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PALM BEACH COUNTY DARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY	4-c-1
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Engineering & Public Works Roadway Production Division	
	PALM BEACH COUNTY DARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS <u>AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY</u> 2013 { } Consent { } Workshop Engineering & Public Works

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve on preliminary reading and advertise for Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.: an Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, amending Palm Beach County Code Chapter 26, Article II, Division 1, known as the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special Assessment Ordinance; amending Section 26-24, Special Assessments; amending Section 26-25, Property Owners; amending Section 26-27, Initial Petition; amending Section 26-28, Final Petition; amending Section 26-30.2, Public Information Meeting; amending Section 26-30.3 Public Hearing; amending Section 26-30.15, Savings Clause; providing for Repeal of Laws in Conflict; providing for Captions; providing for Effective Date.

SUMMARY: The proposed amendment will amend Chapter 26, Article II, Division 1, known as the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special Assessment Ordinance to allow for: assessments and collections at a percentage of 100% of the total cost of the improvements, with certain specific exceptions; flexibility for the public hearing timeframe for fixed assessment projects; eliminate reference to majority response requirements for petitions; and other minor verbiage corrections. The percentage of required responses indicating support for a project will be set in the Manual of Policy and Procedures (PPM) for the County rather than being included in the Ordinance.

Countywide (MRE)

Background and Policy Issues: On May 7, 2013 the Board of County Commissioners (Board) modified an amendment to the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special Assessment Ordinance to assess 100% of total project costs for all projects except those included in the program prior to May 1, 2013 or if the project is deemed by the Board to have exceptional circumstances the assessment could be reduced to as little as 50% of the total costs. On June 18, 2013 the Board voted to re-advertise the amendment to the ordinance to allow staff to add: flexibility for the public hearing timeframe for fixed assessment projects; eliminate reference to majority response requirements for petitions; and make other minor verbiage corrections.

Attachments:

- 1. Ordinance Underline/Strikethrough Copy
- 2. Proposed Ordinance

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II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Capital Expenditures	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating Costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	-0	-0-	-0-
In-Kind Match (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NET FISCAL IMPACT	-0- <i>*</i>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
# ADDITIONAL FTE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
POSITIONS (Cumulative)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Is Item Included in Current E	Budget?	Yes		No	

Budget Acct No.: Fund _____ Agency ____ Org. ____ Object _

Reporting Category _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

★ No Fiscal Impact.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

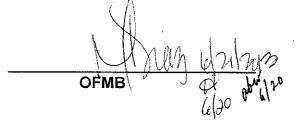
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A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:



B. Legal Sufficiency;

Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

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2 3	ORDINANCE NO. 20		
4 5	AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,		
6 7	AMENDING PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26,		
8	ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, KNOWN AS THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT (MSTU) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT		
9 10	ORDINANCE; AMENDING SECTION 26-24, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 26-25, PROPERTY		
11 12	OWNERS; AMENDING SECTION 26-27, INITIAL PETITION; AMENDING SECTION 26-28, FINAL PETITION; AMENDING		
13 14	SECTION 26-30.2, PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING; AMENDING SECTION 26-30.3 PUBLIC HEARING;		
15 16	AMENDING SECTION 26-30.15, SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT;		
17 18	PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES;		
19 20	PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.		
21 22	WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida		
23	enacted Palm Beach County Code Chapter 26, Article II, Division 1, referred to as the		
24	Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special Assessment Ordinance which enhanced		
25	the efficiency of the County's funding and construction of street improvements and related		
26	projects through special assessments; and		
20	WHEREAS, there is a recognized need to make revisions to the Municipal Service		
28	Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special Assessment Ordinance in order to better facilitate and		
28 29	enhance the application of the County's MSTU special assessment process; and		
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31	WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to amend the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special Assessment Ordinance as set forth herein.		
32	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY		
33	COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:		
34	Section 1		
35	The following Sections of the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special		
36	Assessment Ordinance as codified in the Palm Beach County Code Chapter 26, Article II,		
37	Division 1, are hereby amended as follows:		
38	Sect. 26-24. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:		
39	The board may provide for payment of the costs of any improvement under		
40	Section 26-23(a), (b), (c) (d) or (e) of this division by levying and collecting special		
41	assessments on the abutting, adjoining, contiguous, or other property specially benefited		
42	by the improvements provided herein. The percentage of the cost of improvements under		
43	Section 26-23 of this division to be paid by special assessment shall be as follows: 1) one		

1 hundred (100) percent for non-road projects, 2) one-hundred (100) percent for road 2 projects involving roads not currently maintained by Palm Beach County all projects, with 3 the exception of: (1) those projects accepted into the MSTU program by the board prior to 4 May 1, 2013, including those with fixed assessment amounts and, (2) projects that the 5 board deem to have exceptional circumstances or, (3) no less than fifty (50) percent for 6 road projects involving roads currently maintained by Palm Beach County, except as 7 provided in Section 26-30.13 of this division-, but in no instance should the assessment 8 threshold for projects covered in (2) or (3) be less than fifty (50) percent. For road 9 projects, where one (1) side of the road is adjacent to a canal; where county owned property exists; or where there are property(s) whose access to the road has been legally 10 restricted, the county may be treated as an assessed property owner and may pay its 11 12 proportionate share of the assessed amount.

13 Section 2

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Sec. 26-25. PROPERTY OWNERS:

Property owners, as referred to in this division, shall include any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity holding title to any property liable for special assessments hereunder if the special assessments were made. The requirements for a majority of such property owners, as provided below, shall mean no less than fifty one (51) percent of the owners in number of the lands liable to be assessed for the improvements hereunder.

21 Section 3

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Sec. 26-27. INITIAL PETITION:

Property owners may request an estimate of the cost of construction of the desired 23 24 improvements under the provisions of this division. The county engineer shall process all requests. Such processing shall be done according to the provisions of this division. Initial 25 26 petition forms shall be provided to any interested person. Signatures on the petitions that represent a majority of property owners shall be verified based on information in the 27 public records. Pursuant to this division, the board may proceed with an improvement 28 29 project without any petition by the property owners. It shall also be determined if sufficient 30 right-of-way exists for the proposed improvements. If additional right-of-way is required,

further action on the petition may be delayed unless or until right-of-way acquisition is
 complete.

In the case of walls, it shall be determined if sufficient land exists outside the rightof-way for the proposed improvements and whether the necessary easements exist or can be acquired by property owners associations. If sufficient land does not exist or property owners associations are unable to acquire necessary easements, no further action will be taken unless or until easement acquisition is complete.

8 Section 4

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Sec. 26-28. FINAL PETITION:

Upon direction by the board or receipt of initial petitions wherein the majority ownership, right-of-way, and easement conditions have been complied with, final petitions shall be prepared indicating a preliminary cost estimate. This estimate shall include, separately stated, all improvements pursuant to the petition as considered necessary for cost estimate purposes. As estimate of fees, direct charges, and administrative costs shall be included in the preliminary estimate. Such improvements shall be constructed to county standards.

An informational meeting shall will be conducted with property owners where 17 deemed necessary or as directed by the board. The board may, upon its own motion, 18 require the preparation of a preliminary cost estimate for specific improvements even 19 though the petition of property owners and majority ownership conditions have not been 20 met. In any case, a list of specially affected property owners, the status of any petitions, 21 and a report of existing right-of-way and easements shall be included with the preliminary 22 cost estimate. The board will not be required to take any further action unless sufficient 23 right-of-way exists to accommodate the proposed improvements or in the case of walls, 24 unless satisfactory easements exist. 25

- 26 Section 5
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Sec. 26-30.2. PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING:

All specially benefited property owners shall will be notified of an informational meeting to be held at least one (1) week prior to the public hearing required under Section 26-30.3 of this division. At the meeting, county staff shall explain the proposed improvements, tentative assessment to each property, and the procedure to be

1 followed. The board shall not be required to attend the meeting, but any member thereof may be present to observe the proceedings. The notification required to be 2 3 given for such meeting shall consist of a notice published in a local newspaper of 4 general circulation. If there is no local newspaper of general circulation, then in any 5 newspaper of general circulation in the county. This publication shall be made once at 6 least ten (10) days before the informational meeting date. A courtesy notice for board-7 initiated and petitioner-initiated projects shall be mailed to each property owner by 8 regular mail no less than ten (10) days before the informational meeting date. The 9 mailed notice shall be based on names and addresses found in the records of the 10 property appraiser or from other reliable sources. The mailed notice shall include the 11 property owner's tentative assessment applicable to the property to be assessed. 12 However, in lieu of an informational meeting, a comprehensive and detailed 13 explanation of the proposed improvements may be distributed by regular mail after all property owners have been notified that an informational meeting will not be held. 14

15 Section 6

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Sec. 26-30.3. PUBLIC HEARING:

17 Prior to awarding the contract for construction of the improvements for which special assessments will be made, the board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed 18 19 project unless the board rejects the project from further consideration. Property owners to 20 be assessed shall be notified by regular mail of the time and place of the public hearing. 21 The mailed notice shall advise each property owner of their individual proposed special 22 assessment, per parcel, based on the lowest acceptable bid, including other allowable 23 costs and the percentage and method of assessment determined in accordance with the 24 above provisions of this division.

The public hearing shall be held as soon as practicable<u>: (1)</u> after the date the construction bids are received and <u>or</u>, (2) after the board has established a fixed assessment. The public hearing shall be held no sooner than ten (10) days after the mailing of the notices described in this section. Addresses for the mailed notices shall be obtained from the records of the property appraiser or other reliable sources.

In addition, a notice shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive
 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality. If there is no newspaper of

general circulation in the locality, the notice shall be published in a newspaper of general
 circulation in the county. The most recent of such publication shall be no less than one (1)
 week before the public hearing, the board shall do so by resolution as provided in Section
 26-30.4 of this division.

5 At least ten (10) days before the public hearing, each property owner shall be 6 given notice of the public hearing by regular mail. The mailed and published notices shall 7 describe the streets or areas to be improved and advise all interested persons that each property and amount to be assessed may be obtained at the office of the county 8 9 engineer. At this public hearing, the owners of property to be specially assessed or any 10 other interested persons may appear before the Board and be heard as to the propriety 11 and advisability of making such improvements, costs, manner of payment, and amount to 12 be specially assessed against each property to be improved.

At the public hearing, an assessment roll prepared in accordance with the method and percentage of assessment provided by this division shall be presented to the board. The assessment roll shall show the lots and lands assessed, and the amount of benefit to and assessment against each lot or parcel of land. If the special assessment is to be paid in installments, the number of annual installments into which the special assessment is divided shall also be entered and shown upon the assessment roll.

19 At the time and place named in the notice of publication, the board shall meet as 20 an equalizing board to hear and consider all complaints as to such special assessments 21 and shall adjust, equalize, and approve by resolution as required in Section 26-30.4 of 22 this division. Such assessment shall stand affirmed and remain legal, valid and binding as a first lien upon the property against which such assessment is made until paid. Promptly 23 after such confirmation of assessment, the assessment roll shall be recorded in the 24 25 official records of the clerk and comptroller of the county to facilitate knowledge of the lien by third parties. 26

Upon completion of the improvements, the board may credit to each assessment the difference in the original assessment made, approved and confirmed, and the proportionate part of the actual costs of the improvement to be paid by special assessment determined upon completion of the improvements. This information shall be set forth in an "amending resolution" which shall be adopted by the board and also

recorded in the public records as referenced above. In no event shall the final
 assessments exceed the amount of benefits originally assessed by the board.

3 Section 7

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Sect. 26-30.15. SAVINGS CLAUSE:

Notwithstanding the provisions of this division herein repealing Ordinance No. 91-5 6 41 and Ordinance No. 93-26, this division shall not affect or impair the processing and implementation of any improvement project commenced under the provisions of 7 Ordinance No. 82-17, 84-5, 86-16, 87-10, 91-41, 93-26, 94-11, and 2008-063- and 2012-8 9 002. All projects initiated under the divisions referenced above shall be deemed valid and in full force and effect. Further, any money available for use in the units created and 10 funded under the above-referenced divisions shall be available for use in and transferred 11 to the corresponding units and trust funds created hereunder. 12

13 Section 8

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PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT:

15 All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are

16 hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

17 Section 9

18 **SEVERABILITY:**

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is
for any reason held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional,
inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

22 Section 10

23 INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES:

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Palm Beach County Code. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word ordinance may be changed to section, article, or other appropriate word.

28 Section 11

29 **CAPTIONS:**

The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

1 Section 12

2	EFFECTIVE DATE:	
3	The provisions of this Ordinar	nce shall become effective upon filing with the
4	Department of State.	
5	APPROVED and ADOPTED b	by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm
6	Beach County, Florida, on this the	day of, 20
7 8 9	SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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13 14	By: Deputy Clerk	By: Steven L. Abrams, Mayor
15 16 17 18 19 20	APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	
20 21 22 23 24 25	By: Assistant County Attorney	
26	EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed wit	h the Department of State on the day of
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2 3	ORDINANCE NO. 20
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, KNOWN AS THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT (MSTU) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE; AMENDING SECTION 26-24, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 26-25, PROPERTY OWNERS; AMENDING SECTION 26-27, INITIAL PETITION; AMENDING SECTION 26-28, FINAL PETITION; AMENDING SECTION 26-30.2, PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING; AMENDING SECTION 26-30.3 PUBLIC HEARING; AMENDING SECTION 26-30.15, SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CAPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR
20 21	EFFECTIVE DATE.
22	WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida
23	enacted Palm Beach County Code Chapter 26, Article II, Division 1, referred to as the
24	Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special Assessment Ordinance which enhanced
25	the efficiency of the County's funding and construction of street improvements and related
26	projects through special assessments; and
27	WHEREAS, there is a recognized need to make revisions to the Municipal Service
28	Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special Assessment Ordinance in order to better facilitate and
29	enhance the application of the County's MSTU special assessment process; and
30	WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to amend the Municipal
31	Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special Assessment Ordinance as set forth herein.
32	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
33	COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:
34	Section 1
35	The following Sections of the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Special
36	Assessment Ordinance as codified in the Palm Beach County Code Chapter 26, Article II,
37	Division 1, are hereby amended as follows:
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42	by the improvements provided herein. The percentage of the cost of improvements under
43	Section 26-23 of this division to be paid by special assessment shall be one hundred

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31 Section 4

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An informational meeting will be conducted with property owners where deemed 9 necessary or as directed by the board. The board may, upon its own motion, require the 10 preparation of a preliminary cost estimate for specific improvements even though the 11 petition of property owners and majority ownership conditions have not been met. In any 12 case, a list of specially affected property owners, the status of any petitions, and a report 13 of existing right-of-way and easements shall be included with the preliminary cost 14 estimate. The board will not be required to take any further action unless sufficient right-15 of-way exists to accommodate the proposed improvements or in the case of walls, unless 16 17 satisfactory easements exist.

18 <u>Section 5</u>

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mailed notice shall be based on names and addresses found in the records of the
property appraiser or from other reliable sources. The mailed notice shall include the
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explanation of the proposed improvements may be distributed by regular mail after all
property owners have been notified that an informational meeting will not be held.

7 Section 6

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Prior to awarding the contract for construction of the improvements for which 9 10 special assessments will be made, the board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed project unless the board rejects the project from further consideration. Property owners to 11 be assessed shall be notified by regular mail of the time and place of the public hearing. 12 The mailed notice shall advise each property owner of their individual proposed special 13 assessment, per parcel, based on the lowest acceptable bid, including other allowable 14 costs and the percentage and method of assessment determined in accordance with the 15 above provisions of this division. 16

The public hearing shall be held as soon as practicable: (1) after the date the construction bids are received or, (2) after the board has established a fixed assessment. The public hearing shall be held no sooner than ten (10) days after the mailing of the notices described in this section. Addresses for the mailed notices shall be obtained from the records of the property appraiser or other reliable sources.

In addition, a notice shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality. If there is no newspaper of general circulation in the locality, the notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The most recent of such publication shall be no less than one (1) week before the public hearing, the board shall do so by resolution as provided in Section 26-30.4 of this division.

At least ten (10) days before the public hearing, each property owner shall be given notice of the public hearing by regular mail. The mailed and published notices shall describe the streets or areas to be improved and advise all interested persons that each property and amount to be assessed may be obtained at the office of the county

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and advisability of making such improvements, costs, manner of payment, and amount to
be specially assessed against each property to be improved.

At the public hearing, an assessment roll prepared in accordance with the method and percentage of assessment provided by this division shall be presented to the board. The assessment roll shall show the lots and lands assessed, and the amount of benefit to and assessment against each lot or parcel of land. If the special assessment is to be paid in installments, the number of annual installments into which the special assessment is divided shall also be entered and shown upon the assessment roll.

At the time and place named in the notice of publication, the board shall meet as 11 12 an equalizing board to hear and consider all complaints as to such special assessments and shall adjust, equalize, and approve by resolution as required in Section 26-30.4 of 13 this division. Such assessment shall stand affirmed and remain legal, valid and binding as 14 a first lien upon the property against which such assessment is made until paid. Promptly 15 after such confirmation of assessment, the assessment roll shall be recorded in the 16 official records of the clerk and comptroller of the county to facilitate knowledge of the lien 17 by third parties. 18

Upon completion of the improvements, the board may credit to each assessment the difference in the original assessment made, approved and confirmed, and the proportionate part of the actual costs of the improvement to be paid by special assessment determined upon completion of the improvements. This information shall be set forth in an "amending resolution" which shall be adopted by the board and also recorded in the public records as referenced above. In no event shall the final assessments exceed the amount of benefits originally assessed by the board.

- 26 Section 7
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Sect. 26-30.15. SAVINGS CLAUSE:

Notwithstanding the provisions of this division herein repealing Ordinance No. 91-41 and Ordinance No. 93-26, this division shall not affect or impair the processing and implementation of any improvement project commenced under the provisions of Ordinance No. 82-17, 84-5, 86-16, 87-10, 91-41, 93-26, 94-11, 2008-063 and 2012-002. All projects initiated under the divisions referenced above shall be deemed valid and in

full force and effect. Further, any money available for use in the units created and funded
under the above-referenced divisions shall be available for use in and transferred to the

3 corresponding units and trust funds created hereunder.

4 Section 8

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PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT:

All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance are
hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

8 Section 9

9 **SEVERABILITY:**

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is
 for any reason held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional,
 inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

13 Section 10

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INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES:

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Palm Beach County Code. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the word ordinance may be changed to section, article, or other appropriate word.

19 Section 11

20 **CAPTIONS:**

The captions, section headings, and section designations used in this Ordinance are for convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

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1	Section 12	
2	EFFECTIVE DATE:	
3	The provisions of this Ordinanc	e shall become effective upon filing with the
4	Department of State.	
5	APPROVED and ADOPTED by	the Board of County Commissioners of Palm
6	Beach County, Florida, on this the	day of, 20
7 8 9 10 11	SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
12 13 14 15	By: Deputy Clerk	By: Steven L. Abrams, Mayor
16 17 18 19 20	APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	
21 22 23 24 25	By: Assistant County Attorney	
26 27 28	EFFECTIVE DATE: Filed with	the Department of State on the day of

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