality and publication is not made on  
255 a publicly accessible website maintained by the local government  
256 responsible for publication, the notice shall be posted in at  
257 least ~~no less than~~ five places within the territorial limits of  
258 the county, district, or municipality.

259 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
260 (b) of subsection (4) of section 125.66, Florida Statutes, are  
261 amended to read:

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262           125.66 Ordinances; enactment procedure; emergency  
263 ordinances; rezoning or change of land use ordinances or  
264 resolutions.-

265           (2) (a) The regular enactment procedure shall be as follows:  
266 The board of county commissioners at any regular or special  
267 meeting may enact or amend any ordinance, except as provided in  
268 subsection (4), if notice of intent to consider such ordinance  
269 is given at least 10 days before the ~~prior to said~~ meeting on a  
270 publicly accessible website maintained by the county or by  
271 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.  
272 If advertised on a publicly accessible website, the  
273 advertisement shall be published daily during the 10 days  
274 immediately preceding the meeting. A copy of such notice shall  
275 be kept available for public inspection during the regular  
276 business hours of the office of the clerk of the board of county  
277 commissioners. The notice of proposed enactment must ~~shall~~ state  
278 the date, time, and place of the meeting; the title or titles of  
279 proposed ordinances; and the place or places within the county  
280 where such proposed ordinances may be inspected by the public.  
281 The notice must ~~shall~~ also advise that interested parties may  
282 appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed  
283 ordinance.

284           (4) Ordinances or resolutions, initiated by other than the  
285 county, that change the actual zoning map designation of a  
286 parcel or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to  
287 subsection (2). Ordinances or resolutions that change the actual  
288 list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a  
289 zoning category, or ordinances or resolutions initiated by the  
290 county that change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel

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291 or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to the following  
292 procedure:

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

299 1. The board of county commissioners shall hold two  
300 advertised public hearings on the proposed ordinance or  
301 resolution. At least one hearing shall be held after 5 p.m. on a  
302 weekday, unless the board of county commissioners, by a majority  
303 plus one vote, elects to conduct that hearing at another time of  
304 day. The first public hearing shall be held at least 7 days  
305 after the day that the first advertisement is published. The  
306 second hearing shall be held at least 10 days after the first  
307 hearing and shall be advertised at least 5 days before ~~prior to~~  
308 the public hearing.

309 2. The required newspaper advertisements shall be at least  
310 ~~no less than~~ 2 columns wide by 10 inches long in a standard size  
311 or a tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the  
312 advertisement shall be in a type no smaller than 18 point. The  
313 newspaper advertisement may ~~shall~~ not be placed in that portion  
314 of the newspaper where legal notices and classified  
315 advertisements appear. The newspaper advertisement shall be  
316 placed in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county  
317 and of general interest and readership in the community pursuant  
318 to chapter 50, not one of limited subject matter. It is the  
319 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the newspaper

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320 advertisement shall appear in a newspaper that is published at  
321 least 5 days a week unless the only newspaper in the community  
322 is published less than 5 days a week. The newspaper  
323 advertisement must ~~shall~~ be in substantially the following form:

325 NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE

326  
327 The ...(name of local governmental unit)... proposes to  
328 adopt the following by ordinance or resolution:...(title of  
329 ordinance or resolution)....

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

332  
333 Except for amendments that ~~which~~ change the actual list of  
334 permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning  
335 category, the advertisement shall contain a geographic location  
336 map that ~~which~~ clearly indicates the area within the local  
337 government covered by the proposed ordinance or resolution. The  
338 map shall include major street names as a means of  
339 identification of the general area.

340 3. In lieu of publishing the advertisements specified ~~set~~  
341 ~~out~~ in this paragraph, the board of county commissioners may  
342 mail a notice to each person owning real property within the  
343 area covered by the ordinance or resolution. Such notice must  
344 ~~shall~~ clearly explain the proposed ordinance or resolution and  
345 ~~shall~~ notify the person of the time, place, and location of both  
346 public hearings on the proposed ordinance or resolution.

347 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
348 129.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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349 129.03 Preparation and adoption of budget.-

350 (3) The county budget officer, after tentatively  
351 ascertaining the proposed fiscal policies of the board for the  
352 next fiscal year, shall prepare and present to the board a  
353 tentative budget for the next fiscal year for each of the funds  
354 provided in this chapter, including all estimated receipts,  
355 taxes to be levied, and balances expected to be brought forward  
356 and all estimated expenditures, reserves, and balances to be  
357 carried over at the end of the year.

358 (b) Upon receipt of the tentative budgets and completion of  
359 any revisions, the board shall prepare a statement summarizing  
360 all of the adopted tentative budgets. The summary statement must  
361 show, for each budget and the total of all budgets, the proposed  
362 tax millages, balances, reserves, and the total of each major  
363 classification of receipts and expenditures, classified  
364 according to the uniform classification of accounts adopted by  
365 the appropriate state agency. The board shall cause this summary  
366 statement to be advertised one time in a newspaper of general  
367 circulation published in the county, on a publicly accessible  
368 website maintained by the county, or by posting at the  
369 courthouse door if there is no such newspaper or website, and  
370 the advertisement must appear adjacent to the advertisement  
371 required pursuant to s. 200.065.

372 Section 9. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section  
373 129.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

374 129.06 Execution and amendment of budget.-

375 (2) The board at any time within a fiscal year may amend a  
376 budget for that year, and may within the first 60 days of a  
377 fiscal year amend the budget for the prior fiscal year, as

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378 follows:

379 (f) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, if an amendment to  
380 a budget is required for a purpose not specifically authorized  
381 in paragraphs (a)-(e), the amendment may be authorized by  
382 resolution or ordinance of the board of county commissioners  
383 adopted following a public hearing.

384 1. ~~The public hearing must be advertised at least 2 days,~~  
385 ~~but not more than 5 days, before the date of the hearing.~~ The  
386 advertisement must appear on a publicly accessible website  
387 maintained by the county or in a newspaper of paid general  
388 circulation and must identify the name of the taxing authority,  
389 the date, place, and time of the hearing, and the purpose of the  
390 hearing. If advertised in the newspaper, the public hearing must  
391 be advertised at least 2 days, but not more than 5 days, before  
392 the date of the hearing. If advertised on a publicly accessible  
393 website, the notice must be published daily during the 5 days  
394 immediately preceding the hearing. The advertisement must also  
395 identify each budgetary fund to be amended, the source of the  
396 funds, the use of the funds, and the total amount of each fund's  
397 appropriations.

398 2. If the board amends the budget pursuant to this  
399 paragraph, the adopted amendment must be posted on the county's  
400 official website within 5 days after adoption.

401 Section 10. Section 153.79, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
402 read:

403 153.79 Contracts for construction of improvements, sealed  
404 bids.—All contracts let, awarded, or entered into by the  
405 district for the construction, reconstruction, or acquisition or  
406 improvement of a water system or a sewer system or both or any

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407 part thereof, if the amount thereof shall exceed \$1,000, shall  
408 be awarded only after public advertisement and call for sealed  
409 bids therefor on a publicly accessible website maintained by the  
410 county or, in a newspaper published in the county circulating in  
411 the district, or, if there is ~~be~~ no such website or newspaper,  
412 ~~then~~ in a newspaper published in the state and circulating in  
413 the district. If advertised in the newspaper, such advertisement  
414 shall ~~to~~ be published at least once at least 3 weeks before the  
415 date set for the receipt of such bids. If advertised on a  
416 publicly accessible website, such advertisement shall be  
417 published daily during the 3 weeks immediately preceding the  
418 date set for the receipt of such bids. Such advertisements for  
419 bids in addition to the other necessary and pertinent matter  
420 shall state in general terms the nature and description of the  
421 improvement or improvements to be undertaken and shall state  
422 that detailed plans and specifications for such work are on file  
423 for inspection in the office of the district clerk and copies  
424 thereof shall be furnished to any interested party upon payment  
425 of reasonable charges to reimburse the district for its expenses  
426 in providing such copies. The award shall be made to the  
427 responsible and competent bidder or bidders who shall offer to  
428 undertake the improvements at the lowest cost to the district  
429 and such bidder or bidders shall be required to file bond for  
430 the full and faithful performance of such work and the execution  
431 of any such contract in such amount as the district board shall  
432 determine, and in all other respects the letting of such  
433 construction contracts shall comply with applicable provisions  
434 of the general laws relating to the letting of public contracts.  
435 Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the district

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436 from hiring or retaining such consulting engineers, attorneys,  
437 financial experts or other technicians as it shall determine, in  
438 its discretion, or from undertaking any construction work with  
439 its own resources, without any such public advertisement.

440 Section 11. Section 159.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
441 read:

442 159.32 Construction contracts.—Contracts for the  
443 construction of the project may be awarded by the local agency  
444 in such manner as in its judgment will best promote free and  
445 open competition, including advertisement for competitive bids  
446 in a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of  
447 the local agency or on a publicly accessible website maintained  
448 by the county; however, if the local agency shall determine that  
449 the purposes of this part will be more effectively served, the  
450 local agency in its discretion may award or cause to be awarded  
451 contracts for the construction of any project, or any part  
452 thereof, upon a negotiated basis as determined by the local  
453 agency. The local agency shall prescribe bid security  
454 requirements and other procedures in connection with the award  
455 of such contracts as in its judgment shall protect the public  
456 interest. The local agency may by written contract engage the  
457 services of the lessee, purchaser, or prospective lessee or  
458 purchaser of any project in the construction of the project and  
459 may provide in the contract that the lessee, purchaser, or  
460 prospective lessee or purchaser may act as an agent of, or an  
461 independent contractor for, the local agency for the performance  
462 of the functions described therein, subject to such conditions  
463 and requirements consistent with the provisions of this part as  
464 shall be prescribed in the contract, including functions such as

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465 the acquisition of the site and other real property for the  
466 project; the preparation of plans, specifications, and contract  
467 documents; the award of construction and other contracts upon a  
468 competitive or negotiated basis; the construction of the  
469 project, or any part thereof, directly by the lessee, purchaser,  
470 or prospective lessee or purchaser; the inspection and  
471 supervision of construction; the employment of engineers,  
472 architects, builders, and other contractors; and the provision  
473 of money to pay the cost thereof pending reimbursement by the  
474 local agency. Any such contract may provide that the local  
475 agency may, out of proceeds of bonds, make advances to or  
476 reimburse the lessee, purchaser, or prospective lessee or  
477 purchaser for its costs incurred in the performance of those  
478 functions, and shall set forth the supporting documents required  
479 to be submitted to the local agency and the reviews,  
480 examinations, and audits that shall be required in connection  
481 therewith to assure compliance with the provisions of this part  
482 and the contract.

483 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
484 162.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

485 162.12 Notices.—

486 (2) In addition to providing notice as set forth in  
487 subsection (1), at the option of the code enforcement board,  
488 notice may also be served by publication or posting, as follows:

489 (a)1. Such notice shall be published once during each week  
490 for 4 consecutive weeks (four publications being sufficient) in  
491 a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the code  
492 enforcement board is located or daily during the 4 weeks  
493 immediately preceding the hearing on a publicly accessible

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494 website maintained by the local government. The website and  
495 newspaper shall meet such requirements as are prescribed under  
496 chapter 50 for legal and official advertisements.

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

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500 Evidence that an attempt has been made to hand deliver or mail  
501 notice as provided in subsection (1), together with proof of  
502 publication or posting as provided in subsection (2), shall be  
503 sufficient to show that the notice requirements of this part  
504 have been met, without regard to whether or not the alleged  
505 violator actually received such notice.

506 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (11) of section  
507 163.3184, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

508 163.3184 Process for adoption of comprehensive plan or plan  
509 amendment.—

510 (11) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

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

514 1. The first public hearing shall be held at the  
515 transmittal stage. It shall be held on a weekday at least 7 days  
516 after the day that the first advertisement is published pursuant  
517 to the requirements of chapter 125 or chapter 166 or after the  
518 notice of the first public hearing is initially published on the  
519 publicly accessible website.

520 2. The second public hearing shall be held at the adoption  
521 stage. It shall be held on a weekday at least 5 days after the  
522 day that the second advertisement is published pursuant to the

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523 requirements of chapter 125 or chapter 166 or after the notice  
524 of the second public hearing is initially published on the  
525 publicly accessible website.

526 Section 14. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (3) of  
527 section 166.041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

528 166.041 Procedures for adoption of ordinances and  
529 resolutions.—

530 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), a proposed  
531 ordinance may be read by title, or in full, on at least 2  
532 separate days and shall, at least 10 days before ~~prior to~~  
533 adoption, be noticed once in a newspaper of general circulation  
534 in the municipality or noticed daily during the 10 days  
535 immediately preceding the adoption on a publicly accessible  
536 website maintained by the municipality. The notice of proposed  
537 enactment must ~~shall~~ state the date, time, and place of the  
538 meeting; the title or titles of proposed ordinances; and the  
539 place or places within the municipality where such proposed  
540 ordinances may be inspected by the public. The notice must ~~shall~~  
541 also advise that interested parties may appear at the meeting  
542 and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

543 (c) Ordinances initiated by other than the municipality  
544 which ~~that~~ change the actual zoning map designation of a parcel  
545 or parcels of land shall be enacted pursuant to paragraph (a).  
546 Ordinances that change the actual list of permitted,  
547 conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning category, or  
548 ordinances initiated by the municipality which ~~that~~ change the  
549 actual zoning map designation of a parcel or parcels of land  
550 shall be enacted pursuant to the following procedure:

551 1. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the

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552 actual zoning map designation for a parcel or parcels of land  
553 involving less than 10 contiguous acres, the governing body  
554 shall direct the clerk of the governing body to notify by mail  
555 each real property owner whose land the municipality will  
556 redesignate by enactment of the ordinance and whose address is  
557 known by reference to the latest ad valorem tax records. The  
558 notice shall state the substance of the proposed ordinance as it  
559 affects that property owner and shall set a time and place for  
560 one or more public hearings on such ordinance. Such notice shall  
561 be given at least 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the date set for the  
562 public hearing, and a copy of the notice shall be kept available  
563 for public inspection during the regular business hours of the  
564 office of the clerk of the governing body. The governing body  
565 shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance and may,  
566 upon the conclusion of the hearing, immediately adopt the  
567 ordinance.

568 2. In cases in which the proposed ordinance changes the  
569 actual list of permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within  
570 a zoning category, or changes the actual zoning map designation  
571 of a parcel or parcels of land involving 10 contiguous acres or  
572 more, the governing body shall provide for public notice and  
573 hearings as follows:

574 a. The local governing body shall hold two advertised  
575 public hearings on the proposed ordinance. At least one hearing  
576 shall be held after 5 p.m. on a weekday, unless the local  
577 governing body, by a majority plus one vote, elects to conduct  
578 that hearing at another time of day. The first public hearing  
579 shall be held at least 7 days after the day that the first  
580 advertisement is published. The second hearing shall be held at

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581 least 10 days after the first hearing and shall be advertised at  
 582 least 5 days before ~~prior to~~ the public hearing.

583 b. The required newspaper advertisements shall be at least  
 584 ~~no less than~~ 2 columns wide by 10 inches long in a standard size  
 585 or a tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the  
 586 advertisement shall be in a type no smaller than 18 point. The  
 587 newspaper advertisement may ~~shall~~ not be placed in that portion  
 588 of the newspaper where legal notices and classified  
 589 advertisements appear. The newspaper advertisement shall be  
 590 placed in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the  
 591 municipality and of general interest and readership in the  
 592 municipality, not one of limited subject matter, pursuant to  
 593 chapter 50. It is the legislative intent that, whenever  
 594 possible, the newspaper advertisement appear in a newspaper that  
 595 is published at least 5 days a week unless the only newspaper in  
 596 the municipality is published less than 5 days a week. The  
 597 newspaper advertisement must ~~shall~~ be in substantially the  
 598 following form:

600 NOTICE OF (TYPE OF) CHANGE

601  
 602 The ...(name of local governmental unit)... proposes to  
 603 adopt the following ordinance:... (title of the ordinance)....

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

606  
 607 Except for amendments that ~~which~~ change the actual list of  
 608 permitted, conditional, or prohibited uses within a zoning  
 609 category, the advertisement must ~~shall~~ contain a geographic

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610 location map that ~~which~~ clearly indicates the area covered by  
611 the proposed ordinance. The map must ~~shall~~ include major street  
612 names as a means of identification of the general area.

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

619 Section 15. Section 170.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
620 read:

621 170.05 Publication of resolution.—Upon the adoption of the  
622 resolution provided for in s. 170.03, the municipality shall  
623 cause the said resolution to be published on a publicly  
624 accessible website maintained by the municipality or one time in  
625 a newspaper of general circulation published in the said  
626 municipality, and if there is ~~be~~ no website or newspaper  
627 published in the said municipality, the governing authority of  
628 the said municipality shall cause the said resolution to be  
629 published once a week for a period of 2 weeks in a newspaper of  
630 general circulation published in the county in which the said  
631 municipality is located.

632 Section 16. Section 170.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
633 read:

634 170.07 Publication of preliminary assessment roll.—Upon the  
635 completion of the said preliminary assessment roll, the  
636 governing authority of the municipality shall by resolution fix  
637 a time and place at which the owners of the property to be  
638 assessed or any other persons interested therein may appear

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639 before ~~the said~~ governing authority and be heard as to the  
640 propriety and advisability of making such improvements, as to  
641 the cost thereof, as to the manner of payment therefor, and as  
642 to the amount thereof to be assessed against each property so  
643 improved. Thirty days' notice in writing of such time and place  
644 shall be given to such property owners. The notice must ~~shall~~  
645 include the amount of the assessment and shall be served by  
646 mailing a copy to each of such property owners at his or her  
647 last known address.7 The names and addresses of such property  
648 owners shall ~~to~~ be obtained from the records of the property  
649 appraiser or from such other sources as the city or town clerk  
650 or engineer deems reliable, and proof of such mailing shall ~~to~~  
651 be made by the affidavit of the clerk or deputy clerk of the  
652 ~~said~~ municipality, or by the engineer, said proof to be filed  
653 with the clerk; however, provided, ~~that~~ failure to mail the said  
654 notice or notices does ~~shall~~ not invalidate any of the  
655 proceedings hereunder. Notice of the time and place of such  
656 hearing shall also be given by two publications a week apart in  
657 a newspaper of general circulation in the said municipality or  
658 by publication daily for 2 weeks on a publicly accessible  
659 website maintained by the municipality, and if there is ~~be~~ no  
660 website or newspaper published in the said municipality, the  
661 governing authority of the said municipality shall cause the  
662 ~~said~~ notice to be published in like manner in a newspaper of  
663 general circulation published in the county in which the said  
664 municipality is located, and; ~~provided that~~ the last publication  
665 must ~~shall~~ be at least 1 week before ~~prior to~~ the date of the  
666 hearing. The said notice must ~~shall~~ describe the streets or  
667 other areas to be improved and advise all persons interested

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668 that the description of each property to be assessed and the  
669 amount to be assessed to each piece or parcel of property may be  
670 ascertained at the office of the clerk of the municipality. Such  
671 service by publication shall be verified by the affidavit of the  
672 publisher and filed with the clerk of the ~~said~~ municipality.

673 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 180.24, Florida  
674 Statutes, is amended to read:

675 180.24 Contracts for construction; bond; publication of  
676 notice; bids.—

677 (1) Any municipality desiring the accomplishment of any or  
678 all of the purposes of this chapter may make contracts for the  
679 construction of any of the utilities mentioned in this chapter,  
680 or any extension or extensions to any previously constructed  
681 utility. Such, ~~which said~~ contracts must ~~shall~~ be in writing,  
682 and the contractor shall be required to give bond, which ~~said~~  
683 ~~bond~~ shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do  
684 business in the state; ~~provided,~~ however, construction contracts  
685 in excess of \$25,000 shall be advertised by the publication of a  
686 notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in  
687 which the ~~said~~ municipality is located at least once each week  
688 for 2 consecutive weeks, by publication daily for 2 weeks on a  
689 publicly accessible website maintained by the municipality, or  
690 by posting three notices in three conspicuous places in the ~~said~~  
691 municipality, one of which shall be on the door of the city  
692 hall. ~~;~~ ~~and that~~ At least 10 days shall elapse between the date  
693 of the first publication or posting of such notice and the date  
694 of receiving bids and the execution of such contract documents.  
695 For municipal construction projects identified in s. 255.0525,  
696 the notice provision of that section supersedes and replaces the

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697 notice provisions in this section.

698 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
699 197.3632, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

700 197.3632 Uniform method for the levy, collection, and  
701 enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments.-

702 (3) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
703 contrary, a local government that ~~which~~ is authorized to impose  
704 a non-ad valorem assessment and that ~~which~~ elects to use the  
705 uniform method of collecting such assessment for the first time  
706 as authorized in this section shall adopt a resolution at a  
707 public hearing before ~~prior to~~ January 1 or, if the property  
708 appraiser, tax collector, and local government agree, March 1.  
709 The resolution must ~~shall~~ clearly state its intent to use the  
710 uniform method of collecting such assessment. The local  
711 government shall publish notice of its intent to use the uniform  
712 method for collecting such assessment weekly in a newspaper of  
713 general circulation within each county contained in the  
714 boundaries of the local government for 4 consecutive weeks  
715 preceding the hearing or, in the case of a county or  
716 municipality, daily during the 4 consecutive weeks immediately  
717 preceding the hearing on a publicly accessible website  
718 maintained by the county or municipality. The resolution must  
719 ~~shall~~ state the need for the levy and ~~shall~~ include a legal  
720 description of the boundaries of the real property subject to  
721 the levy. If the resolution is adopted, the local governing  
722 board shall send a copy of it by United States mail to the  
723 property appraiser, the tax collector, and the department by  
724 January 10 or, if the property appraiser, tax collector, and  
725 local government agree, March 10.

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726 Section 19. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2), paragraph (g)  
727 of subsection (3), subsection (12), and paragraph (a) of  
728 subsection (14) of section 200.065, Florida Statutes, are  
729 amended to read:

730 200.065 Method of fixing millage.—

731 (2) No millage shall be levied until a resolution or  
732 ordinance has been approved by the governing board of the taxing  
733 authority which resolution or ordinance must be approved by the  
734 taxing authority according to the following procedure:

735 (d) Within 15 days after the meeting adopting the tentative  
736 budget, the taxing authority shall advertise in a newspaper of  
737 general circulation in the county as provided in subsection (3),  
738 its intent to finally adopt a millage rate and budget or, in the  
739 case of a county or municipality, may advertise on its publicly  
740 accessible website its intent to finally adopt a millage rate  
741 and budget, and shall maintain the notice on its website until  
742 completion of the hearing. If advertised in a newspaper, a  
743 public hearing to finalize the budget and adopt a millage rate  
744 shall be held not less than 2 days nor more than 5 days after  
745 the day that the advertisement is first published. During the  
746 hearing, the governing body of the taxing authority shall amend  
747 the adopted tentative budget as it sees fit, adopt a final  
748 budget, and adopt a resolution or ordinance stating the millage  
749 rate to be levied. The resolution or ordinance must ~~shall~~ state  
750 the percent, if any, by which the millage rate to be levied  
751 exceeds the rolled-back rate computed pursuant to subsection  
752 (1), which shall be characterized as the percentage increase in  
753 property taxes adopted by the governing body. The adoption of  
754 the budget and the millage-levy resolution or ordinance shall be

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755 by separate votes. For each taxing authority levying millage,  
756 the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the  
757 percentage increase, and the millage rate to be levied shall be  
758 publicly announced before ~~prior to~~ the adoption of the millage-  
759 levy resolution or ordinance. ~~In no event may~~ The millage rate  
760 adopted pursuant to this paragraph may not exceed the millage  
761 rate tentatively adopted pursuant to paragraph (c). If the rate  
762 tentatively adopted pursuant to paragraph (c) exceeds the  
763 proposed rate provided to the property appraiser pursuant to  
764 paragraph (b), or as subsequently adjusted pursuant to  
765 subsection (11), each taxpayer within the jurisdiction of the  
766 taxing authority shall be sent notice by first-class mail of his  
767 or her taxes under the tentatively adopted millage rate and his  
768 or her taxes under the previously proposed rate. The notice must  
769 be prepared by the property appraiser, at the expense of the  
770 taxing authority, and must generally conform to the requirements  
771 of s. 200.069. If such additional notice is necessary, its  
772 mailing must precede the hearing held pursuant to this paragraph  
773 by not less than 10 days and not more than 15 days.

774 (3) The advertisement shall be no less than one-quarter  
775 page in size of a standard size or a tabloid size newspaper, and  
776 the headline in the advertisement shall be in a type no smaller  
777 than 18 point. The advertisement may ~~shall~~ not be placed in that  
778 portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified  
779 advertisements appear. The advertisement shall be published in a  
780 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or in a  
781 geographically limited insert of such newspaper. The geographic  
782 boundaries in which such insert is circulated shall include the  
783 geographic boundaries of the taxing authority. It is the

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784 legislative intent that, whenever possible, the advertisement  
785 appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week  
786 unless the only newspaper in the county is published less than 5  
787 days a week, or that the advertisement appear in a  
788 geographically limited insert of such newspaper which insert is  
789 published throughout the taxing authority's jurisdiction at  
790 least twice each week. It is further the legislative intent that  
791 the newspaper selected be one of general interest and readership  
792 in the community and not one of limited subject matter, pursuant  
793 to chapter 50.

794 (g) If ~~In the event that~~ the mailing of the notice of  
795 proposed property taxes is delayed beyond September 3 in a  
796 county, any multicounty taxing authority that ~~which~~ levies ad  
797 valorem taxes within that county shall advertise its intention  
798 to adopt a tentative budget and millage rate on a publicly  
799 accessible website maintained by the taxing authority or in a  
800 newspaper of paid general circulation within that county, as  
801 provided in this subsection, and shall hold the hearing required  
802 pursuant to paragraph (2)(c). If advertised in the newspaper,  
803 the hearing shall be held not less than 2 days or more than 5  
804 days thereafter, and not later than September 18. If advertised  
805 on the website, the hearing shall be held not less than 2 days  
806 after initial publication of the advertisement on the website  
807 and not later than September 18, and shall remain on the website  
808 until the date of the hearing. The advertisement shall be in the  
809 following form, unless the proposed millage rate is less than or  
810 equal to the rolled-back rate, computed pursuant to subsection  
811 (1), in which case the advertisement shall be as provided in  
812 paragraph (e):

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813 NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE

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815 The ...(name of the taxing authority)... proposes to  
816 increase its property tax levy by ...(percentage of increase  
817 over rolled-back rate)... percent.

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

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

826 (a) No public hearing which is preceded by a mailed notice  
827 occurs earlier than 10 days following the mailing of such  
828 notice;

829 (b) Any public hearing preceded by a newspaper  
830 advertisement is held not less than 2 days or more than 5 days  
831 following publication of such advertisement and any public  
832 hearing preceded by advertisement on a website advertisement is  
833 held not less than 2 days after initial publication; and

834 (c) The property appraiser coordinates such shortening of  
835 time periods and gives written notice to all affected taxing  
836 authorities; however, no taxing authority shall be denied its  
837 right to the full time periods allowed in this section.

838 (14) (a) If the notice of proposed property taxes mailed to  
839 taxpayers under this section contains an error, the property  
840 appraiser, in lieu of mailing a corrected notice to all  
841 taxpayers, may correct the error by mailing a short form of the

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842 notice to those taxpayers affected by the error and its  
843 correction. The notice shall be prepared by the property  
844 appraiser at the expense of the taxing authority that ~~which~~  
845 caused the error or at the property appraiser's expense if he or  
846 she caused the error. The form of the notice must be approved by  
847 the executive director of the Department of Revenue or the  
848 executive director's designee. If the error involves only the  
849 date and time of the public hearings required by this section,  
850 the property appraiser, with the permission of the taxing  
851 authority affected by the error, may correct the error by  
852 advertising the corrected information on a publicly accessible  
853 website maintained by the taxing authority or in a newspaper of  
854 general circulation in the county as provided in subsection (3).

855 Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 255.0525, Florida  
856 Statutes, is amended to read:

857 255.0525 Advertising for competitive bids or proposals.—

858 (2) The solicitation of competitive bids or proposals for  
859 any county, municipality, or other political subdivision  
860 construction project that is projected to cost more than  
861 \$200,000 shall be publicly advertised at least once in a  
862 newspaper of general circulation in the county where the project  
863 is located at least 21 days before ~~prior to~~ the established bid  
864 opening and at least 5 days before ~~prior to~~ any scheduled prebid  
865 conference, or advertised daily during the 21-day period  
866 immediately preceding the established bid opening date and daily  
867 during the 5-day period immediately preceding any scheduled  
868 prebid conference on a publicly accessible website maintained by  
869 the entity responsible for publication. The solicitation of  
870 competitive bids or proposals for any county, municipality, or

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871 other political subdivision construction project that is  
872 projected to cost more than \$500,000 shall be publicly  
873 advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation  
874 in the county where the project is located at least 30 days  
875 before ~~prior to~~ the established bid opening and at least 5 days  
876 before ~~prior to~~ any scheduled prebid conference, or advertised  
877 daily during the 30-day period immediately preceding the  
878 established bid opening date and daily during the 5-day period  
879 immediately preceding any scheduled prebid conference on a  
880 publicly accessible website. Bids or proposals shall be received  
881 and opened at the location, date, and time established in the  
882 bid or proposal advertisement. In cases of emergency, the  
883 procedures required in this section may be altered by the local  
884 governmental entity in any manner that is reasonable under the  
885 emergency circumstances.

886 Section 21. Paragraph (e) of subsection (25) of section  
887 380.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

888 380.06 Developments of regional impact.—

889 (25) AREAWIDE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT.—

890 (e) The local government shall schedule a public hearing  
891 within 60 days after receipt of the petition. The public hearing  
892 shall be advertised at least 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the  
893 hearing. In addition to the public hearing notice by the local  
894 government, the petitioner, except when the petitioner is a  
895 local government, shall provide actual notice to each person  
896 owning land within the proposed areawide development plan at  
897 least 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the hearing. If the petitioner is  
898 a local government, or local governments pursuant to an  
899 interlocal agreement, notice of the public hearing shall be

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900 provided by the publication of an advertisement on a publicly  
901 accessible website maintained by the county or municipality  
902 responsible for publication or in a newspaper of general  
903 circulation that meets the requirements of this paragraph. The  
904 newspaper advertisement must be at least ~~no less than~~ one-  
905 quarter page in a standard size or tabloid size newspaper, and  
906 the headline in the newspaper advertisement must be in type no  
907 smaller than 18 point. The newspaper advertisement may ~~shall~~ not  
908 be published in that portion of the newspaper where legal  
909 notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement  
910 must be published on a publicly accessible website maintained by  
911 the county or municipality responsible for publication or in a  
912 newspaper of general paid circulation in the county and of  
913 general interest and readership in the community, not one of  
914 limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. Whenever  
915 possible, the newspaper advertisement must appear in a newspaper  
916 that is published at least 5 days a week, unless the only  
917 newspaper in the community is published less than 5 days a week.  
918 The advertisement must be in substantially the form used to  
919 advertise amendments to comprehensive plans pursuant to s.  
920 163.3184. The local government shall specifically notify in  
921 writing the regional planning agency and the state land planning  
922 agency at least 30 days before ~~prior to~~ the public hearing. At  
923 the public hearing, all interested parties may testify and  
924 submit evidence regarding the petitioner's qualifications, the  
925 need for and benefits of an areawide development of regional  
926 impact, and such other issues relevant to a full consideration  
927 of the petition. If more than one local government has  
928 jurisdiction over the defined planning area in an areawide

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929 development plan, the local governments shall hold a joint  
930 public hearing. Such hearing shall address, at a minimum, the  
931 need to resolve conflicting ordinances or comprehensive plans,  
932 if any. The local government holding the joint hearing shall  
933 comply with the following additional requirements:

934 1. The notice of the hearing shall be published at least 60  
935 days in advance of the hearing and shall specify where the  
936 petition may be reviewed.

937 2. The notice shall be given to the state land planning  
938 agency, to the applicable regional planning agency, and to such  
939 other persons as may have been designated by the state land  
940 planning agency as entitled to receive such notices.

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

943 Section 22. Subsection (2) of section 403.7049, Florida  
944 Statutes, is amended to read:

945 403.7049 Determination of full cost for solid waste  
946 management; local solid waste management fees.—

947 (2) (a) Each municipality shall establish a system to  
948 inform, at least ~~no less than~~ once a year, residential and  
949 nonresidential users of solid waste management services within  
950 the municipality's service area of the user's share, on an  
951 average or individual basis, of the full cost for solid waste  
952 management as determined pursuant to subsection (1). Counties  
953 shall provide the information required of municipalities only to  
954 residential and nonresidential users of solid waste management  
955 services within the county's service area who ~~that~~ are not  
956 served by a municipality. Municipalities shall include costs  
957 charged to them or persons contracting with them for disposal of

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958 solid waste in the full cost information provided to residential  
959 and nonresidential users of solid waste management services.

960 (b) The public disclosure system requirements of this  
961 section shall be fulfilled by meeting one of the following:

962 1. By mailing a copy of the full cost information to each  
963 residential and nonresidential user of solid waste management  
964 service within the solid waste management service area of the  
965 county or municipality;

966 2. By enclosing a copy of the full cost information in or  
967 with a bill sent to each residential and nonresidential user of  
968 solid waste management services within the service area of the  
969 county or municipality;

970 3. By publishing a copy of the full cost information in a  
971 newspaper of general circulation within the county. Such notice  
972 must be a display advertisement not less than one-quarter page  
973 in size; or

974 4. By advertising a copy of the full cost information daily  
975 for at least two consecutive weeks on a publicly accessible  
976 website maintained by the municipality.

977 (c) ~~(b)~~ Counties and municipalities are encouraged to  
978 operate their solid waste management systems through use of an  
979 enterprise fund.

980 Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
981 403.973, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

982 403.973 Expedited permitting; amendments to comprehensive  
983 plans.—

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

985 (a) "Duly noticed" means publication on a publicly  
986 accessible website maintained by the municipality or county

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987 having jurisdiction or in a newspaper of general circulation in  
988 the municipality or county having ~~with~~ jurisdiction. If  
989 published in a newspaper, the notice shall appear on at least 2  
990 separate days, one of which shall be at least 7 days before the  
991 meeting. If published on a publicly accessible website, the  
992 notice shall appear daily during the 7 days immediately  
993 preceding the meeting. The notice must ~~shall~~ state the date,  
994 time, and place of the meeting scheduled to discuss or enact the  
995 memorandum of agreement, and the places within the municipality  
996 or county where such proposed memorandum of agreement may be  
997 inspected by the public. The newspaper notice must be one-eighth  
998 of a page in size and must be published in a portion of the  
999 paper other than the legal notices section. The notice must  
1000 ~~shall~~ also advise that interested parties may appear at the  
1001 meeting and be heard with respect to the memorandum of  
1002 agreement.

1003 Section 24. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
1004 420.9075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1005 420.9075 Local housing assistance plans; partnerships.—

1006 (4) Each local housing assistance plan is governed by the  
1007 following criteria and administrative procedures:

1008 (b) The county or eligible municipality or its  
1009 administrative representative shall advertise the notice of  
1010 funding availability in a newspaper of general circulation and  
1011 periodicals serving ethnic and diverse neighborhoods, at least  
1012 30 days before the beginning of the application period or daily  
1013 during the 30 days immediately preceding the application period  
1014 on a publicly accessible website maintained by the county or  
1015 eligible municipality. If no funding is available due to a

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1016 waiting list, no notice of funding availability is required.

1017 Section 25. This act shall take effect October 1, 2012.