

AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL ON DISTRICT ROADS

This Agreement for Traffic Control on Public Roads located in the [NAME OF SPECIAL DISTRICT _____] (“District”) is entered into by and between St. Johns County, Florida (“County”), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office (“Sheriff”), and District, a local unit of special purpose government, established pursuant to Florida law, and located in St. Johns County, Florida.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, District owns fee simple title to all the public roadways lying within the District (hereinafter “District Roads”) more specifically described in Exhibit “A” which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state statute, County does not have traffic control jurisdiction over District Roads such as those owned by District; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute Section 316.006(3)(b) provides that a county may exercise jurisdiction over any District Roads if the County and the Special District owning such roads provide for County traffic control jurisdiction by a written agreement approved by the governing board of the county; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute Section 316.006(3)(b) further provides that prior to entering into an agreement for traffic control jurisdiction over District Roads the governing board shall consult with the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, District has requested that the County exercise traffic control jurisdiction upon certain District Roads identified herein; and

WHEREAS, the County and Sheriff are willing to exercise traffic control jurisdiction upon the District Roads; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute Section 316.006(3)(b)(2) provides *inter alia* that no such agreement shall take effect prior to October 1 unless such provision is waived in writing by the sheriff of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff herein waives this provision.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions herein, County and District hereby agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein by reference and form a material part of this Agreement.

2. **Jurisdiction.** County agrees to exercise jurisdiction over traffic control upon the District Roads pursuant to the terms and conditions expressed in Florida Statute Section 316.006(3)(b) and subject to the terms and conditions specified in Exhibit "B"

3. **Traffic Study; Signage.** District shall establish the speed limit for the District Roads and shall be responsible for posting the speed limit by appropriate, DOT approved signage along said roads. (See Exhibit "B.")

4. **Golf Cart Use.** Certain streets may be designated for golf cart use after a determination is made by an engineer, and confirmed by the County Traffic Operations that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the private/public road or street, considering factors including speed, volume and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street. (See Exhibit "C")

5. **Authority in Addition to Existing Authority.** The County's exercise of traffic control jurisdiction pursuant to this Agreement shall be in addition to that authority presently exercised by County over the District Roads and nothing herein shall be construed to limit or remove any such authority. The County agrees to continue to provide such police and fire services as are required by law.

6. **Compensation.** District shall compensate Sheriff for the services performed under this Agreement that are reasonably determined by the Sheriff to exceed normal traffic enforcement activities, at an hourly rate reasonably determined by the Sheriff.

7. **Retainage of Revenues.** All revenue from the fines, costs and penalties imposed by the traffic citations issued for violation of traffic laws on the District Roads shall be apportioned in the manner set forth in applicable statutes.

8. **Liability not Increased.** Neither the existence of this Agreement nor anything contained herein shall give rise to any greater liability on the part of the County or Sheriff than that which the County or Sheriff would ordinarily be subjected to when providing its normal police services.

9. **Indemnification/Insurance.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, District shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County and Sheriff (including all of their officers, employees and agents) harmless from any loss, cost, damage or expense, including attorneys' fees, for any action arising out of, related to, or stemming from, either directly or indirectly, the enforcement activities provided through this Agreement, or the maintenance, repair and/or reconstruction of any roads, road drainage or signage. To ensure its ability to fulfill its obligation under this paragraph, District shall maintain General Liability insurance in the minimum amount of One Million dollars (\$1,000,000), and shall file with the County current certificates of the required insurance providing a 30-day advance written notice of cancellation. Such insurance shall (a) name the County and

Sheriff as additional insureds as it relates to activities conducted pursuant to this contract and (b) be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida and acceptable to the County. Evidence (e.g., binder) of compliant insurance is attached as Exhibit "D."

9. Road Maintenance. Neither the existence of this Agreement nor anything contained herein shall impose any obligation or duty upon the County to provide maintenance on and/or drainage of the District Roads. The maintenance, repair and construction or reconstruction of all roads, drainage and signage within the District shall at all times be solely and exclusively the responsibility of the District.

10. Term. The term of this Agreement shall be for one year, commencing on the date of the execution by the last of the two parties signing hereto, and this Agreement shall thereafter automatically continue for successive one year terms unless terminated by any party by thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties. The provisions of Paragraph 8 herein shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

11. Certification. The District has provided the County with a certification by a licensed engineer indicating that traffic control devices are in accordance with the standards set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (hereinafter "MUTCD") and Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, a copy of which certification is attached as Exhibit "E." Any proposed change to a traffic control device, including installation or modification of any traffic control device, must be submitted to the County in writing for review and approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. The County will provide written notification of its decision relating to modification of any traffic control device within sixty (60) days of receipt of the written request. If the County determines that multiparty stop signs will enhance traffic safety, the County shall provide written notice of such determination, after which the District shall install or cause to be installed multiparty stop signs at the locations as determined by the County. Multiparty stop signs must conform to the MUTCD and specifications of the Florida Department of Transportation; provided, however, minimum traffic volumes may not be required for the installation of such signage. Enforcement of multiparty stop signs shall be included as part of the Services and shall be as provided in Section 316.123, Florida Statutes.

12. Term. The term of this Agreement shall be for one year, commencing on the date of the execution by the last of the two parties signing hereto, and this Agreement shall thereafter automatically continue for successive one year terms unless terminated by any party by thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties. The provisions of Paragraph 9 herein shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

13. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all Exhibits attached hereto, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties and may not be changed, altered, or otherwise modified except when reduced to writing and executed in the same manner, with approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

14. **Notice.** All notices to be given shall be in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses:

As to County: St. Johns County Administrator
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Copy to: St. Johns County Attorney's Office
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

As to Sheriff: St. Johns County Sheriff's Office
900 Law Enforcement Way
St. Augustine, Florida 32092

As to District: _____
c/o _____

[Name and Mailing Address]

Copy to: _____
c/o _____

[Legal counsel (if known)]

15. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be an original; however, all such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Signature and acknowledgement pages may be detached from the counterparts and attached to a single copy of this Agreement to physically form one document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

County Administrator

DATE: _____

ATTEST: Clerk of Court

Deputy Clerk

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Sheriff or Designee

DATE: _____

DISTRICT

By: _____ (Signature)

Title: _____ (Print Name)

Date: _____

Witness

(Signature)
(Print Name)

Witness

(Signature)
(Print Name)

EXHIBIT “A”

Legal Description

EXHIBIT “B”

TRAFFIC STUDY; SIGNAGE

The following procedures are intended to provide the applicant with sufficient information to meet the requirements of Paragraph 3 of the Agreement titled: **Traffic Study; Signage.**

SECTION I - SUBDIVISION SIGNING AND MARKING PLAN

The applicant should contact the Records Management Officer at (904) 209-0706 and request the as-built subdivision file from the official records. The original plans for the subdivision may not have signing and marking plan. *If a signing and marking plan does not exist, a provision to establish a plan will need to be included in the engineering scope of services.*

SECTION II - ENGINEERING SERVICES

A Professional Engineer registered in the State of Florida shall provide engineering services. The applicant should seek professional services of an engineering firm that has expertise in Traffic Engineering. The engineering firm that designed the subdivision may have expertise in this field. If not, the Traffic Operations Section will provide the applicant with a list of consulting firms known to have experience in Traffic Engineering. Fees for professional services and expenses associated with the requirements of Paragraph 3 of the agreement will be the responsibility of the applicant.

SECTION III - ENGINEERING STUDY

The Engineering Study will consist of a Traffic Study Outline, Traffic Study Report, and Certified Signing Plan. The Traffic Study Outline will contain the proposed study methods and standards to be employed by the consultant, and shall reference applicable sections of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Approval of the study outline by Traffic Operations must be obtained prior to proceeding with field investigations.

Speed Limits must be established in accordance with Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes. The methodology for establishing speed limits can be found in the Manual of Speed Zoning for Highways, Roads and Streets in Florida, published by the Florida Department of Transportation. Study methods for establishing speed limits will also be including in the Traffic Study Outline.

EXHIBIT “C”

Golf Cart Use

Certain streets may be designated for golf cart use after a determination is made by your engineer, and confirmed by the County Traffic Operations that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the public road or street, considering factors including speed, volume and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street. With the exception of speed limits, the study procedures for golf cart use will follow the engineering study requirements in Section II, Engineering Services and Section III, Engineering Study.

A certification statement will be printed on the Signing Plan (see format below), which shall be affixed with the seal and signature of a Professional Engineer, registered in the State of Florida.

Traffic Control Plan Certification

Subdivision: _____

This plan is an accurate representation of the type and location of each traffic control sign or device at the time of certification. Each sign or device shown herein has been field inspected and verified to be in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Speed limits as posted, have been established in accordance with Florida Statute 316.

Seal & Signature of Professional Engineer

FINAL SUBMITTAL

The applicant will submit the Certified Traffic Control Plan and Engineering Report to the Traffic Operations Section, 2470 Industry Center Road, St Augustine, Florida 32084. Following approval by the County Engineer, the applicant may proceed with completing the remaining requirements of the agreement.

If additional information or clarification is needed, please contact St. Johns County Public Works Traffic and Transportation at 904-209-0170.

EXHIBIT “D”
INSURANCE BINDER

EXHIBIT “E”

Engineer’s Certificate of Compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Controls