

Memorandum



(Public Hearing 1-10-08)

Date: December 4, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager 

Subject: Country Gardens Multipurpose Maintenance
Special Taxing District

Agenda Item No. 5 (E)

O#08-04

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approve a petition submitted in accordance with Article 1, Chapter 18 of the Code, for creation of the Country Gardens Multipurpose Maintenance Special Taxing District. The creation of this District is pursuant to Public Works Department policy. The multipurpose maintenance program will remain dormant until such time as any Homeowners Association or Community Development District (CDD) fails to provide the required maintenance services.

Scope

This proposed special taxing district lies within Commission District Nine (9) and will provide multipurpose maintenance services, if and when necessary.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Creation of this District will result in no economic impact on the County's budget. Maintenance services which cannot be equitably or conveniently provided by the property owners shall be provided by the District upon acceptance of the plat required improvements by Miami-Dade County and upon the failure of any Homeowners Association or CDD to provide the required maintenance services. Such services will be funded by special assessments against benefited property.

The economic impact on the private sector will be a perpetual annual special assessment for the cost of maintenance services to all property owners within the District, if and when necessary.

At this time there will be no increase or decrease in County staffing due to this District. The private sector may increase its staffing levels to provide the service requirements created by this special taxing district.

Track Record/Monitoring

In the event any Homeowners Association or CDD fails to provide maintenance services, the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation and Public Works Departments will provide the District's required maintenance services and cause implementation of special assessments for the costs of such services against benefited property, as well as contract monitoring, compliance and enforcement.

Background

Boundaries:	On the North, theo. NE 21 st Terrace and NE 21 st Street (theo. SW 301 st Street and theo. SW 302 nd Street); On the East, SW 137 th Avenue; On the South, theo. NE 19 th Terrace (theo. SW 303 rd Street); On the West, Canal C-103 right-of-way. (Miami-Dade County Street numbering shown in parentheses).
Number of Parcels:	3 (Tentative plat proposes 100 single-family lots).
Number of Owners:	1
Number of Owners With Homestead Exemption Signing Petition:	None - The petition was submitted by Country Gardens, LLC., the sole property owner and developer.
Preliminary Public Meeting:	None necessary.
Required Referendum:	The creation of this District will be subject only to BCC approval; no election will be necessary as 100 percent of the owners signed the petition.
Preliminary Assessment Roll:	In the event any Homeowners Association or CDD fails to provide the maintenance services below, and contingent upon BCC approval of this District's creation ordinance, a hearing to adopt the multipurpose maintenance assessment roll will be conducted. The implementation of the assessment roll will be in accordance with the procedures defined in Chapter 18 of the Code.

Proposed Service and Improvements

Multipurpose Maintenance Services:

The creation of this District is requested to maintain the landscaped areas, swales, entrance features, common areas (Tracts A, A1, B and C) and the ingress/egress (Tract D) within the District boundaries should any Homeowners Association or CDD fail to provide these services. Failure to provide maintenance within the private road area is defined in a non-exclusive easement granted to Miami-Dade County and recorded in the Public Records.

Estimated Initial Billing:

Assessment billed annually as an itemized portion of the annual tax bill.

INITIAL START OF SERVICE

Multipurpose Maintenance Services: October 1st following cessation of maintenance services by the developer and failure of any Homeowners Association or CDD to provide services.

METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

Maintenance Services:	Square Footage	
<u>ESTIMATED ANNUAL TOTAL COST</u>	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Maintenance Services:	\$46,365	\$36,445
<u>ESTIMATED ANNUAL RATES</u>	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Maintenance Services:	\$0.0598	\$0.0470
<u>ESTIMATED ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS</u>	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Maintenance Services:		
For A Typical Interior Single-family Lot:	\$458	\$360
For A Typical Corner Single-family Lot:	\$508	\$399

The annual assessments shown above are representative of costs for typical single-family lots within this District

State or Federal grants are not applicable to this special taxing district.

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Each special taxing district is unique due to its geographical boundaries, affected property owners, and level of services to be provided. Creation of a new special taxing district to provide these services is the best and most cost-effective method to achieve this benefit.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 18-3 (c) of the Code, I have reviewed the facts submitted by the Public Works Director and concur with her recommendation that this District be created pursuant to Section 18-22.1 of the Code.


Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 10, 2008

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(E)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

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Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

Override _____

ORDINANCE NO. 08-04

ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS COUNTRY GARDENS MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Amendment to the Florida Constitution (Article VIII, Section 6) grants to the electors of Miami-Dade County power to adopt a home rule charter of government for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and provides that such charter may provide a method for establishing special taxing districts and other governmental units in Miami-Dade County from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter adopted by the electors of Miami-Dade County on May 21, 1957, provides that the Board of County Commissioners, as the legislative and the governing body of Miami-Dade County, shall have the power to establish special purpose districts within which may be provided essential facilities and services, including landscape improvement and maintenance programs, and that all funds for such districts shall be provided by service charges, special assessments, or general tax levies within such districts only, and that the County Commission shall be the governing body of all such districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such provisions of the Florida Constitution and the Home Rule Charter, the Board of County Commissioners duly enacted Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, providing for the creation and establishment of special taxing districts and prescribing the procedures therefor; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a petition for the creation of a special taxing district to be known as the COUNTRY GARDENS MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT duly signed by 100% of the owners (developer/petitioner) of property within the proposed district, was filed with the Clerk of the County Commission. Such petition prayed for the creation and establishment of a special taxing district for the purpose of providing maintenance of the swales, entrance features, landscaped areas and common areas located within the public domain to be financed solely by means of special assessments levied and collected within the area therein and hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of such petition the Clerk of the County Commission transmitted a copy thereof to the County Manager who examined it and filed a written report with the Clerk certifying that such petition was sufficient in form and substance and signed and properly presented in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, after making appropriate investigations, surveys, plans and specifications, compiled and filed with the Board of County Commissioners his written report and recommendations setting forth the boundaries of the proposed special taxing district, the location, nature and character of the maintenance programs to be provided within the proposed district, an estimate of the cost of maintaining and operating such improvements and/or services, his certification that the proposed district improvements and/or services conform to the master plan of development for the County, and setting forth his recommendations concerning the need for and desirability of the requested district, the ability of the affected property to bear special assessments to fund the cost of maintaining and operating such improvements and/or services, and an estimate of the amount to be assessed against each square foot of the benefited property within the proposed district, and expressing his opinion that the property to be specially assessed will be benefited in excess of the special assessments to be levied, and the County Manager attached to such report and recommendations a map or sketch showing the boundaries

and location of the proposed district. Such "Report and Recommendations" of the County Manager was filed with the Clerk and transmitted to the Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the Board of County Commissioners from such report of the County Manager and other investigations that the district petitioned for would be of special benefit to all property within the proposed boundaries and that the total amount of the special assessments to be levied would not be in excess of such special benefit; the Clerk of the Board certified the place, date and hour for a public hearing on the petition of the owner/developer/petitioner and the report and recommendations of the County Manager -- said hearing was held on **Thursday, January 10, 2008** . Copies of the public notice were duly published in a newspaper of general circulation published in Miami-Dade County, Florida, and copies thereof were posted in not less than five (5) public places within the proposed district, and copies thereof were mailed to all owners of taxable real property within the boundaries of the proposed district as their names and addresses appear on the latest Miami-Dade County Real Property Tax Roll; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said notice, the Board of County Commissioners on **Thursday, January 10, 2008** , held a public hearing, at which all interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present their objections, if any, to the creation and establishment of the proposed special taxing district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, upon review and consideration of the report and recommendations of the County Manager and the views expressed by the property owners within the proposed special taxing district, has determined to create and establish such special taxing district in accordance with the report and recommendations of the County Manager, and the provisions of Chapter 18 of the Miami-Dade County Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a special taxing district to be known and designated as the COUNTRY GARDENS MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT is hereby created and established in the unincorporated area of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Section 2. The area or boundaries of this proposed special taxing district are as follows:

A portion of Section 10, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, Miami-Dade County, Florida; being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4; thence N 00° 58' 15" W for 243.04 feet; thence S 89° 29' 42" W for 55.00 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence S 89° 29' 42" W for 1,275.61 feet; thence N 01° 17' 30" W for 745.12 feet; thence N 89° 27' 26" E for 880.79 feet; thence S 00° 58' 15" E for 346.52 feet; thence N 89° 28' 04" E for 399.01 feet; thence S 00° 58' 15" E for 399.19 to the Point-of-Beginning (a.k.a. Country Gardens, Tentative Plat #T-22723).

The area and location of this proposed special taxing district are shown on the map or sketch which is made a part hereof by reference.

Section 3. The service to be provided within this proposed special taxing district will initially consist of the following:

Maintain the landscaped areas, swales, entrance features, common areas (Tracts A, A1, B and C) and the ingress/egress (Tract D) within the District boundaries should any Homeowners Association or CDD fail to provide these services. Failure to provide maintenance within the private road area is defined in a non-exclusive easement granted to Miami-Dade County and recorded in the Public Records.

Section 4. The estimated cost to the property owners for the maintenance and operation of the district's improvements and/or services including engineering, administration, billing, collecting and processing for the first year is \$46,365, and \$36,445 for the second year. It is estimated that the cost per assessable square foot of real property within the proposed district is \$0.0598 for the first year, and \$0.0470 for the second year. The second and succeeding years' assessments will be adjusted from actual experience.

Section 5. It is hereby declared that said improvements and/or services will be a special benefit to all property within the proposed special taxing district and the total amount of special assessments to be levied as aforesaid will not be in excess of such special benefit.

Section 6. Miami-Dade County, as administrator of this district's maintenance program, is directed to provide service by the most effective and efficient means available on a yearly basis, as detailed in the County Manager's report which is made a part hereof by reference. If there is a proposed significant change to the level of services to be provided, the Park and Recreation Department shall conduct a meeting in the community, inviting all affected district property owners for the purpose of reviewing the district's budget and level of services.

Section 7. The County Manager is authorized and directed to cause to be made the maintenance and operation of various public improvements to be installed within the district in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. However, multipurpose maintenance services will be provided by the taxing district in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance only if a Homeowners Association and, if applicable, a community development district, have failed to provide these maintenance services and the County has adopted this district's multipurpose maintenance assessment roll.

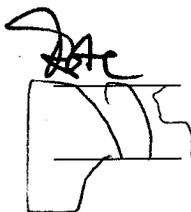
Section 8. The County Manager is further directed to cause to be prepared and filed with the Clerk of the County Commission a Preliminary Assessment Roll in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-14 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. As authorized by Section 197.363, Florida Statutes, all special assessments levied and imposed under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be collected, subject to the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes. In accordance with utilization of the ad valorem tax collection method, if such special assessments are unpaid, when due, the potential for loss of title to the property exists.

Section 9. A duly certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and recorded in the appropriate book of records.

Section 10. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its enactment, unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: **January 10, 2008**

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:



Prepared by:

James K. Kracht

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
CREATION OF COUNTRY GARDENS MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE
SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Code, and as a result of a detailed investigation of a duly petitioned for special taxing district, the following facts are hereby submitted concerning the creation of Country Gardens Multipurpose Maintenance Special Taxing District.

1. BOUNDARIES OF THIS DISTRICT

The proposed district is located entirely within the municipal limits of the City of Homestead, Florida. Pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Code, Miami-Dade County has received approval from the City of Homestead to create this special district per Resolution No. R-2005-04-58, a copy of which is attached, and the boundaries, as set forth in the petition, are as follows:

A portion of Section 10, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, Miami-Dade County, Florida; being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼; thence N 00° 58' 15" W for 243.04 feet; thence S 89° 29' 42" W for 55.00 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence S 89° 29' 42" W for 1,275.61 feet; thence N 01° 17' 30" W for 745.12 feet; thence N 89° 27' 26" E for 880.79 feet; thence S 00° 58' 15" E for 346.52 feet; thence N 89° 28' 04" E for 399.01 feet; thence S 00° 58' 15" E for 399.19 to the Point-of-Beginning (a.k.a. Country Gardens, Tentative Plat #T-22723).

The boundaries are shown on the attached plan entitled Country Gardens Multipurpose Maintenance Special Taxing District and hereinafter referred to as Exhibit A.

2. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT

The creation of this District is requested to provide the services specified below regarding maintenance of the landscaped areas, swales, entrance features, common areas (Tracts A, A1, B and C) and the ingress/egress (Tract D). Service will commence following failure of any Homeowners Association or Community Development District (CDD) to provide these services. Miami-Dade County may activate the District by adoption of the District's assessment roll at a subsequent public hearing.

3. ESTIMATED COST FOR THIS DISTRICT

The proposed District is to be created to provide maintenance only in the event that any Homeowners Association or CDD fails to provide the services as described in Item 2 above. Following

commencement of services by the District, any increase in future maintenance functions may be recommended by a majority of the property owners for consideration by Miami-Dade County as administrator. The deletion of services is subject to maintaining a minimum level of services as determined by the Miami-Dade County Public Works Department.

The County may elect, due to the location and type of maintenance required, to provide landscape maintenance services utilizing an open contract for swale maintenance when significant service cost savings can be realized.

A cost estimate developed by the Public Works Department, based on estimates previously provided by the Park and Recreation Department for similar maintenance taxing districts, indicates the annual cost for the initial maintenance program to be \$30,050 for the first and second years. In addition to that cost, it will be necessary for the County to recover the administrative, processing, billing, and advertising costs incurred in establishing and maintaining the District as provided by Chapter 18 of the Code, as well as provide for contingency and discount costs. This cost is estimated to be \$16,315 the first year and \$6,395 the second year. An annual meeting will be conducted with the owners of real property within the District as an integral part of the annual budget process. This will enable Miami-Dade County, as administrator, to secure suggestions from affected community representatives or association to improve delivery and lower costs of the services provided within the scope of the District's authorized functions as specified in Item 2 above, and to determine the following:

1. Level of service;
2. Areas to be maintained;
3. Approximate effect on cost and rate of assessment for any changes.

Miami-Dade County shall determine the minimum service level (property owners may not delete maintenance altogether).

ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Initial Annual Maintenance	\$30,050	\$30,050
Administrative, Processing, Billing and Advertising Costs	10,265	4,660
Contingency/Discount	<u>6,050</u>	<u>1,735</u>
Total Estimated Cost to District	\$46,365	\$36,445

The above costs are estimated and will be adjusted annually based on actual experience.

4. CONFORMITY TO THE MASTER PLAN OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

The proposed District conforms to and in no way conflicts with the Comprehensive Development Master Plan of Miami-Dade County (see attached memorandum from the Department of Planning and Zoning).

5. RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE DESIRABILITY OF THIS DISTRICT

The proposed maintenance program is desirable, needed, and in my opinion, provides special benefits to property within the District exceeding the amount of special assessment to be levied upon implementation of the District.

6. ESTIMATE OF ASSESSMENT AGAINST BENEFITED PROPERTY

This District will be held dormant until such time as stated above. Shown below is an estimate of costs if service were to commence in 2007. These costs are included for report purposes only, actual costs to provide services will be determined and presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at the assessment roll hearing. The combined cost of the maintenance program, processing and administrative expenses as shown in Item 3 above is to be paid for by special assessments levied against all benefited properties and is to be apportioned to individual properties within the District on the basis of lot or parcel square footage. The cost per assessable square foot to be assessed for this service is estimated as follows:

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	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Estimated Total District Cost	\$46,365	\$36,445
Estimated Total Assessable Property Square Footage	775,312	775,312
Estimated Cost Per Square Foot of Property	\$0.0598	\$0.0470

SAMPLE ASSESSMENTS

Per Year For A Typical Interior Single-family Lot:	\$458	\$360
Per Year For A Typical Corner Single-family Lot:	\$508	\$399

The annual assessments shown above are representative of costs for typical single-family lots within this District. These costs are based on the above estimated total assessable property square footage and will be adjusted based on costs of services provided at the time of District implementation.

7. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that Country Gardens Multipurpose Maintenance Special Taxing District be created pursuant to Section 18-22.1 of the Code, as 100% of the property owners have signed the petition and no referendum is required. I also recommend that the County Attorney cause to be prepared an ordinance authorizing the creation of the Country Gardens Multipurpose Maintenance Special Taxing District. Pursuant to Section 18-22.1 of the Code, the BCC shall receive and hear, at a public hearing, remarks by interested persons on this District, and thereafter may adopt such ordinance. Following failure of any Homeowners Association or CDD to provide these services, the BCC shall adopt the District's assessment roll to fund these services. Adoption of an assessment roll resolution will enable the Miami-Dade County Tax Collector to collect the funds necessary to reimburse affected County Agencies involved in the creation and establishment of this District, as well as operate and maintain this District. The ordinance creating the District shall take effect ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, it shall become effective only upon an override by the BCC. My office will also be available

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to answer any questions from the public or your office in regard to the financial and/or engineering facts of this project. We further recommend that the County Manager forward this report to the BCC after he has reviewed it and concurred with our findings.

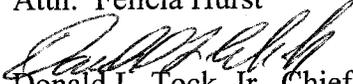
- Attachments:
- (1) Copy of Petition and Attachments
 - (2) Copy of Resolution from the City of Homestead
 - (3) Copy of Memo from Department of Planning and Zoning
 - (4) District Boundary Map (Exhibit A)

Memorandum



Date: March 23, 2007

To: Kay M. Sullivan, Director
Office of the Clerk of the Board
Attn: Felicia Hurst

From: 
Donald L. Tock, Jr., Chief
Special Taxing Districts Division
Public Works Department

Subject: Country Gardens Multipurpose
Special Taxing District

In reference to the subject petition, we hereby certify that, in compliance with Section 18-22.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code, this Department has verified the attached name against the records of the Property Appraisal Department, and has concluded that said petition relates to real property in a new subdivision and the signator is an owner and/or individual signing in his official capacity as representative of the owner of the property in question. We are therefore submitting the following information:

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| 1. | Total number of parcels of land within district boundaries | <u>3</u> |
| 2. | Total number of owners of property within district boundaries | <u>1</u> |
| 3. | Total number of resident owners within district boundaries
(this is a new subdivision area) | <u>0</u> |
| 4. | Total number of signatures on the petition | <u>1</u> |
| 5. | Total number of owners or representatives signing the petition
in an official capacity | <u>1</u> |
| 6. | Percentage of owners or representatives signing the petition
in their official capacity | <u>100%</u> |

Pursuant to Section 18-22.1 of the Code, this is a valid petition.

By copy of this memorandum, I am forwarding this petition for review by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Attachment

cc: James Kracht

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Don Tock
Chief, Special Taxing

FROM: James K. Kracht *JKK/9* DATE: April 12, 2007
Assistant County Attorney

SUBJECT: Country Gardens Multipurpose Special Taxing District

Please be advised that I have reviewed the above referenced petition and find it to be legally sufficient, provided that the park to be maintained by the taxing district is available for use by the public.

JKK/cg

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS DIVISION**

March 6, 2007
Document Preparation
Date

Departmental Acceptance Date
(Government Use Only)

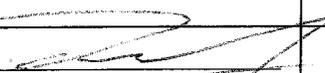
PETITION FOR MULTIPURPOSE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

To the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

We, the undersigned property owners, do hereby petition Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the creation of the Special Taxing District(s) required by the respective plat(s) pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for any or all of the following: installation, operation and maintenance of sodium vapor street lights of an intensity of 9,500 up to 50,000 lumens, mounted on concrete, fiber glass or existing poles; landscape, lake, entrance features and wall maintenance services (requested landscape, lake, entrance features and wall maintenance services shall be more fully described on the attached Exhibit B). The petitioned for district lies within that portion of the unincorporated area of Miami-Dade County more fully described on the attached Exhibit A.

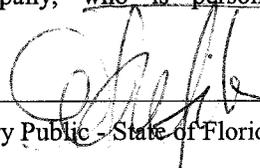
Tentative Plat(s) Name(s) Country Gardens (T-22723)

It is understood and agreed that the boundaries of this district and the type and level of services to be provided by this district will be reviewed by the appropriate County authorities. It is also understood that the street lights and other improvements to be provided shall be in accordance with minimum standards and requirements set forth by the Miami-Dade County Public Works Department.

OWNER'S NAME	OWNER'S ADDRESS	LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	TAX FOLIO NUMBER
Country Gardens, LLC	2950 SW 27 th Ave., Suite 300	T-22723	10-7910-000-0020
	Miami, FL 33133	Country Gardens	10-7910-000-0055
			10-7910-000-0060
By: 		MORE FULLY	
Rolando Delgado		DESCRIBED ON	
Managing Member		THE ATTACHED	
		"EXHIBIT A"	

PLACE NOTARY STATEMENT AND STAMP HERE:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 6 day of March, 2007, by Rolando Delgado, Managing Partner of Country Gardens, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.


Notary Public - State of Florida

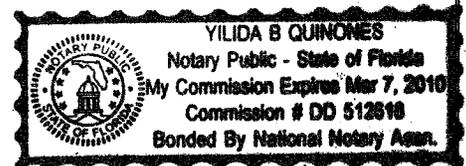


EXHIBIT "A"

EXHIBIT "A" TO THE PETITION FOR THE PLAT KNOWN AS COUNTRY GARDENS, DATED MARCH 6, 2007, FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT.

The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 10, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, Miami-Dade County, Florida, less the East 454 feet thereof, as recorded in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

AND

The North 67.13 feet, less the North 17 feet of the East 454 feet, of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, less the East 55 feet for Right of Way in Section 10, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

AND

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, less the South 243 feet and less the North 67.13 feet and less the West 20 feet of the East 55 feet, in Section 10, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, less the East 35 feet for road Right of Way in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

EXHIBIT "B"

EXHIBIT B TO THE PETITION FOR THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS COUNTRY GARDENS DATED MARCH 6, 2007, FOR THE CREATION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR STREET LIGHTING, LANDSCAPE, WALL AND/OR LAKE MAINTENANCE..

AREAS TO BE MAINTAINED:

COMMON AREAS ABUTTING THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE:

- A) LAWN/GRASS
 - 1) CUT GRASS BIMONTHLY AS REQUIRED
 - 2) FERTILIZE AND WEED CONTROL AS NEEDED
 - 3) TREAT FOR PESTS/DISEASE AS NEEDED
 - 4) IRRIGATE WITH AUTOMATIC SYSTEM AND ELECTRICAL SERVICE FOR SAME.

- B) TREES/SHRUBS
 - 1) TRIM, FERTILIZE AND TREAT FOR PESTS AS NEEDED
 - 2) REPLACE AS REQUIRED.

NOTE: THIS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT ENCOMPASSES A PRIVATE DRIVE COMMUNITY, IT SHALL BE **DORMANT**; AND SERVICE WILL ONLY COMMENCE FOLLOWING FAILURE (AS DEFINED IN A "GRANT OF PERPETUAL NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT" SUBMITTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS PETITION) OF ANY HOME-OWNER'S ASSOCIATION AND/OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SERVICES. ASSUMPTION OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES SHALL COMMENCE FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THIS DISTRICT'S MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ROLL BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT A PUBLIC HEARING. OTHER MAINTENANCE SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE FUTURE AS SPECIFIED IN THE DISTRICT'S ORDINANCE AND AMENDMENTS THERETO. IN THE EVENT THIS DISTRICT IS ACTIVATED, THE FOLLOWING AREAS MAY BE MAINTAINED:

TRACT A: LANDSCAPE BUFFER

TRACT A-1: LANDSCAPE BUFFER

TRACT B: PARK

TRACT C: LANDSCAPE BUFFER

TRACT D: INGRESS / EGRESS

RESOLUTION NO. R2005-04-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF CREATING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD FOR THE FUNDING OF SPECIAL SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 18-2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County allows for the creation and establishment of special taxing districts within incorporated areas for the purpose of public improvements as set forth in that section; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-2 requires the approval of the City of Homestead (the "City") when the special taxing district falls within the City's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-2 provides for the procedure for creating special taxing districts for the purpose of providing street lights, landscape maintenance, and any other applicable improvements in new subdivisions within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to allow Miami-Dade County to continue creating special taxing districts for street lights, landscape maintenance, and any other applicable improvements in new subdivisions within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Findings. The proceeding Whereas clauses are ratified and incorporated as the legislative intent of this Resolution.

Section 2. Approval. In accordance with Section 18-2 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the City hereby approves and authorizes Miami-Dade County to continue establishing special taxing districts for the purpose of providing street lights, landscape

maintenance, and any other applicable improvements in all new subdivisions within the City's boundaries.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Miami-Dade County.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 4th day of April, 2005.



ROSCOE WARREN
Mayor

ATTEST:



PATRICIA SULLIVAN, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

CERTIFIED COPY


Deputy CITY CLERK
CITY OF HOMESTEAD
DATE: 4-6-05

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY ONLY:



WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN PASTORIZA GUEDES COLE & BONISKE, P.A.
City Attorney

Offered by Mrs. Bell

Motion to adopt by Mrs. Bell seconded by Mr. Porter

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

<i>Mayor Roscoe Warren</i>	<u>YES</u>
<i>Vice Mayor Lynda Bell</i>	<u>YES</u>
<i>Councilwoman Amanda Garner</i>	<u>YES</u>
<i>Councilman Norman Hodge</i>	<u>YES</u>
<i>Councilman Steve Losner</i>	<u>ABSENT</u>
<i>Councilman Jeffrey Porter</i>	<u>YES</u>
<i>Councilwoman Judy Waldman</i>	<u>YES</u>

R2005-04-58 AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE - CREATION OF A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT



MEMORANDUM

To: Aristides Rivera, P.E., P.L.S., Director
Public Works Department

Date: January 15, 2002

From: 
Diane O'Quinn Williams, Director
Department of Planning and Zoning

Subject: Street Lighting, Maintenance of
Landscape, Walls Adjacent to
Double-Frontage Lots and Lakes
Special Taxing Districts

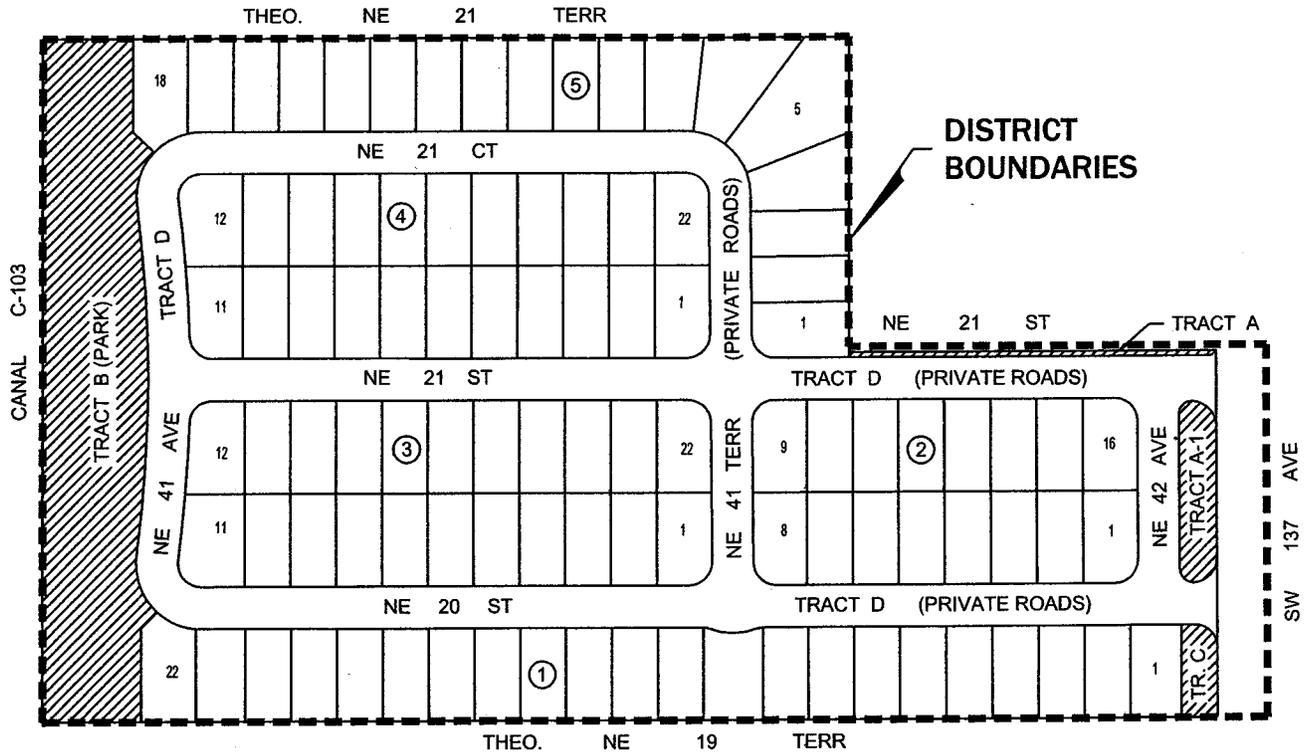
Section: As Required

District: As Required

Council: As Required

Effective September 5, 2001, all tentative plats in the unincorporated area of Miami-Dade County submitted to the Land Development Division of the Public Works Department, must be accompanied by a properly executed petition for all applicable special taxing districts including, but not limited to street lights, maintenance of landscape, walls adjacent to double frontage lots, entrance features and lakes. Final Plats will not be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration until the applicable special taxing districts are created, and all fees have been paid. In that regard, to ensure expeditious processing, this Memorandum may serve as approval for certain future special taxing district application requests as being consistent with the intent and purpose of the adopted 2005-2015 Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). Policy 4A – Capital Improvement Element states: Appropriate funding mechanisms will be adopted and applied by Miami-Dade County in order to assure the fiscal resources to maintain acceptable levels of service. Such funding mechanisms include special tax districts, municipal taxing service units, local option taxes, user fees, local gas tax, general obligation bond, impact fees, and special purpose authorities, or others as appropriate and feasible (Adopted Components as Amended through April 2001, page IX-10). The provision for services over and above minimum for neighborhoods and communities may be accomplished through the special taxing district as may be prescribed by the code.

The Department of Planning and Zoning (DP&Z) has no objection to a blanket approval with condition to establish future special taxing districts as limited to requests for street lighting, landscape maintenance, walls adjacent to double-frontage lots and lake maintenance districts. The previously noted special taxing districts may be established on the condition that the DP&Z review all landscape maintenance districts for compliance with plantings in public rights-of-way and lake maintenance districts for consistency with Landscape Code (Chapter 18A) Section 18A-6(L) Storm Water Retention/Detention Areas.



COUNTRY GARDENS

MULTIPURPOSE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT



SEE ATTACHED SHEETS FOR SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND LOCATIONS

M-627 (COMM. 0009)
SECTION: 10 - 57 - 39

EXHIBIT "A" 26

ATTACHMENT TO EXHIBIT "A"

COUNTRY GARDENS MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

AREAS TO BE MAINTAINED:

COMMON AREAS ABUTTING THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE:

- A) LAWN/GRASS
 - 1) CUT BIMONTHLY AS REQUIRED
 - 2) FERTILIZE AND WEED CONTROL AS NEEDED
 - 3) TREAT FOR PESTS/DISEASES AS NEEDED
 - 4) IRRIGATE WITH AUTOMATIC SYSTEM AND ELECTRICAL SERVICE FOR SAME.

- B) TREES/SHRUBS
 - 1) TRIM, FERTILIZE AND TREAT FOR PESTS AS NEEDED
 - 2) REPLACE AS REQUIRED.

NOTE: THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT ENCOMPASSES A PRIVATE DRIVE COMMUNITY, IT SHALL BE **DORMANT**; AND SERVICE WILL ONLY COMMENCE FOLLOWING FAILURE (AS DEFINED IN A "GRANT OF PERPETUAL NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT" SUBMITTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS PETITION) OF ANY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND/OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SERVICES. ASSUMPTION OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES SHALL COMMENCE FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THIS DISTRICT'S MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT ROLL BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT A PUBLIC HEARING. OTHER MAINTENANCE SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE FUTURE AS SPECIFIED IN THE DISTRICT'S ORDINANCE AND AMENDMENTS THERETO. IN THE EVENT THIS DISTRICT IS ACTIVATED, THE FOLLOWING AREAS MAY BE MAINTAINED:

COMMON AREAS (TRACTS A, A1, B AND C), AND INGRESS/EGRESS (TRACT D).