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INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE FLORIDA RESILIENCY AND ENERGY DISTRICT, A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZING FINANCING PURSUANT THERETO

#### BY AND AMONG

# THE TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES, FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, AND THE FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION, FLORIDA, IN ITS LIMITED CAPACITY DESCRIBED HEREIN

AND ANY SUBSEQUENT PARTIES HERETO

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

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## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE FLORIDA RESILIENCY AND ENERGY DISTRICT, A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZING FINANCING THERETO

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ("Interlocal Agreement") is made and entered into as of September 6, 2016, by and among the government units executing the Interlocal Agreement, each one constituting a public agency or legal entity under Part I, Chapter 163, Florida Statues, , comprising the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, a municipality and local government of the State of Florida and the City of Fernandina Beach, a municipality and local government of the State of Florida (the "Public Agency" or "Public Agencies") and, in the limited capacity described herein, the Florida Development Finance Corporation, a public body corporate and politic, a public instrumentality and a public agency organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida ("FDFC") and, together collective referred to herein as the "Parties".

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Florida PACE Act"), the Florida Legislature found that in order to make qualifying renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation and wind resistance improvements more affordable and assist real property owners who wish to undertake such improvements, there is a compelling State of Florida ("State") interest in enabling property owners to voluntarily finance such improvements with local government assistance; and

WHEREAS, under the Florida PACE Act, the Florida Legislature determined that the actions authorized under the Florida PACE Act, including, but not limited to, the financing of qualifying improvements through the execution of financing agreements between property owners and local governments and the resulting imposition of voluntary non-ad valorem assessments are reasonable and necessary to serve and achieve a compelling state interest and are necessary for the prosperity and welfare of the State and its property owners and inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, and the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, wish to create an entity to finance PACE projects for themselves and for other local governments pursuant to Section 163.08(2)(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lake Clarke Shores pursuant to Resolution 16-15 enacted August 23, 2016, approved the form and authorized the execution of this Interlocal Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fernandina Beach, pursuant to Resolution 2016-107, enacted on September 6, 2016, approved the form and authorized the execution of this

- WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Clarke Shores and the City of Fernandina Beach desire to enter into an agreement under Section 163.01(7), Florida Statues, to create a special district that constitutes (1) a separate legal entity within the meaning of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, also known as the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969 (the "Interlocal Act") and (2) a "local government" within the meaning of the Florida PACE Act and (3) a special district in furtherance of the objectives of the Florida PACE Act; and
- **WHEREAS**, the separate legal entity created under this Interlocal Agreement shall be known as the Florida Resiliency and Energy District ("the District" or "FRED") which may, pursuant to section 163.08(2)(a), finance energy related or wind-resistant "qualifying improvements" through voluntary assessments; and
- WHEREAS, the "Interlocal Act" also permits the FDFC and FRED, as public agencies under the Interlocal Act, to enter into interlocal agreements with each other to provide for the performance of service functions to cooperate on a basis of mutual benefit in the best interest of the real property owners within the boundaries of FRED; and
- WHEREAS, FDFC has determined that there is a substantial need within the State for a financing program which can provide funds to property owners to enable them to finance qualifying improvements under the Florida PACE Act on a cost-effective basis; and
- WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature determined that FDFC has the authority to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing said qualifying improvements pursuant to Section 288.9606(7), Florida Statutes; and
- **WHEREAS,** FDFC acts as a special development financing authority that specializes in providing financing support to fund capital projects that support economic development and job creation on a state-wide basis; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Florida PACE Act is an economic development tool that provides communities with an additional option for financing, stimulates production of qualifying products, promotes competition, seeks to increases property values, lower energy consumption, mitigate wind damage, and create jobs; and
- WHEREAS, on December 4, 2015, the FDFC Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 15-09, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Bond Resolution"), authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds ("Bonds") in order to finance qualifying improvements under the Florida PACE Act, which revenue bonds shall be secured by and payable from the proceeds of voluntary non-ad valorem assessments levied against the real properties that are benefitted by such qualifying improvements (the "Assessments"), all in accordance with the provisions of the Florida PACE Act and other

applicable provisions of law and in accordance with FDFC's Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") Program (the "FDFC PACE Program"); and

- WHEREAS, on July 18, 2014, in accordance with Chapter 75, Florida Statutes, the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida issued an Amended Final Judgment validating the issuance of the Bonds by FDFC and on October 15, 2015, the Supreme Court of the State of Florida affirmed such Final Judgment; and
- **WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2015, the FDFC Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 15-10 setting forth its policies and procedures relating to the FDFC PACE Program; and
- **WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2015, the FDFC Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 15-11 approving Renovate America, Inc. ("Renovate America") as its first PACE administrator for the FDFC PACE Program; and
- WHEREAS, FDFC anticipates adding other PACE providers as PACE residential and commercial administrators to provide a competitive marketplace in Florida for any potential residential and commercial property owners interested in the FDFC PACE Program; and
- WHEREAS, FRED and FDFC agree, pursuant to Section 163.01(14), that FRED, as a separate legal entity authorized to facilitate PACE financing pursuant to Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, may contract with FDFC to serve the financing function of the District and therefore serve the property owners of within the District; and
- **WHEREAS**, under this Interlocal Agreement, the Parties agree to have the FDFC PACE Program serve as the administrator for the District PACE program; and
- **WHEREAS**, the District will utilize the FDFC PACE Program to implement PACE exclusively on behalf of the District and take on all costs and responsibilities for administering and operating the program; and
- **WHEREAS**, FDFC will utilize its authority under law to provide, authorize, and issue revenue bonds to finance PACE improvements within and on behalf of property owners within the District; and
- **WHEREAS**, FRED will have immediate access to a turnkey FDFC PACE Program which includes \$2,000,000,000 in judicially validated bonding authority for PACE financing and a trained PACE program staff; and
  - NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES TO THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. This Interlocal Agreement is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Act, the Florida PACE Act, and other applicable provisions of law. At all times prior to and during the term of this Interlocal Agreement, the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, and the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida, constitute local governments as that term is defined in the Florida PACE Act and the Interlocal Act and the Florida Finance and Development Corporation constitutes a "public agency" as that term is defined in the Florida Interlocal Act. That portion of this Agreement creating the separate legal entity pursuant to Section 163.01(7), Florida Statues, is among and between the Founding Members, and that portion of the Agreement allowing the FDFC PACE Program to provide the financing duties of the District is pursuant to Section 163.01(14), Florida Statutes.
- **SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.** The following definitions shall govern the interpretation of this Interlocal Agreement:
- "Annual Assessment Resolution" or "Assessment Resolution" means a resolution or resolutions adopted by the District that (A) imposes new Assessments against those property owners entering into financing agreements with the FDFC under the FDFC PACE Program since adoption of the last Annual Resolution or Assessment Resolution, and (B) approves an electronic assessment roll to be submitted to the Tax Collector for the next tax bill containing the required collection information for all property owners with outstanding Assessments under the FDFC PACE Program, in each case limited to those property owners within the boundaries of the local governments that comprise the District.
- "Assessments" means the non-ad valorem assessments levied by the District against the properties that are benefitted by the qualifying improvements in accordance with the Florida PACE Act and the FDFC PACE Program.
- **"Bond Resolution"** means Resolution No. 15-09 of the FDFC adopted on December 4, 2015 relating to the Bonds and the FDFC PACE Program, as amended and supplemented from time to time.
- "Bonds" means bonds that are issued by FDFC from time to time pursuant to the Bond Resolution.
- "Contracted FDFC services" means the services provided by FDFC pursuant to this Interlocal Agreement.
- "District" or "FRED" means the Florida Resiliency and Energy District (FRED), a Property Assessed Clean Energy special district, and local government formed pursuant to the Interlocal Act, the Florida PACE Act and this Interlocal Agreement.

- **"FDFC"** means Florida Development Finance Corporation, a public body corporate and politic, a public instrumentality and a local agency organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.
- **"FDFC PACE Program"** means the FDFC's Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program adopted pursuant to the Bond Resolution and its Policies and Procedures.
- **"Florida PACE Act"** means Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time.
- "Founding Members" means the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, and the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida. The term does not include FDFC.
  - "Interlocal Act" means Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, as amended.
- **"Interlocal Agreement"** means this Interlocal Agreement Relating to the creation of the Florida Resiliency and Energy District, a Property Assessed Clean Energy District, including any amendments or supplements hereto, executed and delivered in accordance with the terms hereof.
- "Limited Purpose Party Membership Agreement" means an agreement between a Subsequent Party and the District defining the terms and conditions of membership within the District.
- "Party" or "Parties" means the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, and the City of Fernandina Beach, and the Florida Development Finance Corporation Florida, and their respective assigns; provided, however, the FDFC is a party only for the contracted FDFC services
- "Property Appraiser" means the county property appraiser for real property within the boundaries of each Founding Member or Subsequent Party.
- "Public Agency" means cities or counties of the State of Florida, or any Subsequent Party.
- **"Resolution of Enactment"** means Resolution No. 16-\_\_\_\_ adopted by the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, and Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ adopted by the City of Fernandina Beach, authorizing the creation of a PACE program within its boundaries and authorizing the creation of a PACE District by Interlocal Agreement with FDFC finding that the PACE Program provides a special benefit to residential property within its boundaries and authorizing the levy of special assessments on benefited property consistent with the common powers provided in the Interlocal Agreement.
  - "Resolution of Intent" means a resolution adopted by the District pursuant to the

Uniform Assessment Collection Act providing notice to all owners of real property within the boundaries of District that non-ad valorem assessments may be imposed pursuant to the Florida PACE Act and will be collected pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, if the property owner chooses to utilize the FDFC PACE Program and any FDFC approved PACE administrator to finance qualifying improvements.

"State" means the State of Florida.

**"Subsequent Party"** or **"Subsequent Parties"** means additional government units constituting Public Agencies under the Interlocal Act and local governments as defined under the Florida PACE Act which join the District upon application to the District and the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors for the District and upon execution of a Limited Purpose Party Membership Agreement between the District and a Subsequent Party.

**"Tax Collector"** means the county tax collector for real property within the boundaries of each Founding Member or Subsequent Party.

**"Uniform Assessment Collection Act"** means Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

**SECTION 3. INTERPRETATION.** Words importing the singular number shall include the plural in each case and vice versa, and words importing persons shall include firms and corporations. The terms "herein," "hereunder," "hereby," "hereto," "hereof," and any similar terms, shall refer to this Interlocal Agreement; the term "heretofore" shall mean before the effective date of this Interlocal Agreement; and the term "hereafter" shall mean after the effective date of this Interlocal Agreement. This Interlocal Agreement shall not be construed more strongly against any party regardless that such party, or its counsel, drafted this Interlocal Agreement.

SECTION 4. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement is for the Founding Members to create the District known as the Florida Resiliency and Energy District ("the District" or "FRED"), pursuant to the Interlocal Act and the Florida PACE Act, and, by also agreeing to contract with the Florida Development Finance Corporation and its FDFC PACE Program, the Resolution of Enactment and the Florida PACE Act to facilitate the financing of qualifying improvements for property owners within the District. The District shall be a separate legal entity, pursuant to Section 163.01(7), Florida Statutes and a local government within the meaning of the Florida PACE Act.

**SECTION 5. QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS.** The District shall allow the financing of qualifying improvements by and through the FDFC PACE Program as defined in Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, under authority of Section 163.01(14), Florida Statutes.

#### SECTION 6. ENABLING ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION.

The Founding Members and Subsequent Parties to this Interlocal Agreement agree to approve and keep in effect such resolutions and ordinances as may be necessary to approve, create and maintain the District. Said ordinances and resolutions shall include all of the provisions as may be required or desirable under the Interlocal Act and the Florida PACE Act for the creation and operation of FRED as a separate legal entity and a local government. The District shall be created upon the execution and delivery of this Interlocal Agreement by the Parties.

# SECTION 7. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES; DISTRICT ADMISSION.

- (A). The boundaries of the District shall initially be the legal boundaries of the Founding Members, and shall be expanded to include all areas within the legal boundaries of, or service area designated by the Limited Purpose Party Membership Agreement entered into by each local government (the "jurisdictional boundaries") that becomes a Subsequent Party to this Interlocal Agreement. As contemplated in this Interlocal Agreement, the District shall levy voluntary assessments on the benefitted properties within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District in order for the FDFC PACE Program to finance the costs of qualifying improvements for those benefitted properties. Upon petition by the landowners of individual residential or commercial properties desiring to be benefited, those properties receiving financing for qualifying improvements shall be assessed from time to time, in accordance with the applicable law. Notwithstanding a Founding Member's termination of participation in this Interlocal Agreement, or Subsequent Party's termination of participation, those properties that have received financing for qualifying improvements shall continue to be a part of the District, until such time that all outstanding debt has been satisfied.
- (B). To the extent permitted by the Interlocal Act, the District may admit any public agency or local government (as such terms are defined in the Interlocal Act and the Florida PACE Act, respectively) as a Subsequent Party to the District upon application of each public agency or local government to the District and the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors for the District. This Interlocal Agreement need not be amended to admit any such public agency or local government, and the approval of the respective governing boards of the existing Parties to the District shall not be required to admit a Subsequent Party. Each Subsequent Party shall execute, deliver, duly authorize, and record in the public records of each Subsequent Party a Limited Purpose Party Membership Agreement as a precondition to membership in the District.
- SECTION 8. GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT. The District shall be governed by a governing board (the "Board,") which shall at a minimum be comprised of three (3) individuals, all of whom are elected officials, city managers, or their designees, of the Founding Members, and each representing an individual local government within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Parties to this Interlocal

Agreement. The next Subsequent Party to join the District (of, if they decline, the next Subsequent Party), shall have the option to request to become a member of the Board and replace one member of the [City Commission/City Council/County Commission] that has 2 members on the Board until only one member of each [City Commission/City Council/County Commission] remains on the Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maximum number of members on the Board may be increased by a majority vote of the Board to a maximum of 5 members, with the proviso that as much as possible the composition of Board membership reflect the geographic regions of the state of Florida. After the Board is constituted, the Executive Director may recommend procedures for setting terms, Board qualifications and responsibilities, and the means of appointment of members to the Board. In the event a Board member is no longer eligible or able to serve on the Board, the Public Agency represented by the Board member, so long as it continues to be a Party to this Interlocal Agreement, shall have the right to request appointment of a replacement to fulfill the remaining term of that member. FDFC shall have no right to appoint any member of the Board.

**SECTION 9. DECISIONS OF THE BOARD**. Decisions of the Board shall be made by majority vote of the Board. The Board, upon recommendation of the Executive Director, may adopt rules of procedure for the Board. In the absence of the adoption of such rules of procedure, the most current version of Roberts Rules of Order shall apply to the extent it is not inconsistent with Florida law.

# SECTION 10. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION; DISTRICT STAFF AND ATTORNEY; ADMINISTRATORS

- (A). Financing. As a condition of this Interlocal Agreement, the Founding Members, and any Party joining the District consents to FDFC and FDFC PACE Program financing for the District, and FDFC as the PACE Program Sponsor agrees to provide a turnkey PACE program for each jurisdiction that is a Party to this Interlocal Agreement. Notwithstanding any other section of this Interlocal Agreement, the Executive Director of FDFC or his or her appointee shall also be the Executive Director of FRED. The Executive Director shall have sole authority to appoint staff, counsel, professionals, consultants, and all other positions to fulfill the functions of the District per the PACE Act for the District, and all costs and expenses shall be borne by FDFC and the District.
- (B). Additional Administrators. The Program Development Period, which serves as a soft launch period for the FDFC PACE Program, will end on July 1, 2017, whereby additional qualified administrators for residential PACE programs may be presented to the District. Within 30 days after execution of this Interlocal Agreement, FDFC may present to the District qualified administrators for commercial PACE programs that will be available to serve jurisdictions that are a Party to this Interlocal Agreement. All PACE administrators ("PACE Administrators" or "Administrators") must undergo a vetting process by the FDFC. Once vetted, the PACE Administrators must be presented to the FDFC Board and approved by resolution. In order for an approved PACE provider to

provide administrator services through the FDFC PACE Program, it must execute a PACE Administration Agreement. Each member of the District shall receive notice of all approved PACE Administrators (except for residential PACE Providers during the "soft launch" period above). Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the only authorized FDFC PACE residential Program Administrator for the District shall be Renovate America until July 1, 2017.

- **SECTION 11. FINANCING AGREEMENT.** The Parties agree that FDFC and FRED, and their designees, may enter into financing agreements, pursuant to Section 163.08(8), Florida Statutes, with property owner(s) who obtain financing through the District.
- **SECTION 12. POWERS OF THE DISTRICT.** With the approval of a majority vote of the Board, the District may exercise any or all of the powers granted to the District under the Interlocal Act and the Florida PACE Act, which include, without limitation, the following:
  - (A).To finance qualifying improvements through contracts with property owners in the District, and the District shall impose and levy assessments as a local government in accordance with Section 163.08 to repay the financing received; provided, however, i) FDFC shall provide the form of the financing agreement and ii) that FDFC shall, have independent discretionary authority to authorize and approve the issuance of revenue bonds to finance such improvements without further approval or authorization from the District, and subject to Section 10, to select and approve Program Administrators for the District;
  - (B). In its own name to make and enter into contracts on behalf of the District;
  - (C). Subject to Section 10(a), to employ agencies, employees, or consultants for the District;
  - (D). To acquire, construct, manage, maintain, or operate buildings, works, or improvements for the District;
  - (E) To acquire, hold, or dispose of property for the District;
  - (F) To incur debts, liabilities, or obligations, provided, however, that such debts, liabilities, or obligations shall not constitute debts, liabilities, or obligations of the State, FDFC, the Founding Members, or any Subsequent Party to this Interlocal Agreement;
  - (G) To adopt resolutions and policies prescribing the powers, duties, and functions of the officers of the District, the conduct of the business of the District, and the maintenance of records and documents of the District;

- (H) To maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate within the District or within the boundaries of a Party to this Interlocal Agreement;
- (I) To cooperate with or contract with other governmental agencies as may be necessary, convenient, incidental, or proper in connection with any of the powers, duties, or purposes authorized by the Florida PACE Act, and to accept funding from local, state and federal agencies;
- (J) To exercise all powers necessary, convenient, incidental, or proper in connection with any of the powers, duties, or purposes authorized in the Florida PACE Act or Florida statutes governing the District; and
- (K) To apply for, request, receive and accept gifts, grants, or assistance funds from any lawful source to support any activity authorized under Florida Statutes and this Interlocal Agreement.

#### SECTION 13. TERM.

- (A). This Interlocal Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from the date of its execution; provided, however, that any Party may terminate its involvement in the District and its participation in this Interlocal Agreement upon ten (10) days' written notice to the other Parties. Should a Party terminate its participation in this Interlocal Agreement, be dissolved, abolished, or otherwise cease to exist, the District and this Interlocal Agreement shall continue until such time as all remaining Parties agree to terminate this Interlocal Agreement.
- (B). At its discretion, and with reasonable notice, FDFC may terminate its role as FDFC PACE Program Sponsor for the District.
- (C). Notwithstanding a Party's termination of participation in this Interlocal Agreement, to ensure continued collection of Assessments for qualifying improvements acquired within the service area of the terminating Party, such terminating Party shall enter into a written agreement with the District for such Party to consent to the levy of annual Assessments by the District or for such party to levy annual Assessments on those properties that have received financing for qualifying improvements within the legal boundaries of the terminating Party, until such time that all outstanding debt related to such qualifying improvements has been satisfied. The proceeds of the Assessments shall be paid to the designee of the District pursuant to such written agreement.
- **SECTION 14. CONSENT**. This Interlocal Agreement and any required resolution or ordinance of an individual Party shall be considered the Party's consent to the creation of the District as required by the Interlocal Act and the Florida PACE Act.

# SECTION 15. NOTICE OF INTENT; IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; COORDINATION.

- (A) In accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act and the Florida PACE Act, the District hereby agrees to impose Assessments within its jurisdictional boundaries and to utilize the Uniform Assessment Collection Act for collection of such Assessments from each property owner that voluntarily enters into a financing agreement pursuant to the Florida PACE Act and the FDFC PACE Program. Specifically, the District shall:
  - (1) advertise a public hearing to consider adoption of a Resolution of Intent, thus providing notice to the owners of real property within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District that non-ad valorem assessments may be imposed pursuant to the Florida PACE Act and may be collected pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, and such advertisement to be substantially in the form and within the timing requirements set forth in EXHIBIT A attached hereto;
  - (2) after holding the public hearing referred to in (1) above, adopt a Resolution of Intent, substantially in the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT B, and mail an executed copy to FDFC, the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser;
  - (3) enter into a written agreement with the Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser regarding costs associated with use of the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, to the extent such agreement is not already in place;
  - (4) prior to September 15 of each calendar year, or as frequently as needed adopt an Annual Assessment Resolution or Assessment Resolutions, substantially in the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT C, which imposes new Assessments against those property owners entering into financing agreements with FDFC and FRED since adoption of the last Annual Resolution, and certifies an electronic assessment roll to be submitted to the Tax Collector for the next tax bill, in each case based on information provided by FDFC;
  - (5) remit Assessment proceeds received on behalf of the District from the Tax Collector directly to the District, FDFC or its designee;
  - (6) take all actions necessary to enforce collection of the Assessments pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act; and
  - (7) on its own behalf and at the request of FDFC, re-impose the Assessments as necessary to the extent required by changes in State law or subsequent judicial decisions.
  - (B) Each approved Administrator shall be responsible for all other actions required by the Florida PACE Act and their Administration Agreement with FDFC

under the FDFC PACE Program, including but not limited to:

- (1) assisting each Party to the Interlocal Agreement with preparing all documents required for the District to impose the Assessments pursuant to the Florida PACE Act and the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, including finalization of the documents attached as exhibits hereto and assistance with the written agreement with the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser, if requested by each Party;
- (2) providing a copy of the Resolution of Intent, together with any other documents required by the Florida PACE Act or the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, to the Florida Department of Revenue;
- (3) ensuring that each property owner that voluntarily enters into a financing agreement with FDFC has met all of the financial and other requirements provided for by the Florida PACE Act and the FDFC PACE Program;
- (4) providing the requisite notifications to all real property owners participating in the District;
- (5) recording a summary or memorandum of the financing agreement with the property owner in accordance with the Florida PACEAct;
- (6) tracking payment information for each property owner participating in the District and maintaining the related assessment rolls for all such participating parcels within the boundaries of the District;
- (7) working with the District to ensure the submission of the electronic assessment roll relating to the District each year to the Tax Collector; and
- (8) administering all other aspects of the District including the payment of Bonds with proceeds derived from the Assessments,
- (C) The District shall fully cooperate and coordinate with the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser with respect to the levying and collection of assessments and comply with all other requirements of the Florida PACE Act and the Uniform Assessment Collection Act.

# SECTION 16. UNDERLYING POWERS; SEPARATE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS.

(A) For purposes of this Interlocal Agreement and the District, the Parties acknowledge that FDFC currently does not have the power to levy the Assessments. FDFC shall not be a member of the District. FDFC shall be a party to this Interlocal

Agreement solely for the purpose of providing turn-key financial and administrative services through the FDFC PACE Program. The levy of the Assessments within the District is an exercise of the sovereign powers of the Founding Members and Subsequent Parties to this Interlocal Agreement.

(B) In order to maintain the integrity of the Assessments imposed by the District, the FDFC may, at its sole option, terminate its participation in this Interlocal Agreement and enter into a separate Interlocal Agreement or contract which provides the services described herein related to the FDFC PACE Program.

#### SECTION 17. FEES AND COSTS.

- (A) All fees and costs related to the recording of this Interlocal Agreement, the Resolution of Intent process and any other fees and costs incurred by any Party with respect to the Assessments and the FDFC PACE Program will be paid for solely by FDFC and reimbursed to FDFC through the FDFC PACE Program by the respective FDFC-approved PACE Administrator(s).
- (B) To advance the purposes of the Florida PACE Act, to minimize participation costs, and because each property owner is voluntarily undertaking to achieve and underwrite the compelling State interests described in the Florida PACE Act, the District shall seek either (i) the waiver or reduction by the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser of their fees or (b) a flat \_\_\_\_\_\_ dollar (\$\_.00) fee per year per tax parcel for such purposes which shall be paid by the District and reimbursed to the District through the FDFC PACE Program by the respective FDFC-approved PACE administrator.
- **SECTION 18. FILING.** A copy of this Interlocal Agreement shall be filed by the District for record with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for such jurisdictions as may be required by Section 163.01(11), Florida Statutes.

#### **SECTION 19.** LIMITED LIABILITY.

(A) To the extent permitted by Florida Law and subject to the limitations of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, FDFC shall defend, indemnify and hold each other Party to this Interlocal Agreement, and its directors, officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liabilities, losses, damages or injuries of any kind, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, to the extent arising out of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of FDFC or its directors, officials, officers, employees and agents in connection with the FDFC PACE Program, including without limitation, the payment of expert witness fees and attorneys' fees and other related costs and expenses, but excluding payment of consequential damages. Each Party other than FDFC, shall defend, indemnify and hold FDFC and its directors, officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses,

liabilities, losses, damages or injuries of any kind, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, to the extent arising out of the willful misconduct or grossly negligent acts of such Party or its directors, officials, officers, employees and agents in connection with its obligations under this Interlocal Agreement, including without limitation, the payment of expert witness fees and attorneys' fees and other related costs and expenses, but excluding payment of consequential damages. In no event shall any Party's officials, officers or employees be held directly liable for any damages or liability resulting from this Interlocal Agreement. All Subsequent Party or Subsequent Parties' liabilities shall be governed by the Limited Purpose Party Membership Agreement.

- (B) No Party or any agent, board member, officer, official, advisor or employee of such Party shall be liable for any action taken pursuant to this Interlocal Agreement in good faith or for any omission, except to the extent provided in Section 19(A) above, or for any act of omission or commission by any other Party hereto or its agents, officers, officials or employees. The terms of this Section 19 shall survive termination or expiration of this Interlocal Agreement.
- (C) Neither this Interlocal Agreement nor any Bonds issued by FDFC on behalf of the District under the FDFC PACE Program shall be deemed to constitute a general debt, liability, or obligation of or a pledge of the faith and credit of FRED, FDFC, or any Party, the State of Florida, or any political subdivision or agency thereof. The issuance of any Bonds by FDFC on behalf of the FDFC PACE Program shall not directly, indirectly, or contingently obligate any Party, FDFC, the State of Florida, or any political subdivision or agency thereof to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatsoever therefor, or to make any appropriation for their payment.
- (D) The District, FDFC, and each Party are and shall be subject to Sections 768.28 and 163.01(9), Florida Statutes, and any other provisions of Florida law governing sovereign immunity. Nothing in this Interlocal Agreement is intended to inure to the benefit of any third-party for the purpose of allowing any claim, which would otherwise be barred under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or by operation of law.
- SECTION 20. INDEMNIFICATION. To the extent permitted by Florida Law and subject to the limitations of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, the Parties agree that the Limited Purpose Party Membership Partnership Agreement for the District shall always indemnify and hold harmless FDFC, the Parties, and the District. The Parties understand and acknowledge that the indemnification provisions included in the Administrative Agreement between FDFC and its approved Administrators extend to each Party and Subsequent Party which are members of the District.
- **SECTION 21. AMENDMENTS.** This Interlocal Agreement may be amended only by a writing approved by each Party.
  - **SECTION 22. ASSIGNMENT.** This Interlocal Agreement may be assigned,

in whole or in part, by any Party at any time with the prior written consent of each other Party hereto, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld.

- **SECTION 23. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS.** This Interlocal Agreement may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- **SECTION 24. SEVERABILITY.** In the event that any provision of this Interlocal Agreement shall, for any reason, be determined invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions of this Interlocal Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- **SECTION 25. APPLICABLE LAW.** This Interlocal Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- **SECTION 26. JOINT EFFORT.** The preparation of this Interlocal Agreement has been a joint effort of the Parties hereto and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the Parties than the other.
- **SECTION 27. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Interlocal Agreement shall become effective on the later of (A) the date hereof, or (B) the date the last Founding Member and FDFC executes this Interlocal Agreement and the filing requirements of Section 17 hereof are satisfied.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

- 2. FRED hereby determines that the levy of the PACE Assessments is needed to fund the cost of qualifying renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation and wind resistance improvements for those property owners who wish to undertake such improvements within its jurisdictional boundaries.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 163.08(4), Florida Statutes, the property appraiser(s) and the tax collector(s) serving the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of FRED have agreed that FRED may have until August 15, 20[17] to adopt this Resolution, such agreements being attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.]
- 4. Upon adoption, the Secretary of FRED is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution by United States mail to the Florida Department of Revenue, the applicable tax collector, and the applicable property appraiser by [August 15, 20[17]].

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DULY ADOPTED this_	day of_			, 20[16].

This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

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## [PUBLIC AGENCY SIGNATURE PAGE TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Interlocal Agreement has been executed by and on behalf of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida by its Mayor, its seal affixed hereto, as attested by its Clerk as of the 31 day of August, 2016.

ATTEST:

By: Mary Pinkerman

TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES, FLORIDA

By:

Robert M.W. Shalhoub, its Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:

Charles F. Schoech, Town Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Interlocal Agreement has been executed by and on behalf of the City of Fernandina Beach, Florida by its Mayor and City Manager, its seal affixed hereto, as attested by its City Clerk as of the \_\_\_\_\_\_day of September, 2016.

## CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA

John A. Miller-

Mayor/Commissioner

Dale L. Martin, City Manager

ATTEST:

Caroline Best, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Tammi E. Bach, City Attorney

## [FDFC SIGNATURE PAGE TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Interlocal Agreement has been executed by and on behalf of the FDFC by the authorized signatory identified below.

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION

By: SPINEY

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR