

Exhibit A

ITEM VII. F.

Section 1.9 ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT

The citizens of Brevard County shall enjoy those rights bestowed upon us by God Almighty and protected by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida, and further established by County Charter in order to guarantee the citizens of Brevard County freedom from improper administrative abuses actions which result in abuses, encroachments, levies resulting in excessive fines and or open-ended fines, or other violations of our protected rights. ~~these referenced documents.~~

A. Access to Government.

Each Person has the right to transact business with the County during normal business hours for the purpose of compliance with ordinances, policies and regulations, and the County shall be accessible for those purposes.

B. Reliance of Government Information.

Each Person has the right to rely upon the information, permissions, and licensing provided by the County as being valid and correct. ~~and no person shall be held liable for erroneous actions of the County or its employees.~~

C. Public Records.

Each Person has the right of access to county records unless exempted by Florida or Federal law, during normal business hours and at a convenient location in the pertinent county facility. Pending ballot issues shall be posted at all County Libraries, online at the Clerk of Courts, ~~delivered by email chain and broadcasted by the~~ Brevard County Public television and Public Service Announcements, ~~or by any other delivery method established by the County,~~ without other commentary regarding the ballot issue.

D. Right to be Heard.

Any person has the right to appear before the County Commission, County board, council, committee or agency for the presentation of supplemental facts, opinions, and arguments on ~~in~~ any issue or administrative matter before the ~~such~~ entities named in this paragraph for action. Such matters will encourage such public comment by proper public notice at least 48 hours prior to that action, and in a place considered to be of reasonable convenience for the matter being considered. The County may establish reasonable procedures relating to public discussion and appearances including limits on length of time allowed.

E. Right to Notice.

~~The County shall provide timely notice to the person or persons who are entitled to notice of a hearing before the County Commission, regulatory boards, committees or magistrate adjudications in which they are involved. The notice shall be given through registered mail or hand delivered by a County employee, in accordance with F.S. 125.66(4)(b)2,3, and 3(6). Such notice shall give the location for viewing the matter at issue and the time of such adjudication. Emergency actions shall be for the protection of public safety only.~~

Pursuant to applicable, Federal, State, or County laws or regulations, the County shall provide timely notice to persons entitled to notice of a hearing before the County Commission, regulatory board, committee, or special magistrate. The notice provided shall be delivered and in a form that is in accordance with the applicable Federal, State, or County requirements, as may be amended from time to time. Such notice shall give the location for viewing documents associated with the matter at issue.

F. Notice of Decision or Actions.

The outcomes or decisions made by any county agency pursuant to Paragraph E shall be issued in a timely manner of no more than thirty (30) days from the date of the hearing, and the outcome or decision shall be made readily available to the public at either the pertinent agency, the Clerk of Court, County records, or online at public libraries.

~~Actions taken by any county agency under Paragraph E above shall provide the outcomes or decisions in a timely manner of no more than thirty (30) days and make those readily available to the public at either the pertinent agency, the Clerk of Courts records or online at public libraries.~~

G. Prohibitions of Conflicts of Interest and Compliance with the Code of Ethics.

In order to avoid even the appearance of impropriety in all Brevard County employees in the performance of their County duties and responsibilities, the County shall enforce a Code of Ethics and or a conflict of interest prohibition in all said employees, committees, agencies, or authorities who act in a quasi-judicial or advisory capacity to the County Commission and County management. ~~Since no employee has the right to commit criminal acts or fraud, whether that employee be elected, appointed, or hired even if they are Union Members, all~~ A proven violations of the Code of Ethics is prohibition shall ~~may~~ be cause for: nullification of the action or; censure of the individual, severor other disciplinary action. ~~discipline, or otherwise penalize offending employee or removal of the offending employee.~~ An employee Code of Ethics shall be supplied to all new employees. ~~county employees, committees, agencies, or authorities who act in a quasi judicial or advisory capacity to the County Commission and management in order to avoid even the appearance of impropriety in the performance of their duties and responsibilities. Violation of this prohibition shall be cause for nullification of the action, or removal of the offender. An employee Code of Ethics shall be supplied to all new employees and requests from the public.~~

H. Just and Equitable Taxation.

The County shall not impose any tax, fines, fee, or special assessment that would cause ad valorem taxes imposed on a property to exceed the millage limits set by Article VII, Section 9 of the Florida Constitution or by laws of the State of Florida.

I. Use of Public Property.

~~The county shall be prohibited from allowing the use of public property or credit, by private persons, businesses or organizations unless offered by open bidding in conformance with the laws of the State of Florida. Private persons, businesses or organizations intending to access public parks for enjoyment of recreation, leisure and gatherings shall be subject to the reservation process and rental fees established for that activity and managed by Brevard County Parks and Recreation.~~

The County shall be prohibited from allowing the use of public property, by any private business, or organization unless the use of the property was offered through an open bidding/proposal process, or the use of the property is made available to the public pursuant to applicable County ordinances, regulations, policies, or through the use of the Brevard County reservation process and rental fees as established by Brevard County.

Effective upon voter approval.