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VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT No. 13
GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL RULES

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1.1 General.

(1) The Village Community Development District No. 13 (the "District") was created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to provide for the ownership, operation, maintenance, and provision of various capital facilities and services within its jurisdiction. The purpose of these rules (the "Rules") is to describe the general operations of the District.

(2) Definitions located within any section of these Rules shall be applicable within all other sections, unless specifically stated to the contrary.

1.2 Board of Supervisors; Officers and Voting.

(1) Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors of the District (the "Board") shall exercise the powers granted to the District. The Board shall consist of five members. Members of the Board must be residents of Florida and citizens of the United States.

(2) Term of Officers. Board members shall hold office pursuant to Section 190.006, Florida Statutes. If, during the term of office of any Board member(s), one or more vacancies occur, the remaining member(s) of the Board shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term(s).

(3) Vacancies; Quorum. Three members of the Board physically present in the same location shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. However, if three or more vacancies occur at the same time, a quorum is not necessary to fill the vacancies. Action taken by the Board shall be upon a majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided in these Rules or required by law.

(4) Officers. At any Board meeting held after each election where the newly elected members take office, the Board may select a chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary. Such selection may be deferred to subsequent meetings.

(a) The chair must be a member of the Board. If the chair resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a chair to serve the remaining portion of the term, after filling the board vacancy. The chair may be authorized to sign checks and warrants for the District, countersigned by the treasurer or other persons authorized by the Board. The chair may convene and conduct all meetings of the Board. In the event the chair is unable to attend a meeting, the vice chair or other member of the Board may convene and conduct the meeting.

(b) The vice chair shall be a member of the Board and shall have such duties and responsibilities as specifically designated by the Board from time to time. If the vice chair resigns from that office or ceases to be a member of the Board, the Board shall select a vice chair to serve the remainder of the term, after filling the Board vacancy.

(c) The secretary of the Board serves at the pleasure of the Board and need not be a member of the Board. The secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the minutes of Board meetings and may have other duties assigned by the Board from time to time. The District Manager may serve as secretary.

(d) The treasurer need not be a member of the Board but must be a resident of Florida. The treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

(5) Committees. The Board may establish committees of the Board by formal motion referencing this rule, either on a permanent or temporary basis, to perform specifically-designated functions. Committees may include individuals who are not members of the Board. Such

functions may include, but are not limited to, contract negotiations, personnel matters, and budget preparation.

(6) Record Book. The Board shall keep a permanent record book entitled "Record of Proceedings of the Village Community Development District No. 13," in which shall be recorded minutes of all meetings, resolutions, proceedings, certificates, bonds and corporate acts.

(7) Meetings. The Board shall establish a schedule of regular meetings and may also meet upon call of the chair or three Board members. Nothing herein shall prevent the Board from holding other meetings as it deems necessary or from canceling any regularly scheduled meetings. A previously noticed regular meeting may be canceled, provided that notice of cancellation shall be given in substantially the same manner as notice for the meeting or in such other manner as may provide substantially equivalent notice of cancellation. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and governed by the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes.

(8) Voting Conflict of Interest. The Board shall comply with Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, so as to ensure the proper disclosure of conflicts of interests on matters coming before the Board for a vote. Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit the Board member with a voting conflict of interest from voting on a matter. For the purposes of this section, "voting conflict of interest" shall be governed by Chapters 112 and 190, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

(a) When a Board member knows that he/she has a conflict of interest on a matter coming before the Board, the member should notify the Board's secretary prior to participating in any discussion with the Board on the matter. The member shall publicly announce the conflict of interest at the meeting. This announcement shall appear in the minutes of the meeting. The member may then vote. The Board's secretary shall prepare a memorandum of voting conflict which shall then be signed by the Board member that had the conflict.

(b) If a Board member inadvertently votes on a matter and later learns he or she has a conflict thereon, the member shall immediately notify the Board's secretary. Within fifteen days (15) days of the notification, the member shall file the appropriate memorandum of voting conflict which will be attached to the minutes of the Board meeting during which the vote on the matter occurred. The memorandum shall immediately be provided to other Board members and shall be read publicly at the next meeting held subsequent to the filing of the written memorandum. The Board member's vote shall be unaffected by this filing.

1.3 Public Information and Inspection of Records.

(1) Public Records. All District public records within the meaning of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and not otherwise restricted by law, including the "Record of Proceedings of the Village Community Development District No. 13," may be copied or inspected at the offices of the District Manager during regular business hours.

(2) Copies. The custodian of public records upon request shall furnish a copy or a certified copy of a record for a fee as authorized by Florida Statute Chapter 119. Copies of public records shall be made available to the requesting person at a charge of \$.15 per page if not more than 8-1/2 by 14 inches, and for copies in excess of that size at a charge not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction. Certified copies of public records shall be made available at a charge of \$1.00 per page. If the nature or volume of public records requested to be inspected, examined or copied is such as to require extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance, a special service charge, which shall be reasonable and based on the actual cost incurred, may be charged in addition to the actual cost of duplication.

1.4 Meetings and Workshops.

(1) Notice. Except in emergencies, or as otherwise provided in these Rules, at least seven (7) days public notice shall be given of any meeting or workshop of the Board. Public notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and shall state:

- (a) The date, time, and place of the meeting or workshop;
- (b) A brief description of the nature, subjects and purposes of the meeting or workshop;
- (c) The address where persons may obtain a copy of the agenda;

(d) The notice shall state that if a person decides to seek review of any official decision made at the Board meeting, a record of the proceedings will be required and the person intending to appeal will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence necessary for the appeal.

(e) When a previously noticed meeting is canceled, notice of cancellation shall be given in substantially the same manner as notice for the meeting or in any manner that will give adequate notice of cancellation.

(2) Agenda. The District Manager shall prepare a notice of the meeting or workshop and an agenda. The agenda shall be available to the public in the offices of the District Manager prior to each regularly scheduled meeting or workshop. Minutes shall be reviewed and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.

(3) Receipt of Notice. Persons wishing to receive, by mail, notices or agendas of meetings, may advise the District Manager or secretary at the Board's office. Such persons shall furnish a mailing address in writing and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing.

(4) Emergency Meeting. The chair, or the vice-chair if the chair is unavailable, may convene an emergency meeting of the Board without first having complied with Subsections (1), (2), and (3), to act on emergency matters that may affect the public health, safety, or welfare. Whenever possible, the chair shall make reasonable efforts to notify all Board members of an emergency meeting 24 hours in advance. Reasonable efforts may include telephone notification. After an emergency meeting, the Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, the time, date, and place of the emergency meeting, the reasons why an emergency meeting was necessary, and a description of the action taken. Whenever an emergency meeting is called, the District Manager shall be responsible for notifying at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District. Actions taken at an emergency meeting may be ratified by the Board at a regularly noticed meeting subsequently held.

(5) Public Comment. The Board shall conduct public comment in accordance with Florida State Statutes.

(6) Budget Hearing; Budget Amendment. Notice of hearing on the annual budget(s) shall be in accordance with Section 190.008, Florida Statutes. Once adopted in accordance with Section 190.008, Florida Statutes, the annual budget(s) may be amended from time to time by action of the Board. Approval of invoices by the Board in excess of the funds allocated to a particular budgeted line item shall serve to amend the budgeted line item. All expenditures in excess of 10% of any line item in the budget must be approved by the Board in advance of incurring such expense; however, in the case of an emergency expenditure affecting the health, safety or welfare of the District, its residents, or landowners, such expenditures must be approved in advance by the chair, or in the absence of the chair, the vice chair.

(7) Continuances. Any meeting of the Board or any item or matter included on the agenda or coming before the Board at a noticed meeting may be continued without re-notice or re-advertising provided that the continuance is to a specified date, time and location publicly announced at the Board meeting where the item or matter came before the Board.

1.5 Rulemaking Proceedings.

(1) Commencement of Proceedings. Proceedings held for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a District rule shall be conducted according to the applicable provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and these Rules. Rulemaking proceedings shall be deemed to have been initiated upon publication of notice by the District.

(2) Notice of Rule Development.

(a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule, the District shall provide notice of the development of proposed rules by publication of a notice of rule development in a newspaper of general circulation in the District before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by paragraph (3). The notice of rule development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and a statement of how a person may promptly obtain a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.

(b) All rules should be drafted in accordance with Chapter 120, F.S.

(3) Notice of Proceedings and Proposed Rules.

(a) Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, the District shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action; a reference to the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted; and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes or the Laws of Florida being implemented, interpreted, or made specific. The notice shall include a summary of the District's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in Section 120.541(2), and a statement that any person who wishes to provide the District with a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of the notice. The notice must state the procedure for requesting a public hearing on the proposed rule unless one is otherwise scheduled. Except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice shall include a reference both to the date on which and to the place where the notice of rule development that is required by subsection (2) appeared.

(b) The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District not less than 28 days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.

(c) The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule. Any person may file a written request with the District Manager or secretary at the Board's office to receive notice by mail of District proceedings to adopt, amend or repeal a rule. Such persons must furnish a mailing address and may be required to pay the cost of copying and mailing. Notice will then be mailed to all persons whom, at least 14 days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the district for advance notice of its proceedings.

(4) Rule Development Workshops. Whenever requested in writing by any affected person, the District must either conduct a rule development workshop prior to proposing rules for adoption or the District Chair must explain in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The District may initiate a rule development workshop but is not required to do so.

(5) Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking. All petitions for the initiation of rulemaking proceedings pursuant to Section 120.54(7), Florida Statutes, must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the Petitioner, specific action requested, specific reason for adoption, amendment, or repeal, the date submitted, and shall specify the text of the proposed rule and the facts showing that the Petitioner is regulated by the District or has a substantial interest in the rule or action requested. Petitions to initiate rulemaking shall be filed with the District. The Board shall then act on the petition in accordance with Section 120.54(7), Florida Statutes (1999), except that copies of the petition shall not be sent to the Administrative Procedures Committee, and notice may be given in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the District is located.

(6) Rulemaking Materials. After the publication of the notice to initiate rulemaking, the Board shall make available for public inspection and shall provide, upon request and payment of cost of copies, the following materials:

(a) The text of the proposed rule, or any amendment or repeal of any existing rules;

(b) A detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule;

(c) A copy of the statement of estimated regulatory costs if required by Section 120.541; and

(d) The published notice.

(7) Rulemaking Proceedings - No Hearing. When no hearing is requested and the Board chooses not to initiate a hearing on its own, or if the rule relates exclusively to organization, practice or procedure, the Board may direct the proposed rule be filed with the District Office no less than twenty-eight (28) days following notice. Such direction may be given by the Board either before initiating the rule-adoption process or after the expiration of the twenty-one (21) days during which affected persons may request a hearing.

(8) Rulemaking Proceedings - Hearing. If the proposed rule does not relate exclusively to organization, practice or procedure, the District shall provide (upon request) a public hearing for the presentation of evidence, argument and oral statements, within the reasonable conditions and limitations imposed by the District to avoid duplication, irrelevant comments, unnecessary delay or disruption of the proceedings. Any affected person may request a hearing within twenty-one (21) days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt, amend or repeal a rule.

(9) Request for a Public Hearing.

(a) A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The request shall be submitted to the District within 21 days after notice of intent to adopt, amend, or repeal the rule is published as required by law, in accordance with the procedure for submitting requests for public hearing stated in the notice of intent to adopt, amend, or repeal the rule.

(b) If the notice of intent to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule did not notice a public hearing and the District determines to hold a public hearing, the District shall publish notice of a public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the District at least 7 days before the scheduled public hearing. The notice shall specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing, and the name, address, and telephone number of the District contact person who can provide information about the public hearing.

(c) Written statements may be submitted by any person within a specified period of time prior to or following the public hearing. All timely submitted written statements shall be considered by the District and made a part of the rulemaking record.

(10) Emergency Rule Adoption. The Board may adopt an emergency rule if it finds that immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare exists which requires immediate action. Prior to the adoption of an emergency rule, the District Manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify a newspaper of general circulation in the District. Notice of emergency rules shall be published as soon as practical in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. The District may use any procedure which is fair under the circumstances in the adoption of an emergency rule as long as it protects the public interest as determined by the District and otherwise complies with these provisions

(11) Negotiated Rulemaking. The District may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes.

(12) Variations and Waivers. Variations and waivers from District rules may be granted subject to the provisions and limitations contained in Section 120.542, Florida Statutes.

1.6 Decisions Determining Substantial Interests.

(1) Conduct of Proceedings. Proceedings may be held by the District in response to a written request submitted by a substantially affected person within fourteen (14) days after written notice or published notice of District action or notice of District intent to render a decision. Notice of both action taken by the District and the District's intent to render a decision shall state the time limit for requesting a hearing and shall reference the District's procedural rules. If a hearing is held, the chair shall designate any member of the Board (including the Chair), District Manager, District General Counsel, or other person to conduct the hearing.

The person conducting the hearing may:

1. Administer oaths and affirmations;
2. Rule upon offers of proof and receive relevant evidence;
3. Regulate the course of the hearing, including any prehearing matters;
4. Enter orders;
5. Make or receive offers of settlement, stipulation, and adjustment.

(a) The person conducting the hearing shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing or receipt of the hearing transcript, whichever is later, file a recommended order which shall include a caption, time and place of hearing, appearances entered at the hearing, statement of the issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, and a recommendation for final District action.

(b) The District shall issue a final order within forty-five (45) days:

1. After the hearing is concluded, if conducted by the Board;
2. After a recommended order is submitted to the Board and mailed to all parties, if the hearing is conducted by persons other than the Board; or
3. After the Board has received the written and oral material it has authorized to be submitted, if there has been no hearing.

(2) Eminent Domain. After determining the need to exercise the power of eminent domain pursuant to Subsection 190.11(11), Florida Statutes, the District shall follow those procedures prescribed in Chapters 73 and 74, Florida Statutes. Prior to exercising the power of eminent domain, the District shall:

- (a) Adopt a resolution identifying the property to be taken;

(b) If the property is beyond the boundaries of the District, obtain approval by resolution of the governing body of the county if taking will occur in an unincorporated area, or of the municipality if the taking will occur within the municipality.

1.7 Purchasing Policies and Procedures

(1) The Village Community Development District No. 13's purchasing policies and procedures will be conducted in accordance with the authority given in Chapter 190 of Florida State Statutes and all other applicable laws.

1.8 Effective Date.

These Rules shall be effective XXXX, 2018, except that no election of officers required by these Rules shall be required until after the next regular election for the Board of Supervisors.

Specific Authority:
Chapter 190, F.S.