

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP INTO THE
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The Children's Trust of Alachua County of Alachua County, Florida, in lawful session and in regular order of business properly presented, finds that:

WHEREAS, the policy and purposes of the Children's Trust of Alachua County of Alachua County, Florida, to extend to the General Employees of said Children's Trust of Alachua County, not excluded by law, the benefits of the Florida Retirement System, on the basis of applicable State laws and amendments thereto, and rules and regulations, authorizing and directing the Chairman (or other chief executive officer) to execute agreements thereto with the Department of Management Services, for coverage of said General Employees; providing for withholding from salaries and wages of General Employees of Children's Trust of Alachua County so covered to be made and paid over as provided by applicable State laws or regulations; providing that said Children's Trust of Alachua County shall appropriate and pay over employer's contributions and assessments as provided by applicable State laws or regulations; providing that said Children's Trust of Alachua County shall keep records and make reports as required by applicable State laws or regulations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of the Alachua County, Florida that all its General Employees except those excluded by law, shall participate in the Florida Retirement System as authorized by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes.

All General Employees shall be compulsory members of the Florida Retirement System as of the effective date of participation in the Florida Retirement System so stated herein.

Section 2. The Chairman (or other chief executive officer) is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary agreements and amendments thereto with the Administrator of the Florida Retirement System for the purpose of extending the benefits provided by the Florida Retirement System to the General Employees of this Children's Trust of Alachua County as provided by Section 1 & 2 hereof, which agreement shall provide for such methods of administration of the plan by said Children's Trust of Alachua County as are found by the Administrator of the Florida Retirement System to be necessary and proper, and shall be effective with respect to any employment covered by such agreement for serviced performed on and after the 1 day of October, 2020.

Section 3. Withholding from salaries, wages, or other compensation of General Employees for the purport provided in Section 1 hereof are hereby authorized to be made, and shall be made, in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State laws or regulations, and shall be paid over to the Administrator designated by said laws or regulations to receive such amounts.

Section 4. There shall be appropriated from available funds, derived from ad valorem taxation levied under the authority granted by law and adopted by referendum.

(specify the source or sources from which the funds are expected to be derived)

such amounts and at such times as may be required to pay promptly the contributions and assessments required of the Children's Trust of Alachua County of Alachua County, Florida, as employer, by applicable State laws or regulations, which shall be paid over to the lawfully designated Administrator of the Florida Retirement System at the times and in the manner provided by law and regulation.:

Section 5. The Children's Trust of Alachua County of Alachua County, Florida, shall keep such records and make such reports as may be required by applicable State laws or regulations, and shall adhere to all laws and regulations relating to the Florida Retirement System.:

Section 6. The Children's Trust of Alachua County of Alachua County, Florida, does hereby adopt the terms, conditions, requirements, reservations, benefits, privileges, and other conditions thereunto appertaining, of the Florida Retirement System, for and on behalf of all General Employees of its departments and agencies to be covered under the agreement.:


Section 7. The Executive Director of the Children's Trust of Alachua County of Alachua County, Florida, is hereby designated the custodian of all sums withheld from the compensation of General Employees as authorized herein and of the appropriated funds for the employer's contributions as provided in Section 5 hereof. Also, the Alachua County, Florida is hereby designated the withholding and reporting agent and charged with the duty of maintaining records for the purpose of this ordinance.:

Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval and publication as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution fully executed as in original, duly attested by the Secretary, be furnished to the Administrator of the Florida Retirement System.

DONE at Alachua County, Florida, this 17 day of August, 2020.

Approved as to legal form and sufficiency.



Legal Counsel

By: 

Chairman



Treasurer

JOINING PACKET WITHOUT PAST SERVICE

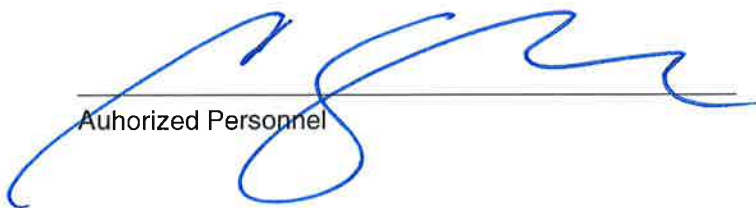
If the Children's Trust of Alachua County (Special District) elects not to purchase past service, the Special District has two available options regarding its existing plan open. First, the Special District has the option of keeping its existing plan open. If the Special District chooses this option, each current full-time and part-time employee filling a regularly established position will need to complete a ballot electing to remain in the Special District's existing plan or join the FRS. Second, the Special District can terminate its existing retirement plan. If the plan is terminated, then all employees filling full-time and part-time regularly established positions would be compulsory FRS members. Under both options, all new hires will be compulsory members of the FRS.

CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

FRS participating employers shall pay retirement contributions on all covered group employees filling full-time or part-time regularly established positions as defined by Rule 60S-1.004(4), Florida Administrative Code. Employers shall pay retirement contributions to the Division by electronic funds transfer no later than the 5th working day of the month immediately following the month that the payroll ends (for example: the July payroll is due the 5th working day in August). Along with the retirement contributions, employers must submit the retirement file and contribution summary. Employer contributions or retirement file received after the 5th working day of the month shall be considered late and the employer shall be assessed a penalty of 1 percent of the total contributions due.

Employers with employees in the FRS Investment Plan have an additional incentive to report retirement contributions on time, since the employees' retirement benefits are based on the contributions made to their Investment Plan account, plus any gains or losses. Please be aware that Investment Plan contributions are not sent to the employee's account until the contributions are actually paid; therefore a late submission of contributions may negatively affect those employees. In addition to the 1 percent delinquent fee for reporting late contributions, the employer will also be charged loss of earnings on Investment Plan contributions. Data on FRS Online is property of the State of Florida, Department of Management Services. All activity on this website is subject to being intercepted, recorded, read, copied and disclosed by, and to, authorized personnel for official purposes including criminal investigations. Access or use of this website by any person, whether authorized or unauthorized, constitutes consent to these terms.

By signing, I have read and understand the above requirements for FRS employer Contributions.



Authorized Personnel

8/19/2020
Date

Colin G. Murphy

Name Printed

Executive Director

Title

STATE Children's Trust of Alachua County AGREEMENT NO. _____

The Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, of the State of Florida, under the authority of Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, and Children's Trust of Alachua County of the State of Florida, in order to extend to General Employees of said Children's Trust of Alachua County (except such as are hereinafter excluded) the benefits of the Florida Retirement System established by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, hereby agree as follows:

1. Definitions:

For the purpose of the Agreement -

(a) The definitions, words and phrases as set out in Section 121.021, Florida Statutes, shall have the respective meanings set forth therein.

2. Services Covered:

The agreement includes and covers all services performed by General Employees of this Children's Trust of Alachua County except any service, position, employee, or official excluded by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, the rules and regulations of the Florida Retirement System, or resolution/ordinance No. 2020-11 adopted by the Children's Trust of Alachua County on the 17 day of August 20, 20. The Florida Retirement System is not responsible for nor does it assume any local retirement plan liabilities.

3. Contributions by Employees:

The Children's Trust of Alachua County agrees to impose upon its employees covered by this Agreement the required contributions with respect to wages if such services constituted employment within the meaning of Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, and to deduct the amount of such required contributions from the wages as and when paid. Contributions so collected shall be paid to the Administrator of the Florida Retirement System in partial discharge of the liability of said Children's Trust of Alachua County, said payments to be made in accordance with rules and regulations relating to the Florida Retirement System. It is agreed and understood that the failure of said to deduct such contributions shall not relieve it of liability therefore.

4. Contributions by the Children's Trust of Alachua County:

(a) The Children's Trust of Alachua County represents that it has duly and legally adopted, and that there is now in full force and effect, a resolution/ordinance requiring an appropriation from available funds in its general or special funds derived from ad valorem tax or other sources, which shall be in an amount not less than the sums withheld as the contributions of employees covered by the Agreement, the sum to equal the total amount due from said Children's Trust of Alachua County (employer's and employee's contributions) under applicable provisions of Chapter 121, Florida Statutes.

(b) As assurance of its ability to pay its share of the contributions which will become due and payable to the Administrator under the terms of this Agreement and as assurance that said contributions will be adequate, the Children's Trust of Alachua County hereby obligates itself to maintain, and represents that at all times hereafter there will be maintained, in the appropriation provided in paragraph 4.(a), above, a sum fully sufficient to pay its share of the contributions: and that same (together with contributions deducted from salaries, wages, etc., of employees) will be paid promptly when due.

5. Reports-Compliance and Regulations:

The Children's Trust of Alachua County agrees that it will make such reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Administrator may require. The Children's Trust of Alachua County further agrees that it will comply with all provisions of Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, and with all rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Administrator of the Florida Retirement system necessary to carry out the purposes of Chapter 121, Florida Statutes. It is further understood and agreed that late payments come under provisions of Section 121.061, paragraphs (2) (a), (b) and (c), Florida Statutes.

6. Termination:

Once this agreement is made and approved it may not be revoked and all present General Employees electing coverage under this agreement and all future General Employees shall be compulsory members of the Florida Retirement System.

Clerk
(SEAL)



Children's Trust of Alachua County

By _____

Title: Executive Director

This Agreement shall be effective as of the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Approved this ____ day of _____ 20__.

Director of the Division of Retirement

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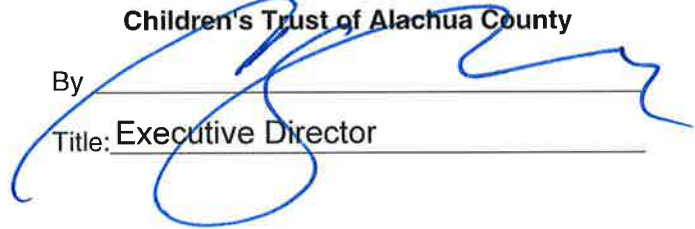
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By 
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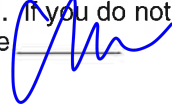
Approved this ____ day of _____ 20__.

Director of the Division of Retirement

FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM ENROLLMENT PROCESS WORKSHEET

**THIS DOCUMENT, AND ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION, MUST BE COMPLETED
AND RETURNED PRIOR TO JOINING.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

NA Current Retirement Plan Please include, in a cover letter, explaining what will become of your current retirement plan(s). If you do not have a current retirement plan initial here 

NA Certified Financial Statement per Chapter 121.051(2)(b)1, if applicable This document was used to create your organization.

X List of current employees

X Establishing Document

X Federal Identification Number 83-4271269

X Contact Information

Person responsible for reporting: Jennifer Rivers

Address: 802 NW 5th Ave; Suite 100
P.O. Box 5669, Gainesville, FL 32627

Telephone Number: 352-374-1830

Fax Number: 352-374-1831

Email Address: jrivers@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us

I, Colin G. Murphy, Executive Director, certify that the above information is accurate.

print name

 8/19/2020
Signature Date

ENROLLMENT PROCESS WORKSHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Children's Trust of Alachua County

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2 ALACHUA COUNTY
3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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6 ORDINANCE 18-08
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8 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
9 COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY; PROVIDING
10 FOR THE CREATION OF A COUNTYWIDE
11 INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE
12 CHILDREN'S SERVICES THROUGHOUT ALACHUA
13 COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR A GOVERNING BOARD TO
14 BE KNOWN AS THE CHILDREN'S TRUST OF ALACHUA
15 COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP POWERS
16 AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL; PROVIDING
17 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND BUDGET
18 PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION OF
19 THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES NOT TO EXCEED
20 ONE-HALF MILL; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM
21 AND A BALLOT QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR
22 SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE
23 CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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26 WHEREAS, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners established a
27 Children's Services Advisory Board on August 24, 2016, appointed members with advanced
28 expertise in early childhood development, and appropriated funds for innovative and collaborative
29 programs; and

30 WHEREAS, during its meeting of April 12, 2017, the Children's Services Advisory Board
31 took action to formally recommend to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners to
32 establish an independent Children's Trust and to hold a referendum on the creation of an
33 independent special district; and

34 WHEREAS, the Children's Services Advisory Board has worked to implement a Healthy
35 Baby Nurse Home Visit Program, a Transform Professional Development for Early Care and

1 Education Providers program, and has worked to address the social and emotional needs of young
2 children and family supports; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Children's Services Advisory Board has determined these innovative
4 initiatives will assure all Alachua County children are ready for success when entering
5 kindergarten; and

6 **WHEREAS**, section 125.901, Florida Statutes, authorizes the County to create an
7 independent special district to provide children's services for all children, from 0 to 18 years of
8 age; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2016 the Board of County Commissioners contracted with the WellFlorida
10 Council Inc., to conduct an assessment of Alachua County children's needs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Children's Services Advisory Board analyzed the needs assessment in
12 detail and discussed its findings; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Children's Services Advisory Board concluded that the community can
14 benefit from increased awareness of recognizing the typical stages of growth and development in
15 children birth to age five; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the very early years of a newborn's brain development is critical to success
17 later in adult life; and

18 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to help Alachua County residents cope with the stress of
19 parenting to assure positive relationships between parents and children, which can reduce the
20 prevalence of child abuse and neglect; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the needs assessment identified that parents can benefit from knowing what
22 to look for in quality early learning and care services and understanding developmentally
23 appropriate early childhood education including what makes a child "ready for school"; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a recent study on Racial Inequity in Alachua County identified significant
2 disparity in educational opportunities and concluded that providing a high quality educational
3 experience will lead to a successfully educated resident who will have a higher lifetime income,
4 better employment opportunities, and less likelihood to become involved in the criminal justice
5 system; and

6 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to create an
7 independent special district with taxing authority if approved by a majority vote of the qualified
8 electors of Alachua County voting in a November 6, 2018 referendum; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it would serve the
10 public interest to establish said independent special district within Alachua County.

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12 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
13 **COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

14 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 26, Children’s Services Independent Special District, is created:

15 **Chapter 26. Children’s Trust, Independent Special District.**

16 **Section 26.01. Creation of an Independent Special District; Creation of Children’s Trust.**

17 Subject to the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of Alachua County voting in
18 a November 6, 2018, referendum, there is hereby created an independent special district to provide
19 children's services throughout Alachua County. The boundaries of the District shall be
20 coterminous with the boundaries of Alachua County. The governing body of the District shall be
21 a board of directors to be known as the Children’s Trust of Alachua County.

1 **Section 26.02. Membership.**

2 The Children's Trust shall consist of 10 members, selected as follows:

3 a. The superintendent of schools; a local school board member, chosen by a majority
4 of the School Board of Alachua County; the district administrator from District III of the
5 Department of Children and Family Services, or his or her designee who is a member of the Senior
6 Management Service or of the Selected Exempt Service; one member of the County Commission,
7 chosen by a majority of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners; and a judge
8 assigned to juvenile cases who shall sit as a voting member of the board, except that said judge
9 shall not vote or participate in the setting of ad valorem taxes under this section. If there is more
10 than one judge assigned to juvenile cases in Alachua County, the chief judge of the 8th Judicial
11 Circuit shall designate which judge shall serve on the board. All of the proceeding members shall
12 serve 4-year terms effective January 1, 2019.

13 b. The remaining five members shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall, to the
14 extent possible, represent the demographic diversity of the population of Alachua County. After
15 soliciting recommendations from the public, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
16 shall submit to the Governor the names of at least three persons for each vacancy occurring among
17 the five members to be appointed by the Governor, and the Governor shall appoint members to the
18 council from the candidates nominated. The Governor shall make a selection within a 45-day
19 period or request a new list of candidates. All members appointed by the Governor shall have been
20 residents of the Alachua County for the previous 24-month period. Such members shall be
21 appointed for 4-year terms, except that the length of the terms of the initial appointees shall be for
22 2 years. The Governor may remove a member for cause or upon the written petition of a majority
23 of the County Commission plus one. If any of the members of the council required to be appointed

1 by the Governor under the provisions of this subsection shall resign, die, or be removed from
2 office, the vacancy thereby created shall, as soon as practicable, be filled by appointment by the
3 Governor, using the same method as the original appointment, and such appointment to fill a
4 vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the person who resigns, dies, or is removed from office.

5
6 **Section 26.03. Powers and Duties.**

7 a. The Children's Trust of Alachua County shall have the following powers and
8 duties:

- 9 1. To provide and maintain in the County such preventive, developmental,
10 treatment, and rehabilitative services for children as the council determines are
11 needed for the general welfare of the County.
- 12 2. To provide such other services for all children as the council determines are
13 needed for the general welfare of the County.
- 14 3. To allocate and provide funds for other agencies in the County which are
15 operated for the benefit of children, provided they are not under the exclusive
16 jurisdiction of the public school system.
- 17 4. To collect information and statistical data which will be helpful to the council
18 in deciding the needs of children in the County.
- 19 5. To consult with other agencies dedicated to the welfare of children to the end
20 that the overlapping of services will be prevented.
- 21 6. To lease or buy such real estate, equipment, and personal property and to
22 construct such buildings as are needed to execute the foregoing powers and
23 functions, provided that no such purchases shall be made or building done

1 except for cash with funds on hand or secured by funds deposited in financial
2 institutions. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to authorize the issuance
3 of bonds of any nature.

4 7. To employ and pay, on a part-time or full-time basis, personnel needed to
5 execute the foregoing powers and functions.

6 8. To enter into agreements with government agencies to provide administrative
7 services.

8 9. All powers, functions, and duties specified in Section 125.901, Florida Statutes.

9 b. The Children’s Trust of Alachua County shall:

10 1. Immediately after the members are appointed, elect a chair and vice chair
11 from among its members, and elect other officers as deemed necessary by the
12 council.

13 2. Immediately after the members are appointed and officers are elected, identify
14 and assess the needs of the children in Alachua County and submit to the
15 County Commission of Alachua County a written description of:

16 i. The activities, services, and opportunities that will be provided to
17 children.

18 ii. The anticipated schedule for providing those activities, services, and
19 opportunities.

20 iii. The manner in which children will be served, including a description
21 of arrangements and agreements which will be made with community
22 organizations, state and local educational agencies, federal agencies,

1 public assistance agencies, the juvenile courts, foster care agencies,
2 and other applicable public and private agencies.

3 iv. The special outreach efforts that will be undertaken to provide services
4 to at-risk, abused, or neglected children.

5 v. The manner in which the council will seek and provide funding for
6 unmet needs.

7 vi. The strategy which will be used for interagency coordination to
8 maximize existing human and fiscal resources.

9 3. Provide training and orientation to all new members sufficient to allow them
10 to perform their duties.

11 4. Make and adopt bylaws and rules for the council's guidance, operation,
12 governance, and maintenance, provided such rules are not inconsistent with
13 federal or state laws or county ordinances.

14 5. Provide an annual written report, to be presented no later than January 1, to
15 the County Commission of Alachua County. The annual report shall contain,
16 but not be limited to the following information:

17 i. Information on the effectiveness of activities, services, and programs
18 offered by the council, including cost-effectiveness.

19 ii. A detailed anticipated budget for continuation of activities, services,
20 and programs offered by the council, and a list of all sources of
21 requested funding, both public and private.

- 1 iii. Procedures used for early identification of at-risk children who need
2 additional or continued services and methods for ensuring that the
3 additional or continued services are received.
- 4 iv. A description of the degree to which the council's objectives and
5 activities are consistent with the goals of this section.
- 6 v. Detailed information on the various programs, services, and activities
7 available to participants and the degree to which the programs,
8 services, and activities have been successfully used by children.
- 9 vi. Information on programs, services, and activities that should be
10 eliminated; programs, services, and activities that should be continued;
11 and programs, services, and activities that should be added to the basic
12 format of the Children's Trust.
- 13 c. The council shall maintain minutes of each meeting, including a record of all votes
14 cast, and shall make such minutes available to any interested person.
- 15 d. Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to
16 receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses consistent with the
17 provisions of section 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- 18 e. All financial records and accounts relating to the district shall be available for audit
19 by state auditors as they are assigned from time to time to audit the affairs of the
20 County officials. If no annual audit of the District is conducted by the State, the
21 council shall cause an independent audit of the District to be conducted.
- 22 f. Within 10 days, exclusive of weekends and legal holidays, after the expiration of each
23 quarter annual period, the Children's Trust shall cause to be prepared and filed with

1 the County Commission of Alachua County a financial report which shall include the
2 following:

- 3 1. The total expenditures of the council for the quarter annual period.
- 4 2. The total receipts of the council during the quarter annual period.
- 5 3. A statement of the funds the council has on hand, has invested, or has deposited
6 with qualified public depositories at the end of the quarter annual period.
- 7 4. The total administrative costs of the council for the quarter annual period.

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9 **Section 26.04. Fiscal Year.**

10 a. The fiscal year of the District shall be the same as that of Alachua County.

11 b. On or before July 1 of each year, the Children's Trust of Alachua County shall prepare and
12 adopt an annual written budget of its expected income and expenditures, including a contingency
13 fund. The written budget shall be certified and delivered to the Board of County Commissioners
14 on or before July 1 of each year. Included in each certified budget shall be an estimate of the
15 millage rate necessary to be applied to raise the funds budgeted for expenditures, which millage
16 rate shall not exceed a maximum of 0.5 mills of assessed valuation of all properties within the
17 County which are subject to County taxes.

18 c. The budget of the Children's Trust so certified and delivered to the Board of County
19 Commissioners shall not be subject to change or modification by the Board of County
20 Commissioners or any other authority.

1 **Section 26.05. Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes.**

2 In order to provide funds for the Children's Trust of Alachua County, the council may levy
3 ad valorem taxes annually on all taxable property in the County in an amount not to exceed
4 one-half mill, provided that the authority to levy such taxes has been approved by a majority vote
5 of the electors of the District voting in the Countywide Election to be held in accordance with the
6 requirements of the constitution and the laws of Florida and as set forth in this chapter. The tax
7 shall be assessed, levied, and collected in the same manner and at the same time as is provided by
8 law for the levy, collection, and enforcement of collection of County taxes. All tax money
9 collected under this Chapter, as soon after the collection thereof as is reasonably practicable, shall
10 be paid directly to the Children's Trust by the Tax Collector of the County and all other applicable
11 County officials. The moneys so received by the Children's Trust shall be deposited in qualified
12 public depositories, as defined in section 280.02, Florida Statutes, in accounts specifically for the
13 council and shall be withdrawn only by checks signed by the chair of the council and countersigned
14 by one other member of the council or by a chief executive officer who shall be so authorized by
15 the council. The chair and the other member of the council who signs the council's checks shall
16 each give a surety bond in the amount of \$1,000 for each \$1 million or portion thereof of the
17 council's annual budget, which bond shall be conditioned that each shall faithfully discharge the
18 duties of their office. The premium on such bond may be paid by the District as part of the expense
19 by the council. No other member of the council shall be required to give bond or other security.
20 No funds of the council shall be expended except by check as aforesaid, except expenditures of
21 petty cash account which shall not at any time exceed \$100. All expenditures from petty cash shall
22 be recorded on the books and records of the Children's Trust. No funds of the council, except the

1 expenditure of petty cash, shall be expended without prior approval of the council, in addition to
2 the budgeting thereof.

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4 **Section 26.06. Referendum.**

5 The authority of the Children’s Trust Special District to levy up to 0.5 mill to carry out the purposes
6 and intent of this ordinance and to do all things necessary to fund the Children’s Trust and the
7 independent district created hereby shall be presented to the County electorate by placing a
8 question on the November 2018 general election ballot. The Supervisor of Elections of Alachua
9 County shall place the following question on the November 6, 2018, general election ballot:

10 **CHILDREN’S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY - AUTHORITY TO LEVY**
11 **ONE-HALF MILL AD VALOREM TAXES**

12
13 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL, PREVENTIVE, AND
14 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, SUCH AS EARLY LEARNING
15 SUPPORTS AND OUT OF SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING,
16 SHOULD AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT TITLED “THE
17 CHILDREN’S TRUST OF ALACHUA COUNTY” BE CREATED AND BE
18 AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX NOT TO
19 EXCEED ONE-HALF (½) MILL FOR 12 YEARS?

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21 YES

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23 NO
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25 SECTION 2. Inclusion in the Code, Scrivener’s Error. It is the intention of the Board of
26 County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, and it is hereby provided that the provisions
27 of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of
28 Alachua County, Florida; that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to
29 accomplish such intention; and that the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section,” “article,”
30 or other appropriate designation. The correction of typographical errors which do not affect the

1 intent of the ordinance may be authorized by the County Manager or designee without public
2 hearing, by filing a corrected or recodified copy of the same with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

3 SECTION 3. Ordinance to be Liberally Construed. This ordinance shall be liberally
4 construed in order to effectively carry out the purposes hereof which are deemed not to adversely
5 affect public health, safety, or welfare.

6 SECTION 4. Modification. It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that
7 the provisions of this ordinance may be modified as a result of considerations that may arise
8 during public hearings. Such modifications shall be incorporated into the final version of the
9 ordinance adopted by the Board and filed by the Clerk to the Board.

10 SECTION 5. Severability. It is the declared intent of the Board of County
11 Commissioners that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this
12 ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity
13 or unconstitutionality shall not be so construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the
14 remaining provisions of this ordinance.

15 SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All Alachua County ordinances and resolutions, or
16 portions thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

17 SECTION 7. Effective Date. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the
18 Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days
19 after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This ordinance shall become effective
20 only if approved by a “yes” vote of the majority of those voting on the question posed in a
21 November 6, 2018, referendum. If the majority of those voting do not vote “yes” to the question

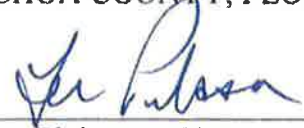
1 posed, the District shall not be created and this ordinance shall be of no force and effect. The
2 effective date of the creation of the special district, if approved by referendum, shall be
3 December 1, 2018.

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DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this 27th day of February, 2018 A.D.


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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Lee Pinkoson, Chair

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ATTEST:


Jesse K. Irby, II
Clerk of Court
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Alachua County Attorney