



Union County Board of County Commissioners

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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2025
6:00 P.M.

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record for the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made

1. Meeting Called to Order.....Chairman Dobbs
2. Invocation and Pledge.....Commissioner Croft
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Presentation.....State Representative, Chuck Brannan
6. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Finance Report
 - Minutes:
 - Budget Amendment
7. Consideration of Budget Request for Acorn Clinic and Union County Impact.....Tina Lloyd, Amanda Fort and Melissa Williams
8. Complaint of Property Flooding, 15342 SW 91st Way, Lake Butler.....Tim Lanterman
9. Consideration of a Notice of Intent to Vacate Plat.....Attorney Wade
10. Jones Edmunds Professional Services Agreement.....Jimmy Williams
11. Jones Edmunds Work Order #3.....Jimmy Williams
12. Consideration to Award 238N Construction.....Jimmy Williams
13. Consideration to Advertise Proposed Ordinance 2025-02.....Attorney Wade
14. Report from County Coordinator, Jimmy Williams and Reports from Department Heads
 - Lamar Griffis, Solid Waste Director
 - Chris Griffis, Road Department Director
 - Priti McNutt, Public Library Director
 - Brent Allen, EMS Director
 - Jim DeValerio, Extension Office Director
15. Report Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, Clerk of Courts and Comptroller..... Clerk Rhoades
16. Report from Russell A. Wade III, County Attorney.....Attorney Wade
17. Report from County Commissioners
 - Donna Jackson, District 1
 - Channing Dobbs, District 2
 - Melissa McNeal, District 3
 - Mac Johns, District 4
 - Willie Croft, District 5
18. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBERS:

DONNA JACKSON, District 1 • CHANNING DOBBS, District 2 • MELISSA McNEAL, District 3 • MAC JOHNS, District 4 • WILLIE CROFT, District 5

KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES
Clerk of Court/Comptroller

RUSSELL WADE
County Attorney

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE PLAT

Pursuant to Section 177.101(4), Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Linda H. Johns Family Trust and Blake Dicks, owners of all lots within the Lake Butler Highlands Subdivision, Union County, Florida, intend to file a petition with the Board of County Commissioners of Union County to vacate the plat of said subdivision, as recorded in the Public Records of Union County, Florida.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Union County Board of County Commissioners on August 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the Board Chambers at the Union County Courthouse, 55 W Main St, Lake Butler, FL 32054.

For further information, contact the Union County Board of County Commissioners office at (386) 496-4241 during regular business hours.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above-referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the proposed board action.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above-referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at (386) 496-4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 711, or 1-800-955-8770 (voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).

Amendment 1

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT 1, made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between **Union County** hereinafter called "County" and **Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc.** hereinafter called "Consultant".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County and the Consultant entered a Professional Services Agreement dated April 29, 2024 pursuant to the Professional Service Agreement between the New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA) and Consultant. dated January 11, 2024 (the NRSWA-Consultant Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement between County and Consultant expired on April 29, 2025;

WHEREAS, upon expiration of the first term, the NRSWA-Consultant Agreement was amended as of February 13, 2025 to extend the Agreement for the first of two (2) one (1) year renewals and to change the Hourly Rate Ranges;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the extension of the NRSWA-Consultant Agreement, County and Consultant wish to amend their Agreement to allow for a term extension and rate increase.

NOW THEREFORE, Section B shall be amended to replace the Hourly Rate Ranges with the attached Hourly Rate Ranges for Calendar Year 2025. Compensation shall be an amount equal to the hours the Consultant's employees are engaged on each assignment times a multiplier of 3.2 plus reimbursable expenses; and

Section C, Term, shall be amended to renew the Agreement for the first of two (2) one (1) year terms, commencing April 29, 2025.

The parties hereby agree that all other terms and conditions of the original Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Amendment, shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have hereby caused Amendment 1 to the referenced Agreement to be duly executed on the day and year first above written.

County:
Union County

Consultant:
Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc.

By: _____

By: _____

Stanley F. Ferreira, Jr.

Stanley F. Ferreira, Jr. (Aug 11, 2025 10:39:29 EDT)

Date: _____

Date: _____

Aug 11, 2025

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

By: _____

By: _____

Linda Lykes

Date: _____

Date: _____

Aug 11, 2025

Amendment 1
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
RFQ 23-01
Engineering, Design, Permitting, Construction Phase Services, and
Other Related Services for Solid Waste Management

THIS AMENDMENT 1, made and entered into this 13 day of February, 2025, by and between the New River Solid Waste Association, hereinafter referred to as "NRSWA," and Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc. hereinafter referred to as "Consultant" and

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to RFQ #23-01 for Engineering Design, Permitting, Construction Phase Services, and Other Related Services for Solid Waste Management, the parties entered into a Professional Services Agreement dated January 11, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend Section B, Compensation and Section 13, Term of the referenced Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE, Section B shall be amended to replace the Hourly Rate Ranges for Calendar Year 2024 with the attached Hourly Rate Ranges for Calendar Year 2025. Compensation shall be an amount equal to the hours the Consultant's employees are engaged on each assignment times a multiplier of 3.2 plus reimbursable expenses; and

Section 13, Term, shall be amended to renew the Agreement for the first of two (2) one (1) year terms, commencing January 11, 2025.

The parties hereby agree that all other terms and conditions of the original Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have hereby caused Amendment 1 to the referenced Agreement to be duly executed on the day and year first above written.

NRSWA:
New River Solid Waste Association

By: [Signature]

Date: 2/13/2025

ATTEST:

By: [Signature]

Date: 2/13/2025

Consultant:
Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc.

By: Stanley F. Ferreira, Jr.

Date: Jan 30, 2025

ATTEST:

By: Linda Lyles

Date: Jan 30, 2025

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TDH



NEW RIVER SOLID WASTE ASSOCIATION Professional Services Agreement

Hourly Rate Ranges

Labor Category	Hourly Rate Ranges	
Project Officer	\$ 230	\$ 394
Senior Project Manager	\$ 210	\$ 331
Project Manager	\$ 170	\$ 263
Chief Engineer or Scientist	\$ 225	\$ 352
Senior Engineer	\$ 215	\$ 336
Senior Scientist	\$ 155	\$ 247
Project Engineer	\$ 170	\$ 263
Project Scientist	\$ 135	\$ 210
Engineer or Scientist	\$ 120	\$ 194
Engineer Intern (PhD)	\$ 110	\$ 173
Engineer Intern or Associate Scientist	\$ 100	\$ 158
Designer	\$ 105	\$ 168
Senior CADD Designer	\$ 110	\$ 173
CADD Designer	\$ 105	\$ 168
Senior CADD Technician	\$ 85	\$ 142
CADD Technician	\$ 80	\$ 126
Systems Analyst	\$ 160	\$ 252
Senior GIS Analyst or Senior GIS Programmer	\$ 120	\$ 194
GIS Analyst or Programmer	\$ 90	\$ 147
Senior GIS Technician	\$ 80	\$ 126
GIS Technician	\$ 70	\$ 116
Senior Database Administrator	\$ 150	\$ 236
Database Administrator	\$ 130	\$ 205
Environmental Data Analyst	\$ 85	\$ 131
Senior Field Technician Environmental	\$ 90	\$ 147
Field Technician Environmental	\$ 85	\$ 131
Senior Construction Administrator	\$ 145	\$ 231
Construction Administrator	\$ 130	\$ 205
Senior Field Representative Construction	\$ 105	\$ 168
Field Representative Construction	\$ 85	\$ 142
Construction Project Coordinator	\$ 70	\$ 116
Senior Administrative Assistant	\$ 90	\$ 147
Administrative Assistant	\$ 70	\$ 116
Senior Technical Editor	\$ 125	\$ 200

Travel – Company Vehicle – \$0.65/mile plus 10%

Travel – Personal Vehicle – IRS Standard Mileage Rate plus 10%

Subconsultants – Cost plus 10%

Rates Effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025



**Professional Services Agreement
Between Union County and Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc.**

**Work Order No. 3
Extended Long-Term-Care Monitoring Services
Fiscal Year 2026**

This Work Order, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2025, by mutual agreement of the parties hereto, is made a part of the Professional Service Agreement dated _____, 2025 by and between Union County (County) and Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc. [Jones Edmunds] (Consultant), and by being made a part of said Agreement is therefore subject to the conditions and considerations contained therein, unless otherwise provided herein.

This Work Order consists of providing professional services for the project described in the attached Scope of Services. The maximum compensation authorized by this Work Order No. 3 is \$28,000 in accordance with Attachment A.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have accepted, made, and executed this Work Order upon the terms and conditions stated herein on the day and year first above written.

COUNTY:
UNION COUNTY

CONSULTANT:
JONES EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: _____

By: Stanley F. Ferreira, Jr.
Stanley F. Ferreira, Jr. (Aug 11, 2025 10:40:04 EDT)

Name: _____

Name: Stanley F. Ferreira, Jr. - PE

Title: _____

Title: President & CEO

Date: _____

Date: Aug 11, 2025

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UNION COUNTY CENTRAL LANDFILL
EXTENDED LONG-TERM-CARE
MONITORING SERVICES – FISCAL YEAR 2026
WORK ORDER NO. 3
WORKSCOPE

OVERVIEW

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) issued a renewal permit to Union County on October 10, 2022, requiring extended long-term-care water quality monitoring at the Union County Central Landfill.

Jones Edmunds will provide extended long-term-care water quality monitoring services for the landfill from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. Services are related to the requirements of FDEP Permit Modification No. 126285-008-SF/MM (Date of Modification: November 4, 2022).

1 LANDFILL MONITORING AND REPORTING

Jones Edmunds will provide the following monitoring services for two semiannual landfill groundwater monitoring events, beginning October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

1.1 FIELD SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

Jones Edmunds will collect samples from the following groundwater monitoring wells and surface water stations semiannually (every 6 months). Field sampling will be conducted in accordance with FDEP Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities (FDEP-SOP-001/01).

The following stations will be sampled:

Monitoring Wells:	MW-1	MW-15
	MW-2	MW-17
	MW-4	MW-18
	MW-6	MW-19
	MW-7	MW-20
	MW-9	MW-21
	MW-14	MW-22
	PZ-3	PZ-4
Surface Water:	NE Wetland	S Wetland

Jones Edmunds will also measure depth-to-water in a continuous round from all wells before sampling. This information will be used for the groundwater contour maps.

1.2 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Jones Edmunds will prepare a report of field-collected groundwater and surface water monitoring data and laboratory analyses and submit the report to the County and FDEP no later than the FDEP-permitted deadline.

The groundwater monitoring reports will be produced as required by FDEP and will generally include the following information:

- 1) Cover letter
- 2) Summary of exceedances and recommendations
- 3) Groundwater contour map
- 4) Chain-of-Custody forms
- 5) Groundwater elevation table
- 6) FDEP Groundwater Monitoring Report Form
- 7) Field sampling data forms
- 8) Laboratory and Field Electronic Data Deliverables
- 9) ADaPT submittals
- 10) Other applicable requirements of Chapter 62-701.510(8)(a) FAC

The report will be signed and sealed by a qualified Groundwater Professional (Professional Geologist or Professional Engineer) and submitted to FDEP.

If groundwater monitoring results are out of compliance with Florida groundwater standards and historical data, the County will be notified as soon as practical and FDEP will be notified within 72 hours. Resampling will generally be done within 14 days of receipt of final laboratory analysis if needed.

1.3 SCHEDULE

- Event 1: Second Semiannual 2025 Field Sampling Deadline October 30, 2025
- Event 2: First Semiannual 2026 Field Sampling Deadline April 30, 2026

Reports are due to FDEP within 60 days of receiving the completed laboratory analytical reports.

2 LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Jones Edmunds will provide laboratory analytical services through a subcontract laboratory. Landfill groundwater and surface water monitoring laboratory requirements will be as referenced below. Services for two semiannual landfill sampling events are included.

2.1 LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Laboratory analyses of groundwater and surface water samples will be conducted in accordance with FDEP Standard Operating Procedures for Laboratory Operations. The groundwater and surface water sampling parameters listed below will be analyzed for the monitoring events:

Water-Quality Monitoring Network

Monitoring Well - Piezometer	Designation	Aquifer	Frequency
Sampled Wells			
Compliance Wells			
PZ-3	Compliance	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-9	Compliance	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-15	Compliance	Surficial	Semiannually
Assessment Wells			
PZ-4	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-1	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-2	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-4	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-6	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-7	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-14	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-17	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-18	Assessment	Intermediate	Annually
MW-19	Assessment	Intermediate	Annually
MW-20	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-21	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-22	Assessment	Surficial	Semiannually
Water-Level Only			
MW-5	Piezometer	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-13	Piezometer	Surficial	Semiannually
MW-16	Piezometer	Surficial	Semiannually
Surface Water			
NE Wetland	-	Surface Water	Semiannually
S Wetland	-	Surface Water	Semiannually

Field Parameters	Ammonia-N	Chloride	Total Dissolved Solids	Arsenic	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Manganese	EPA 602 - Benzene	Water Level
S	S	S	S	S	-	-	S	S	S	S
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S = Semiannual Sampling

A = Annual Sampling

Annual sampling occurs during First Semiannual sampling event of each year by April 30th.

Quality Assurance samples will consist of an appropriate number of equipment blanks and trip blanks for this project.

3 CONTINGENCY

Contingency items include:

1. Resampling may be necessary to verify analytical results from the sampling events.
2. Responses to FDEP on items related to this Work Order No. 3.
3. For this Work Order No. 3, the Contingency Funds shall be available for all aspects of this project or other landfill-monitoring related needs.

EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS

All items included in this Work Order are specifically listed in this document and any other work that may be required is not included in this Work Order. The following are specific exclusions to and conditions of this Work Order:

- If monitoring, FDEP reporting, permit, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs, or Chapter 62-701, Florida Administrative Code (FAC) requirements change from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, the work scope and cost estimate may be adjusted accordingly.
- This Work Order does not include any costs associated with permit modification, permit renewal, or Technical Reports as may be required by FDEP.
- Additional contamination assessments, corrective actions, other investigations, other documentation, or other research that may be required by FDEP are not included in this Work Order.
- This Work Order does not include repairing or replacing any landfill groundwater monitoring wells or any other services related to repairing, replacing, or abandoning monitoring devices.
- Contingency item costs that exceed the fee listed in Task 3 of Attachment A are excluded.

**UNION COUNTY CENTRAL LANDFILL
EXTENDED LONG-TERM-CARE
MONITORING SERVICES – FISCAL YEAR 2026
WORK ORDER NO. 3**

FEE ESTIMATE

The following is attached:

- Summary of Estimated Fee – October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 -
"Attachment A"

COMPENSATION AND INVOICING

The "Total Estimated Fee" amount shall be available for all tasks under the Workscope of this project. Individual line-item costs are estimates only, and project invoicing shall be compared to the "Total Estimated Fee" and not individual line-item cost estimates. Compensation shall be on a time-and-materials basis in accordance with the Professional Services Agreement.

Attachment A

UNION COUNTY CENTRAL LANDFILL EXTENDED LONG-TERM-CARE MONITORING SERVICES - FISCAL YEAR 2026

Summary of Estimated Fee

WORK ORDER NO. 3

Task	Unit Fee	Quantity	Total Estimated Fee
1 Landfill Monitoring and Reporting	\$ 11,000.00	2	\$ 22,000.00
2 Laboratory Analytical Requirements	\$ 2,200.00	1	\$ 2,200.00
	\$ 2,500.00	1	\$ 2,500.00
3 Contingency	\$ 1,300.00	1	\$ 1,300.00
Total Estimated Fee - Fiscal Year 2026			\$ 28,000.00

Signature: Elizabeth Kennelley
Elizabeth Kennelley (Aug 11, 2025 10:09:29 EDT)

Email: ekennelley@jonesedmunds.com

ORDINANCE 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEXUAL PREDATORS OR SEXUAL OFFENDERS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND INTENT, DEFINITIONS; PREVENTING SEXUAL PREDATORS OR SEXUAL OFFENDERS FROM RESIDING OR TRAVELING WITHIN 2500 FEET OF SCHOOLS, DAYCARE CENTERS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS OR SCHOOL BUS STOPS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS, REQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO AFFORD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN PRESENCE IN A PROHIBITED AREA; PROVIDING FOR MEASUREMENT OF CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING DECLARATION BY SEXUAL PREDATORS OR OFFENDERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION ; PROVIDING FOR MAPS OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BUS STOPS, DAYCARE CENTERS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS ; PROHIBITING PROPERTY OWNERS FROM RENTING TO SEXUAL PREDATORS OR SEXUAL OFFENDERS A PROPERTY THAT LIES WITHIN 2500 FEET OF A SCHOOL, DAYCARE CENTER, PARK, PLAYGROUND OR SCHOOL BUS STOP; CREATING REBUTABLE PRESUMPTION OF KNOWLEDGE FOR COUNTYWIDE APPLICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Union County desires to establish a policy which provides the maximum protection for the lives and people in Union County, Florida, and affords them a safer place to live and play, especially its small children; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Union County is concerned about the numerous recent occurrences in our state and elsewhere, when convicted sexual predators and sexual offenders have been released from custody and repeat the unlawful acts or similar acts for which they had originally been convicted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Union County finds from available evidence that the recidivism rate for released sexual predators and sexual offenders is alarmingly high, especially for those who commit crimes upon children; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found and determined that sexual predators and sexual offenders present an extreme threat to the public safety; are likely to use physical violence and to repeat their offenses; commit many offenses and have many

more victims than are ever actually reported, and are prosecuted for only a fraction of their crimes (See F.S. 775.21 (3)(a)); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found and determined the protection of the public from sexual predators and or sexual offenders, particularly those who have committed offenses against minors, is a paramount governmental interest (See F.S. 944.606(2)); and

WHEREAS, Florida law prohibits sexual predators and sexual offenders from residing within 1000 feet of any school, day care center, park, playground, or designated school bus stop (See F.S. Sec. 794.065 and 947.1405); and

WHEREAS, Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1877 which is commonly referred to as the "Jessica Lundsford Act", which was approved by Governor Jeb Bush on May 2, 2006, and has been codified as Chapter 2005-08 Laws of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the "Jessica Lundsford Act" likely increased the number of sex offenders who will be designated sexual predators and will require electric monitoring of certain sex offenders and will otherwise strengthen the State's efforts to control the cancer of child sexual victimization; and

WHEREAS, Section 847.0134, Florida Statutes, provides that certain adult entertainment venues may not be located within 2500 feet of the real property that comprises a public or private elementary school, public or private middle school or a public or private secondary/high school; and

WHEREAS, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit issued an opinion in the case of *Doe v. Miller*, 2005 WL 991635 (8th Circuit 2005) which upheld similar residency restrictions, and found the restrictions to be constitutional; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement provides a data base containing public record information showing as classified sexual predators and or sexual offenders under Florida law because of a conviction for a sex-related crime and/or specific crime against children which information is made available to interested citizens to help them educate themselves about the possible presence of such sexual predators and or sexual offenders in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, schools, daycare centers, public parks, playgrounds (such as mini parks and recreational open spaces), school bus stops, libraries and churches are places within Union County where children are frequently and regularly located and/or involved in activities and to which children walk thereby passing the residences of persons who may target the children for criminal purposes/activities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to exclude sexual predators and sexual offenders from the areas surrounding schools, daycare centers, parks, playgrounds, school bus stops and other places where children regularly congregate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Union County finds and concludes that the county is not prohibited from acting on the subject matter of this ordinance, that the Legislature of the State of Florida may act upon the subject matter of this ordinance, and that the provisions of this ordinance are not preempted by and are consistent with the State's law; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is enacted under the general home rule and police powers of the County and not a zoning matter or a land development regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that creating this ordinance entitled "Sexual Predators and or Sexual Offenders", is in the best interests of the citizens of Union County, Florida, and this article shall be referred to as the "Union County Sexual Predator and or Sexual Offender Ordinance" along with its subsections;

Section 1. **LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS**

The above recitals represent the legislative findings of the Board supporting the need for this ordinance.

Sub- Section A. **DEFINITIONS**

"Daycare center" -Any family or child care facility licensed by the State of Florida pursuant to Chapter 402 F.S. For purposes of this code, a daycare center includes the parking lot, curtilage, yards, landscaped areas, playgrounds, accessory buildings and all outdoor areas of the facility. It is the intent to include all areas reasonably included in and around or part of the facility.

"Park"- A publicly owned or operated area used or available for the public's use as a recreational facility, including by way of example and not limitation, linear parks and the state, county, and municipal recreational trails systems.

"Playground"- An established or dedicated outdoor area for recreation and play, including by way of example and not limitation, soccer fields, baseball and softball fields, football

fields, and locations with outdoor equipment, such as by way of example and not limitation, swing sets, climbing apparatus and slides. It is the intent to include all areas reasonably included in and around or part of the facility.

"School"- Any public or private as defined in F.S. 1000.04(1) and 1002.01(2004), excluding facilities dedicated exclusively to the education of adults.

"School Bus Stop"- Any public school bus stop as defined by the Union County School Bus garage and its map (see attached). This map is subject to change at any time.

"Sexual predator"-As defined in F.S. 775.21

"Sexual offender"-As defined in F.S. 944.606(1). For the purposes of this ordinance, a sexual offender is a person whose victim was, at the time of the offense, less than 16 (sixteen) years of age.

Section 2. FINDINGS AND INTENT

- (a) Repeat sexual offenders, and sexual offenders who are sexual predators who use physical violence, and sexual offenders who prey on children are sexual predators who present an extreme threat to the public's safety. Sexual predators or sexual offenders are likely to use physical violence and to repeat their offenses, and most sexual offenders commit many offenses, have many more victims that are ever reported, and prosecuted for a fraction of their crimes. This makes the cost of sexual predator or sexual offender victimization to society at large, while incalculable, clearly exorbitant.
- (b) It is the intent of the ordinance to serve Union County's compelling interest to promote, protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the county by creating areas around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers wherein certain sexual offenders and sexual predators are prohibited from establishing temporary or permanent residence.

Sub-Section A. DEFINITIONS

- (a) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this article, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

"Permanent residence" means any place/address where the person abides, lodges or resides for a period of 14 (fourteen) or more days.

"Temporary residence" means any place where the person abides, lodges or resides for a period of 14 (fourteen) days in the aggregate during any calendar year and which is not the person's permanent address, or any place where the person

routinely abides, lodges or resides for a period of 4 or more consecutive or nonconsecutive days in any month and which is not the person's permanent residence.

"Property owner", means the registered owner of the property, and for purposes of this ordinance, shall include and person, business or corporation with authority to sublet, lease or rent the premises.

**Section 3. SEXUAL PREDATOR AND SEXUAL OFFENDER RESIDENCE PROHIBITIONS;
PENALTIES; EXCEPTIONS**

- (a) It is unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a violation of Sections 794.011, 800.04, 827.071, or 847.0145, Florida Statutes, regardless of whether adjudication has been withheld, or any equivalent violation in the United States or any foreign nation, in which the victim of the offense was less than 16 years of age, to establish a permanent or temporary residence within 2500 feet of any school, daycare center, park, playground, school bus stop or other place where children regularly congregate.
- (b) For purposes of determining the minimum distance separation, the requirement shall be measured by following a straight line from the outer property line of the permanent residence/address or temporary residence/address to the nearest outer property line of a school, daycare center, park, playground, school bus stop or other place where children regularly congregate.
- (c) Penalties, a person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 60 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- (d) Exceptions, an offender residing within 2500 feet of any school, daycare center, park, playground, school bus stop, or any other place where children congregate regularly does not commit a violation of this section if any of the following apply:
 - 1. The person established the permanent residence prior to effective date of this ordinance.
 - 2. The school or daycare center within 2500 feet of the person's permanent residence was opened after the person established the permanent residence.
 - 3. The person was a minor when the requisite offense was committed and was not convicted as an adult.
 - 4. The person is a minor.

Any person who qualifies for an exception pursuant to sections (d)(1) or (d)(2) above becomes fully subject to this ordinance upon any changes of address.

Section 4. PROPERTY OWNERS PROHIBITED FROM RENTING REAL PROPERTY TO SEXUAL PREDATORS OR CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS; PENALTIES

- (a) It is unlawful to sublet, rent any place, structure, or part thereof, trailer, apartment, house or other conveyance (i.e., travel trailer, shed, tiny home), with the knowledge that it will be used as a permanent residence or temporary residence by any person prohibited from establishing such permanent residence or temporary residence pursuant to this ordinance, if such place, structure, or part thereof, trailer, apartment, house or other conveyance (i.e., travel trailer, shed, tiny home), is located within 2500 feet of any school, daycare center, park, playground, school bus stop, or other place where children regularly congregate.
- (b) A property owner's failure to comply with provisions of this section shall constitute a violation of this section and shall subject the property owner to the code enforcement provisions and procedures of the Union County Ordinances that allow the county seek relief as otherwise provided by law.

Section 5. SEXUAL OFFENDER NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITIES; FAILURE TO EXECUTE; PENALTIES

- (a) A sexual offender or sexual predator who resides in Union County, Florida shall, upon presentment by a law enforcement officer, sign an acknowledgement that he or she has received and understands the responsibilities of a sexual offender and sexual predator as those responsibilities are stated on the form. Refusal to sign the acknowledgement shall be a violation of this section and shall subject the violator to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 60 days or by such fine and imprisonment.
- (b) During times of natural disasters or acts of terrorism, sexual offenders and sexual predators shall immediately identify themselves as a sexual offender or sexual predator, as the case may be, to the official in charge of any public shelter where they seek refuge.
- (c) A current/valid photo identification card, a Florida Statute requirement, will be required and presented at the shelter to the official in charge.

Section 6. RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OF SEXUAL PREDATORS AND SEXUAL OFFENDERS; EXCEPTIONS

- (a) No sexual predator nor sexual offender shall travel through nor remain within the 2500-foot buffer zone surrounding any school, daycare center, park, playground, or school bus stop except to:

1. Attend a scheduled meeting with an attorney who is recognized as a licensed member of the Bar of the State of Florida.
2. Attend a scheduled interview with a social service provider licensed by the State of Florida.
3. Attend a bona fide educational institution as a registered student.
4. Attend to medical or healthcare needs with a licensed physician.
5. Attend to familial or parental obligations.
6. Be gainfully employed or as part of duties imposed by gainful employment.
7. Seek refuge during times of impending natural disasters or acts of terrorism, if such schools have been designated by Union County or the State of Florida as a place of refuge.

A law enforcement officer shall, prior to an arrest for an offense under this section, afford the offender an opportunity to explain his or her presence in that area and the purpose thereof.

Section 7. DIRECTIONS TO CODIFIER

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida that this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Union County Code of Ordinances, and that the sections/sub-sections and paragraphs of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered in order to accomplish such intentions.

Section 8. SEVERABILITY

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid or void, such holding or invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, and the unconstitutional, invalid or void provisions shall be deemed to have been here from, and the remainder of this ordinance, after the execution of such part or parts, shall be deemed to be valid, as is such part or parts has not been included herein. If this ordinance or any provisions hereof shall be held inapplicable to any person, group of persons, property, or kind of property, circumstances, or set of circumstances, such holdings shall not affect the application hereof to any person, property, or circumstances.

Section 8. CONFLICT

Wherever the requirements or provisions of this ordinance are in conflict with the requirements or provision of any lawful adopted ordinance or statute, the most restrictive requirements will apply.

Section 9. REPEALER

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 10. SCRIVENERS' \$ ERRORS

This ordinance can be numbers or re-lettered and typographical errors that do not affect the intent of this ordinance can be corrected with the authorization of the Chairman, or his designee, without the need for a public hearing.

Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting, by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida in regular session, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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BY: _____

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

CLERK AND COMPTROLLER



Union County Public Library

250 SE 5th Avenue Lake Butler, FL 32054
Phone 386-496-3432

Library Director Report – July 2025

July 1& 22 – Senior Social Club kicked things off with a hurricane safety presentation from the American Red Cross. Later in the month, we balanced things out with a sweet escape to 21 Main Yogurt Place.

July 3,4,5 – The library was closed for the Independence Day Holiday.

July 8 – Tennille shared her creativity with the adults during our annual summer paint event.



July 10, 17, 24 – We ended our summer programs with fun games, Dadician, and End of Summer Water Party! Huge thanks to all the agencies and volunteers who made it a success: UC Fire and EMS, UC Sheriff's Office, UC Supervisor of Elections, UC Extension Office, UF New World Reading, UC Health Dept, Lake Butler Hospital, Florida Forest Service, Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center, New River Cooperative, UC Friends and Junior Friends of the Library.



July 11 – The library closed for a few hours so staff could attend the county-hosted employee luncheon.

July 18 – The Junior Friends of the Library hosted a Teen Game Night.



July 29- I attended the budget workshop.

UC PUBLIC LIBRARY Jul-25	FY25
ATTENDANCE	2218
REGISTRATION	8335
E-BOOKS CIRCULATION	414 2844
COMPUTER USE	382
REFERENCE	1059
NUMBER OF MATERIALS	40,830
DAYS OPEN	24
PROGRAMS	
CHILD ON-SITE	2/420
CHILD OFF-SITE	1/105
AFTER SCHOOL	
YA ON-SITE	1/20
YA OFF-SITE	
ADULT OFF-SITE	2/118
ADULT ON-SITE	2/47
VOLUNTEER HOURS	120
AVE. ATTEND PER DAY	92
AVE. CIRC PER DAY	136



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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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BRENT ALLEN
DIRECTOR

Total Call Report for July 2025

Total 911 Calls: 204
Total Transports: 141
Total Non-Transports: 63
Total DOC Calls: 23
Total LBH Calls: 23
Average Calls Per Day: 7

Total Times UCEMS Requested Mutual Aid: 9

Total Times UCEMS was Requested for Mutual Aid: 3

Total Fire Call Report for July 2025

Traffic Crash – 13
Cardiac – 3
Power Line Down – 1
Person Calling for Help – 1
Vehicle Fire – 2
Fire Unauth Burn – 1
General Illness – 1
Brush Fire – 2
Smoke Invest – 1
Breathing Difficulty – 1
Structure Fire – 1
Fire Alarm - 1

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AUGUST 2025 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT



July Highlights

- ✓ The 4-H agent presented on youth entrepreneur programming at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents conference in Billings, Montana on July 1, 2025.
- ✓ The final summer day camp was held on July 7-9. Swamp to Sea was a camp where youth learned about ecosystems from the Okefenokee Swamp to the Gulf.
- ✓ Union County 4-H joined the library for their end-of-summer program on July 24.
- ✓ 4-H had 2 high school members compete in the state public speaking competition at 4-H University on July 28.
- ✓ Five of our 4-H members attended 4-H University which is a week-long leadership conference held at the University of Florida.
- ✓ The Ag/Extension auditorium was used on 7 occasions in July: Sen. Ashley Moody, Union County Employee Lunch, two UCLA meetings, a Beekeepers Mtg., a multi-county EMS Training, and one UF Admin Mtg.

Union County Extension Event Calendar

JULY 2025 CONTACTS	4-H	SECRETARY	AG/ HORT	ADMIN	TOTALS
Office Visits	41	43	18	11	113
Phone/Texts	32	24	39	18	113
Emails	87	6	21	33	147
Field & Farm Consults (3)			5	12	17
Educational Program	153		8		161
Social Media Post Reach	2,559		453		3,012
TOTAL	2,872	75	544	74	3,563
Educational Works Created	8				8
Education Programs Held	2		1		3
Meetings Attended	2		1	7	10

Union County Beekeepers, 8/19, 7 PM
 Farm Bureau Speech Contest, 9/2, 6 PM.
 Master Gardener Class Starts, 9/10
 Fall Vegetable Gardening 1, Promised Land
 Ministries, 9/13, 9 to 11 AM
 Union County Beekeepers, 9/16 7 PM
 Fall Vegetable Gardening 2, Promised Land
 Ministries, 10/4, 9 to 11 AM

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