

RESOLUTION NO. 18-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, CREATING A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM AND JOINING THE FLORIDA RESILIENCY AND ENERGY DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF PARTICIPATING IN THE HERO PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 163.08, FLORIDA STATUTES; ADOPTING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.01, FLORIDA STATUTES, RELATING TO THE FLORIDA RESILIENCY AND ENERGY DISTRICT AND THE HERO PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Florida Legislature adopted HB 7179 (Fla. Stat. § 163.08) (the "Bill"), which allows local governments to create Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs in order to provide the upfront financing for energy conservation and efficiency (i.e. energy-efficient heating, cooling, or ventilation systems), renewable energy (i.e. solar panels), wind resistance (i.e. impact resistant windows) and other improvements that are not inconsistent with state law (the "Qualifying Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, PACE programs not only assist residents and business owners in reducing their carbon footprint and energy costs, but also stimulate the local economy by the creation of needed construction jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Bill authorizes local governments that create PACE programs to enter into a partnership in order to provide more affordable financing for the installation of the Qualifying Improvements; and

WHEREAS, given the wide spread energy and economic benefits of PACE programs, the City of Fort Lauderdale's City Commission ("City Commission") desires to join the Florida Green Finance Authority ("Authority") in order to provide the upfront financing to property owners for Qualifying Improvements and to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Authority for the purpose of financing such improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.


SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby creates a PACE Program pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 163.08 for the purpose of providing upfront financing to property owners for Qualifying Improvements.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission hereby approves a Party Membership Agreement to a non-exclusive interlocal subscription agreement pursuant to Fla. Sta. § 163.01 between the City of Fort Lauderdale the Florida Resiliency and Energy District to implement the HERO program in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" relating to the Florida Resiliency and Energy District (the "Interlocal Agreement").

SECTION 4. That the City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 2018.



Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI

EXHIBIT A

**Party Membership Agreement
To The Florida Resiliency and Energy District**

**LIMITED PURPOSE PARTY MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
FLORIDA RESILIENCY AND ENERGY DISTRICT AND City of Fort
Lauderdale**

This Limited Purpose Party Membership Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into this ____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the **FLORIDA RESILIENCY AND ENERGY DISTRICT ("FRED")**, a public body corporate and politic created as a separate legal entity pursuant to Section 163.01(7), Florida Statutes, and City of Fort Lauderdale, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the City of Fort Lauderdale) (collectively, the "Parties") for the purpose of providing a Property Assessed Clean Energy ("PACE") program within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.08(1), Florida Statutes, the legislature determined that access to financing for certain renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation and wind resistance improvements ("Qualifying Improvements") through voluntary assessment programs such as the PACE program provides a special benefit to real property by alleviating the property's burden from energy consumption and/or reducing the property's burden from potential wind damage; and

WHEREAS, in order to make such Qualifying Improvements more affordable and assist property owners who wish to undertake such improvements, the legislature also determined that there is a compelling state interest in enabling property owners to voluntarily finance such Qualifying Improvements with the assistance of local governments, through the execution of financing agreements and the related imposition of voluntary, non-ad valorem special assessments; and

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Agreement, dated September 6, 2016, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Interlocal Agreement") was entered into between the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, the City of Fernandina Beach, and any subsequent parties thereto (the "Public Agencies") and, in the limited capacity described therein, the Florida Development Finance Corporation ("FDFC" and, together with the Public Agencies, the "Parties"), for the purpose of facilitating the financing of Qualifying

Improvements for properties located within FRED's aggregate legal boundaries via the levy and collection of voluntary non-ad valorem special assessments on improved property; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Fort Lauderdale** agrees with such legislative determinations and finds that the financing of Qualifying Improvements through the PACE program provides a special benefit to participating real property within its legal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fort Lauderdale and the Florida Resiliency and Energy District acknowledge and agree that the City of Fort Lauderdale may enter into additional membership agreements with other separate legal entities for the purpose of providing a PACE program within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

WHEREAS, the Parties to this Agreement desire to supplement the Interlocal Agreement to include the City of Fort Lauderdale as a Limited Member, as such term is defined in the Interlocal Agreement, on the date last signed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above recitals, terms and conditions, promises and covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. Any capitalized terms used in this Agreement, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the meaning specified for such term in the Interlocal Agreement.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the financing of Qualifying Improvements through a PACE program, in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, and provide an efficient process for real property owners within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale to access the PACE program and permit FRED to administer the PACE program within such legal boundaries.

SECTION 3. RIGHTS OF PARTIES. FRED, together with its member Parties, and the City of Fort Lauderdale, with the intent to be bound thereto, hereby agree that the City of Fort Lauderdale shall become a Party to the Interlocal Agreement together with only those rights and obligations of Parties to the Interlocal Agreement as are necessary to fulfill the purposes described in this Agreement, including access to financing and processing of non-ad valorem special assessments by FRED, within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale as more specifically described below, and in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and all operational program standards of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

SECTION 4. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS AND LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree with each recital to this Agreement and incorporate such findings herein as their own. The non-ad

valorem special assessments arising from a property owner's voluntary participation in the PACE program shall be levied by FRED on properties within the legal boundaries the City of Fort Lauderdale and the receipt and distribution of any non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by FRED are purely ministerial acts.

SECTION 5. QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS. FRED may provide access to financing for Qualifying Improvements to real property within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale, in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, and subject to the terms of this Agreement, as well as applicable federal, state, and City of Fort Lauderdale law.

SECTION 6. FINANCING AGREEMENT. Before extending any financing or subjecting any participating real property within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale to the non-ad valorem special assessment authorized therein, FRED and FDFC, through their designees, shall, on a non-exclusive basis pursuant to the Section 163.08, Florida Statutes and this Agreement, enter into a financing agreement (the "Financing Agreement") with property owner(s) within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale who qualify for financing through FRED. The Financing Agreement shall include a thorough explanation of the PACE financing process and specify at what point in the process the special assessment will be added to the real property's owner's property tax bills (after completion of the project(s), permit approval, and approval by the property owner).

SECTION 7. BOUNDARIES OF THE PACE PROGRAM. For the limited purposes of administering the PACE program and imposing non-ad valorem special assessments as described in this Agreement, the legal boundaries of FRED shall include the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale, which legal boundaries may be limited, expanded to reflect annexation, or more specifically designated from time to time by the City of Fort Lauderdale by providing written notice to FRED. Upon execution of this Agreement and written request thereafter, the City of Fort Lauderdale agrees to provide FRED the current legal description of the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

SECTION 8. ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES. Within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale, improved real property, including any residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial use may be eligible for participation in the PACE program within the limits otherwise prescribed in Section 163.08, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 9. SURVIVAL OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS. During the term of this Agreement, FRED may levy voluntary non-ad valorem special assessments on participating properties within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale to help secure the financing of costs of Qualifying Improvements constructed or acquired on such properties based on the finding of special benefit by the City of Fort Lauderdale incorporated into Section 3 hereof. Those properties receiving financing for Qualifying

Improvements shall be assessed by FRED until such time as the financing for such Qualified Improvement is repaid in full, in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, and other applicable law. Notwithstanding termination of this Agreement or notice of a change in the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale as provided for herein, those properties that have received financing for Qualifying Improvements shall continue to be a part of FRED, until such time that all outstanding debt has been satisfied.

SECTION 10. TERM. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from the date of its execution by both Parties. Any Party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice ("Termination Notice") in accordance with the terms of the Interlocal Agreement. Beginning on the date FRED receives a Termination Notice from the City of Fort Lauderdale ("Termination Date"), FRED shall not approve any new applications affecting property within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale referenced in the Termination Notice. Notwithstanding termination of this Agreement, however, property owners whose applications were approved prior to the Termination Date, and who received funding through the PACE program, shall continue to be a part of FRED, for the sole purpose of FRED imposing assessments for the repayment of such property's outstanding debt, until such time that all outstanding debt has been satisfied.

SECTION 11. CONSENT. This Agreement, together with the resolution by the governing board of the City of Fort Lauderdale approving this Agreement, shall be considered the Parties' consent to authorize FRED to administer the PACE program within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale, as required by Section 163.08, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 12. City of Fort Lauderdale COORDINATOR. The City Clerk within the City of Fort Lauderdale shall serve as the City of Fort Lauderdale's primary point of contact and coordinator. The City of Fort Lauderdale will advise FRED of any changes to the City of Fort Lauderdale's primary contact and coordinator within 30 days of such changes.

SECTION 13. CARBON OR SIMILAR CREDITS. To the extent permitted by law, in the event that the Financing Agreement or any other PACE agreement with the property owner provides for the transfer of any carbon or similar mitigation credits derived from Qualifying Improvements to FRED, any such carbon or similar mitigation credits derived from properties within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale, shall be shared in equal parts between FRED and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

SECTION 14. LIMITED OBLIGATIONS. Neither FRED nor FDFC is authorized to issue bonds, or any other form of debt, on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale without a separate interlocal agreement or other authority provided by State law. To the extent that FRED or FDFC issues PACE-related bonds under its own authority in connection with this Agreement, the security for such bonds may be secured

by non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by FRED on participating properties within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The issuance of such bonds shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the City of Fort Lauderdale to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever, or to levy ad valorem taxes on any property within their territorial limits to pay the bonds, and the bonds shall not constitute a lien upon any property owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale. For any such bonds, the bond disclosure document, if any, shall include references to the fact that the City of Fort Lauderdale is not an obligated party, and also adequately disclose material attendant risks with PACE programs.

SECTION 15. LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AND SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.

(A) City of Fort Lauderdale and FRED are and shall be subject to Sections 768.28 and 163.01(9)(c), Florida Statutes, and any other provisions of Florida law governing sovereign immunity. Pursuant to Section 163.01(5)(0), Florida Statutes, and this covenant of the parties hereto, the local governments who are either or both the founders or members of FRED shall not be held jointly liable for the torts of the officers or employees of the FRED, or any other tort attributable to FRED, and that FRED alone shall be liable for any torts attributable to it or for torts of its officers, employees or agents, and then only to the extent of the waiver of sovereign immunity or limitation of liability as specified in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. City of Fort Lauderdale and FRED acknowledge and agree that FRED shall have all of the applicable privileges and immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinances, rules and common law which apply to the municipalities and counties of the State. City of Fort Lauderdale is completely independent of FRED. To the extent provided by law, FRED shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City of Fort Lauderdale from any and all damages, claims, and liability arising from the negligence or intentional misconduct of FRED relating to operation of the PACE program. Nothing in this 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.

(B) Neither City of Fort Lauderdale, nor the local governments who are either or both the founders or members of the Agency, nor any subsequently joining or participating local government as members of FRED shall in any manner be obligated to pay any debts, obligations or liabilities arising as a result of any actions of FRED, the governing board of FRED or any other agents, employees, officers or officials of FRED, except to the extent otherwise mutually and expressly agreed upon, and neither FRED, the governing board of FRED or any other agents, employees, officers or officials of FRED have any authority or power to otherwise obligate either City of Fort Lauderdale, the local governments who are either or both the founders or members of FRED, nor any subsequently subscribing or participating local government in the business of FRED in any manner.

(C) All of the privileges and immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinances and rules which apply to the activity of officials, officers, agents or employees of the parties shall apply to the officials, officers, agents or employees thereof when performing their respective functions and duties under the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 16. AGREEMENTS WITH TAX COLLECTOR AND PROPERTY APPRAISER. This Agreement shall be subject to the express condition precedent that FRED enter into separate agreement(s) with the tax collector and the property appraiser having jurisdiction over the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale, which shall provide for the collection of any non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by FRED within the legal boundaries of the City of Fort Lauderdale. If required by the tax collector and property appraiser, the City of Fort Lauderdale agrees to enter into those agreements as a third-party to facilitate the collection of the non-ad valorem special assessments imposed by FRED.

SECTION 17. OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL. FRED warrants, based on counsel's review of the bond validation judgment and the underlying bond documents that the FDFC PACE program's structure complies with the bond validation judgment and the underlying bond documents.

SECTION 18. AGENTS OF FRED. FRED shall ensure that its agents, administrators, subcontractors, successors and assigns are, at all times, in compliance with the terms of this Agreement and applicable City of Fort Lauderdale, state and federal laws.

SECTION 19. NOTICES. Any notices to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if sent by hand delivery, recognized overnight courier (such as Federal Express), or by written certified U.S. mail, with return receipt requested, or by electronic mail, addressed to the Party for whom it is intended, at the place specified. For the present, the Parties designate the following as the respective places for notice purposes:

If to FRED:

The Florida Resiliency and Energy District
c/o Florida Development Finance Corporation
William "Bill" F. Spivey, Jr.
Executive Director
800 N. Magnolia Avenue, Suite 1100
Orlando, Florida 32803
407.956.5695 (t)
bspivey@fdpcbonds.com

and Issuer's Counsel with Broad and Cassel
Joseph Stanton, Esq.
Bank of America Center
390 North Orange Avenue
Suite 1400
Orlando, FL 32801-4961
407.839.4200 (t)
jstanton@broadandcassel.com

If to City of Fort Lauderdale:

City Clerk, City of Fort Lauderdale
100 N. Andrews Avenue, 7th Floor
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

With a copy to:

City Attorney, City of Fort Lauderdale

SECTION 20. AMENDMENTS. No modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this agreement and executed by the City of Fort Lauderdale and FRED or other delegated authority authorized to execute same on their behalf.

SECTION 21. JOINT EFFORT. The preparation of this 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 22. MERGER. This Agreement represents the final and complete understanding of the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, correspondence, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matters contained herein; and the Parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the Parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

SECTION 23. ASSIGNMENT. The respective obligations of the Parties set forth in this Agreement shall not be assigned, in whole or in part, without the written consent of the other Party hereto.

SECTION 24. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. None of the Parties intend to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. Therefore, the Parties acknowledge that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a right or claim against either of them based upon this Agreement; provided, however, that counsel to the Parties may rely on this Agreement for purposes of providing any legal opinions required by the issuance of debt to finance the Qualifying Improvements.

SECTION 25. RECORDS. The Parties shall each maintain their own respective records and documents associated with this Agreement in accordance with the requirements for records retention set forth in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 26. RECORDING. This Limited Purpose Party Membership Agreement shall be filed by FRED with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the Public Records of the City of Fort Lauderdale and recorded in the public records of the City of Fort Lauderdale as an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, in accordance with Section 163.01(11), Florida Statutes.

SECTION 27. SEVERABILITY. In the event a portion of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 28. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution by both Parties hereto.

SECTION 29. LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the state of Florida. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida, or in the event of federal jurisdiction, in the Southern District of Florida, Fort Lauderdale Division.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO LIMITED PURPOSE PARTY MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on this _____ day of _____, 2018.

City of Fort Lauderdale, FLORIDA

By: _____ Date _____
City of Fort Lauderdale
City Manager

For the City of Fort Lauderdale,

Attest:

By: _____ Date _____
City Clerk

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO LIMITED PURPOSE PARTY MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT]

WITNESS:

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
CORPORATION on behalf of FLORIDA
RESILIENCY AND ENERGY DISTRICT

By: _____
William "Bill" F. Spivey, Jr.
Executive Director

WITNESS:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by William "Bill" F. Spivey, Jr., Executive Director of the Florida Development Finance Corporation, who is personally known to me/has produced _____ as identification.

(SEAL)

Printed/Typed Name: _____
Notary Public-State of Florida
Commission Number: