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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

(Public Hearing 5-6-08)

**Date:** April 8, 2008

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

**Ordinance No. 08-48**

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

**From:** George M. Burgess
County Manager

**Subject:** Aventura Crossings
Street Lighting Special Taxing District

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## 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 Aventura Crossings Street Lighting Special Taxing District. The creation of this District is a subdivision requirement pursuant to Chapter 28 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

## Scope

This proposed special taxing district lies within Commission District Four (4) and will provide street lighting services.

## Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Creation of this District will result in no economic impact on the County's budget. The developer, pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Code, is required to fund the District's first year's lease of the equipment and electricity costs to operate the system and all costs incidental to creation and administration incurred by Miami-Dade County.

After the first year, the economic impact on the private sector will be a perpetual annual special assessment for the cost of street lighting to all property owners within the District. The Florida Power and Light Company is the owner of the system and therefore will derive revenues from it.

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

Contingent upon BCC approval of this District, the Public Works Department's Special Taxing Districts Division will monitor the Florida Power and Light Company's agreement, installation and billing process.

**Background**

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| **Boundaries:** | On the North, NE 202nd Street;<br>On the East, West Dixie Highway;<br>On the South, theo. NE 198th Street;<br>On the West, NE 26th Avenue. |
| **Number of Parcels:** | 4 (Tentative plat proposes 405 rental units). |
| **Number of Owners:** | 1 |
| **Number of Owners With Homestead Exemption Signing Petition:** | None - The petition was submitted by LG Aventura, LLC., the sole property owner and developer. |
| **Preliminary Public Meeting:** | None necessary. |
| **Type of Improvements:** | The installation, operation and maintenance of nine (9) 16,000 lumen sodium vapor bracket-arm streetlights mounted on new concrete poles, and nine (9) 16,000 lumen sodium vapor bracket-arm streetlights mounted on existing concrete and existing aluminum poles. |
| **Required Referendum:** | The creation of the District will be subject only to BCC approval; no election will be necessary as 100 percent of the property owners signed the petition. |
| **Preliminary Assessment Roll:** | Submitted on the same agenda as a separate agenda item for consideration and adoption by the BCC and contingent upon approval of this District's creation ordinance. The implementation of the assessment roll will be in accordance with the procedures defined in Chapter 18 of the Code. |
| **Estimated Completion:** | March 2009. |
| **Estimated Initial Billing:** | November 2009. Assessment billed annually as an itemized portion of the annual tax bill. |

| | First Year | Second Year |
|---|---|---|
| **Estimated Total District Cost:** | $17,720 | $3,900 |
| **Method Of Apportionment:** | Front Footage | |
| **Estimated Annual Assessments:** | | |
| **Per Assessable Front Foot** | | $1.209 |
| **For Tract A** | Cost to be provided by petitioner | $3,900 |

The annual assessment shown above is representative of costs for Tract A.

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

Each street lighting 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 this service is the best and most cost-effective method to achieve this benefit.

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 28 of the Code to provide street lighting in new subdivisions through the creation of street lighting special taxing districts, and 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 18-2 of the Code.

Assistant County Manager

# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

DATE: May 6, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(A)

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

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 5 (A)
5-6-08

ORDINANCE NO. **08-48**

ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS AVENTURA CROSSINGS STREET LIGHTING 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 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 street lighting 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

**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 AVENTURA CROSSINGS STREET LIGHTING 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 street lighting 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 street lighting improvements to be provided and maintained within the proposed district, an estimate of the cost of constructing such improvements, an estimate of the cost of maintaining and operating such improvements and/or services, his certification that the proposed district's 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 front 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 Tuesday, **May 6, 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 Tuesday, **May 6, 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 AVENTURA CROSSINGS STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT is hereby created and established in the unincorporated area of Miami-Dade County.

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

> A portion of Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 42 East, and a portion of Section 3, Township 51 South, Range 42 East, all in Miami-Dade County, Florida (a.k.a. Aventura Crossings, Tentative Plat #T-22931) being more particularly described as follows:
>
> Tracts A, B and C, "WEST DIXIE HEIGHTS", according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 42, Page 66, LESS that portion thereof lying within 40.00 feet of the west line of said Section 34;
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> Together with Banyan Street and Florida Avenue as shown on said plat of "WEST DIXIE HEIGHTS", LESS therefrom that portion thereof lying within 40.00 feet of the west line of said Section 34;
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> Together with Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Block 4, "HALLANDALE PARK NO. 10", according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 29, Page 16, LESS therefrom that portion of Lots 9 and 10 described in a right-of-way deed to the County of Dade, recorded in Official Records Book 5431, Page 560, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida;
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> Together with that portion of the South 132.00 feet of the E 1/2 of Lot 3, lying west of the west right-of-way line of "WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY", in Block 13, in said Section 34, "HALLANDALE" according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book B, Page 13;
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> Together with that portion of the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 3, lying west of the west right-of-way of "WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY", LESS therefrom that portion thereof lying within 40.00 feet of the west line of said Section 3.
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> All of the above named plats are recorded in the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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 improvements and services to be provided within this proposed special taxing district will consist of the following:

> Installation, operation and maintenance of nine (9) 16,000 lumen sodium vapor bracket-arm streetlights mounted on new concrete poles, and nine (9) 16,000 lumen sodium vapor bracket-arm streetlights mounted on existing concrete and existing aluminum poles.

Section 4. The installation of such street lighting project will be accomplished pursuant to an agreement between Miami-Dade County and the Florida Power & Light Company. The cost of furnishing electric energy to the street lighting project, together with the costs of service, maintenance, and administration for handling billing, collecting assessments, and processing for the first year is estimated to be $17,720 and shall be advanced by petitioners. The cost of furnishing electric energy to the street lighting project, together with the costs of service, maintenance, and administration for handling billing, collecting assessments, and processing for the second year is estimated to be $3,900. The estimated cost per assessable front foot of real property within the proposed district for the second year is $1.209. The 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. The proposed Street Lighting agreement between Miami-Dade County and Florida Power & Light Company is hereby approved and made a part hereof by reference, and the County Manager or designee and the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the County Commission are hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County.

Section 7. The County Manager is authorized and directed to cause the installation of said streetlights to be accomplished within the district in accordance with the provisions of said agreement and with the terms of this Ordinance.

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 not paid, 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 enactment, unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: **May 6, 2008**

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:

Prepared by:

James K. Kracht

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
**ON THE CREATION OF AVENTURA CROSSINGS**
**STREET LIGHTING 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 submitted by the Public Works Department Director concerning the creation of Aventura Crossings Street Lighting Special Taxing District.

## 1. BOUNDARIES OF THIS DISTRICT

The proposed District is located entirely within a portion of unincorporated Miami-Dade County, and the boundaries, as set forth in the petition, are as follows:

> A portion of Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 42 East, and a portion of Section 3, Township 51 South , Range 42 East, all in Miami-Dade County, Florida (a.k.a. Aventura Crossings, Tentative Plat #T-22931) being more particularly described as follows:
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> All of the above named plats are recorded in the Public Records of Miami Dade County, Florida.

The boundaries are shown on the attached plan entitled Aventura Crossings Street Lighting Special Taxing District and hereinafter referred to as Exhibit A.

## 2. LOCATION OF THE INSTALLATIONS TO BE CONSTRUCTED

The facilities to be provided under the District will consist of sodium vapor bracket-arm streetlights mounted on concrete and aluminum poles located within the street right-of-way as shown in Exhibit A. The spacing of the streetlights will be between 135 and 325 feet.

## 3. ESTIMATED COST FOR THIS DISTRICT

As provided for under Section 18-2 of the Code, the property owner(s), the developer(s), within the proposed District shall guarantee payment of all costs and expenses incidental to the creation of such District and shall pay the entire cost of providing street lighting within the District for the first year. The Florida Power and Light Company will install the lights, poles and service lines at its expense. However, the special taxing district, the developer(s), may be required to pay a differential cost if rapid construction techniques cannot be used on this project. This cost is estimated and shown as Florida Power and Light Company restoration cost in the District's cost estimate.

## 4. ESTIMATE OF THE ANNUAL EXPENSE FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATION OF THIS DISTRICT

The facilities provided will remain the property of the Florida Power and Light Company, which will be responsible for the maintenance of the light standards, fixtures, lamps, and all connecting service lines. The cost of streetlights in this District will be continual and is based on a preliminary estimate using Rate Schedule No. SL-1 prepared by the Florida Power and Light Company and approved by the Florida Public Service Commission, a copy of which is attached. The District will pay the Florida Power and Light Company a monthly rental fee on each installation. There will be 18 lights and 9 pole rentals served by 2,025 feet of underground wiring for an annual cost of $3,370 for the first and second years.

As provided by Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the petitioner shall advance the above first year's estimated streetlight costs and pay all costs incurred to create and maintain the District for its first year of operation. The District's property owners shall pay these costs for the second and succeeding years. The engineering and administrative costs involved in establishing and maintaining the District are estimated to be $2,790 the first year and $190 the second year. The cost of handling the billing, collecting the

assessment, and processing the payments to the Florida Power and Light Company is estimated to be $4,750 the first year and $150 the second year. Additionally, contingency funds in the amount of $2,310 the first year and $190 the second year are provided.

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS**

| | First Year | Second Year |
|---|---|---|
| 18 - 16,000 Lumen Sodium Vapor Luminaires | $1,410 | $1,410 |
| 9 - Concrete Poles | 390 | 390 |
| 9 - Existing Poles | 0 | 0 |
| 2,025 Ft. - Underground Wiring | 550 | 550 |
| Annual Fuel Adjustments (Based on 12,960 KWH at $0.06375 Per KWH) | 830 | 830 |
| Franchise Cost (Based on 5.91 % of $3,180) | 190 | 190 |
| TOTAL STREET LIGHTING SERVICE COSTS | $3,370 | $3,370 |
| FP&L RESTORATION COST | 4,500 | 0 |
| ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS | 2,790 | 190* |
| BILLING, COLLECTING & PROCESSING COSTS | 4,750 | 150* |
| CONTINGENCIES | 2,310 | 190* |
| TOTAL COST COVERED BY PETITIONER | $17,720 | |
| TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT EACH YEAR THEREAFTER | | $3,900* |

*To be adjusted from actual experience.

**5. PROCEDURE**

Following the creation of the District by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), and upon receipt of the payment by the developer of the total estimated cost for the first year as specified in Item 4 above, the County Manager shall cause the petitioner's plat to be placed on a Commission Agenda for acceptance and subsequent recordation.

Miami-Dade County may then enter into an agreement with the Florida Power and Light Company, form attached, wherein Miami-Dade County will pay to the Florida Power and Light Company any costs associated with the streetlight installation, and monthly payments for the annual cost of the streetlight service estimated at $3,370 or approximately $281 per month. These amounts will be charged during the first year's operation against funds advanced by the petitioners. Based on front footage, each property owner along the lighted roadway will pay the County, through a special assessment, a proportionate share of the total annual cost each year thereafter.

## 6. 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).

## 7. RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE DESIRABILITY OF THIS DISTRICT

The need for street lighting in Miami-Dade County is apparent. Residents and property owners of Miami-Dade County continue to demonstrate their desire for street lighting through numerous petitions and personal requests.

In my opinion, the proposed streetlights will provide special benefits to property within the District exceeding the amount of special assessments to be levied.

## 8. ESTIMATE OF ASSESSMENT AGAINST BENEFITED PROPERTY

As was determined in Item 4 above, each property owner along the lighted roadway will pay the County, through a special assessment, a proportionate share of the total annual cost the second year and each succeeding year thereafter. The annual assessment shown below is representative of costs for Tract A.

| **Estimated Annual Assessments:** | **First Year** | **Second Year** |
|---|---|---|
| Per Assessable Front Foot: | | $1.209 |
| For Tract A: | Cost to be provided by the Petitioner | $3,900 |

These costs are based on a preliminary estimate of 3,225 total assessable front feet and will be adjusted from actual experience.

## 9. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that Aventura Crossings Street Lighting Special Taxing District be created pursuant to Section 18-2 of the Code, which provides for the creation of special taxing districts for street lighting in new subdivisions. The creation of the District will be subject to BCC approval; no election will be necessary as 100 percent of the property owners signed the petition. Following adoption of the creation ordinance, it is further recommended that the BCC adopt the District's Preliminary Assessment Roll Resolution. Adoption of this resolution will enable the Miami-Dade County Tax Collector to provide the funding necessary to administer the District, as well as provide funds for payment to the Florida Power and Light Company for the District's monthly power bills for the second and succeeding years. In the event actual costs are lower than the costs estimated, the Director of the Public Works Department or her designee shall adjust and decrease the front foot rate of assessment. In the event actual second year costs are higher than the costs estimated, the County Manager may, at his discretion, cause to be prepared a revised preliminary assessment roll and file the same with the Clerk of the Board for a scheduled public hearing to adopt the revised assessment roll. 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 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 the attached report to the BCC after he has reviewed it and concurred with our findings.

Attachments:
(1) Copy of Petition and Attachments
(2) Copy of FP&L Rate Schedule No. SL-1
(3) Copy of FP&L Street Lighting Agreement Form
(4) Copy of Memo from Department of Planning and Zoning
(5) District Boundary Map (Exhibit A)

# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**Date:** January 7, 2008

**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

**Subject:** Aventura Crossings Street Lighting
Special Taxing District

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In reference to the subject petition, we hereby certify that, in compliance with Section 18-2 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 | 4 |
| 2. | Total number of owners of property within district boundaries | 1 |
| 3. | Total number of resident owners within district boundaries (this is a new subdivision area) | 0 |
| 4. | Total number of signatures on the petition | 1 |
| 5. | Total number of owners or representatives signing the petition in an official capacity | 1 |
| 6. | Percentage of owners or representatives signing the petition in their official capacity | 100% |

Pursuant to Section 18-2 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/cg DATE: January 30, 2008
Assistant County Attorney

SUBJECT: Aventura Crossings Street Lighting
Special Taxing District

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Please be advised that I have reviewed the above referenced petition and find it to be legally sufficient, provided that the legal description in the petition is the same as the one in the opinion of title.

JKK/cg

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



11/18/07
Document Preparation Date

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS DIVISION

Departmental Acceptance Date (Government Use Only)

## PETITION FOR LIGHTING 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 required by the respective plat pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for 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. 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): Aventura Crossings

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 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 NUMBERS |
|---|---|---|---|
| LG Aventura LLC | 777 Yamato Road, Suite #510 | MORE FULLY | 30-1234-012-0630 |
| by Lion Gables Realty LP, Manager | Boca Raton, Florida 33431 | DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED | 30-1234-001-0440<br>30-1234-002-0010 |
| by Gables GP, Inc., GP | | "EXHIBIT A" | 30-1234-002-0020 |
| by: | | | |
| Omar del Rio, Regional Vice President | | | |

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Omar del Rio, Regional Vice President of Gables GP, Inc., a Florida corporation, as General Partner of Lion Gables Realty LP, a Florida limited partnership, as Manager of LG Aventura LLC, a Florida limited liability company, on behalf of all such entities, personally known to me, who executed the foregoing petition and acknowledged before me that Omar del Rio executed the same for the purposes herein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid, this 18th day of November, 2007.

Signature: Omar del Rio

Seal: x

AMY HETZEL
MY COMMISSION # DD 648029
EXPIRES: May 28, 2011
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

## EXHIBIT "A"

EXHIBIT A TO THE PETITION FOR THE PLAT(S) KNOWN AS AVENTURA CROSSINGS, DATED 11/12/07 FOR THE CREATION OF SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT(S).

Parcel 1:

Tracts "A", "B" and "C", WEST DIXIE HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 42, page 66, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, LESS that portion thereof lying within 40.00 feet of the West Line of Section 34, Township 51 south, Range 42 East.

Parcel 2:

TOGETHER WITH Banyan Street and florida Avenue as shown on said plat of WEST DIXIE HEIGHTS, LESS THEREFROM that portion thereof lying within 40.00 feet of the West line of said Section 34.

Parcel 3:

TOGETHER WITH Lots 1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, and 10, Block 4, HALLANDALE PARK NO. 10, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 29, page 16, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida, LESS THEREFROM that portion of Lots 9 and 10 described in a right-of-way deed to the County of Dade, recorded in Official Records book 5431, page 560, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Parcel 4:

TOGETHER WITH that portion of the South 132 feet of the East one-half (E ½) of Lot 3, lying West of the West right-of-way of West Dixie Highway, in Block 13, in Section 34, township 51 South, Range 42 East, HALLANDALE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book B, page 13, of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Parcel 5:

TOGETHER WITH that portion of the North one-half (N ½) of the Northwest one-quarter (NW ¼) of the Northwest one-quarter (NW ¼) of the Northwest one-quarter (NW ¼) of Section 3, Township 52, South, Range 42 East, lying West of the West right-of-way of West Dixie Highway, LESS THEREFROM that portion thereof lying within 40,00 feet of the West line of Section 3, township 52 South, Range 42 East.

STREET LIGHTING

RATE SCHEDULE: SL-1

AVAILABLE:

In all territory served.

APPLICATION:

For lighting streets and roadways, whether public or private, which are thoroughfares for normal flow of vehicular traffic. Lighting for other applications such as: municipally and privately-owned parking lots; parks and recreational areas; or any other area not expressly defined above, is not permitted under this schedule.

TYPE OF INSTALLATION:

FPL-owned fixtures normally will be mounted on poles of FPL's existing distribution system and served from overhead wires. On request of the Customer, FPL will provide special poles or underground wires at the charges specified below. Customer-owned systems will be of a standard type and design, permitting service and lamp replacement at no abnormal cost to FPL.

SERVICE:

Service includes lamp renewals, patrol, energy from dusk each day until dawn the following day and maintenance of FPL-owned Street Lighting Systems.

LIMITATION OF SERVICE:

For Mercury Vapor, Fluorescent and Incandescent luminaires, no additions or changes in specified lumen output on existing installations will be permitted under this schedule after October 4, 1981 except where such additional lights are required in order to match existing installations.

Stand-by or resale service is not permitted hereunder.

CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTIONS:

A Contribution-in-Aid-of-Construction (CIAC) will be required for:

a) the differential cost between employing rapid construction techniques in trenching, backfilling and pole installation work where no obstructions exist, and the added cost to overcome obstructions such as sprinkler systems, paved surfaces (such as sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and roadways), landscaping, sodding and other obstructions encountered along the Street Light System installation route, including repair and replacement. If the Customer elects to perform work such as trenching and restoration, they will be reimbursed by FPL with a credit (not to exceed the total CIAC cost) for the value of this work as determined by FPL;

b) the installation cost of any new overhead distribution facilities and/or the cost of alterations to existing distribution facilities which are required in order to serve the Street Lighting System less four (4) times the additional annual non-fuel energy revenue generated by the installation or alteration of the Street Lighting System, plus where underground facilities are installed, the differential installation cost between underground and overhead distribution facilities.

These costs shall be paid by the Customer prior to the initiation of any construction work by FPL. The Customer shall also pay any additional costs associated with design modifications requested after the original estimate has been made.

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REMOVAL OF FACILITIES:

If Street Lighting facilities are removed either by Customer request or termination or breach of the agreement, the Customer shall pay FPL an amount equal to the original installed cost of the removed facilities less any salvage value and any depreciation (based on current depreciation rates as approved by the Florida Public Service Commission) plus removal cost.

MONTHLY RATE:

| Luminaire Type | | Lamp Size Initial Lumens/Watts | | KWH/Mo. Estimate | Charge for FPL-Owned Unit ($) Fixtures | Maintenance | Energy Non-Fuel ** | Total *** | Charge for Customer-Owned Unit $) Relamping/ Energy **** | Energy Only |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| High Pressure Sodium Vapor | | 5,800 | 70 | 29 | 3.67 | 1.40 | .61 | 5.68 | 1.32 | .61 |
| " " | | 9,500 | 100 | 41 | 3.74 | 1.41 | .86 | 6.01 | 1.58 | .86 |
| " " | | 16,000 | 150 | 60 | 3.84 | 1.45 | 1.26 | 6.55 | 1.98 | 1.26 |
| " " | | 22,000 | 200 | 88 | 5.82 | 1.85 | 1.84 | 9.51 | 2.57 | 1.84 |
| " " | | 50,000 | 400 | 168 | 5.90 | 1.82 | 3.52 | 11.24 | 4.25 | 3.52 |
| | * | 12,800 | 150 | 60 | 4.01 | 1.61 | 1.26 | 6.88 | 2.22 | 1.26 |
| " " | * | 27,500 | 250 | 116 | 6.20 | 1.96 | 2.43 | 10.59 | 3.19 | 2.43 |
| " " | * | 140,000 | 1,000 | 411 | 9.34 | 3.58 | 8.61 | 21.53 | 10.31 | 8.61 |
| Mercury Vapor | * | 6,000 | 140 | 62 | 2.90 | 1.27 | 1.30 | 5.47 | 2.01 | 1.30 |
| " " | * | 8,600 | 175 | 77 | 2.93 | 1.27 | 1.61 | 5.81 | 2.33 | 1.61 |
| " " | * | 11,500 | 250 | 104 | 4.90 | 1.83 | 2.18 | 8.91 | 2.94 | 2.18 |
| " " | * | 21,500 | 400 | 160 | 4.88 | 1.81 | 3.35 | 10.04 | 4.10 | 3.35 |
| " " | * | 39,500 | 700 | 272 | 6.90 | 3.06 | 5.70 | 15.66 | 7.31 | 5.70 |
| " " | * | 60,000 | 1,000 | 385 | 7.07 | 2.97 | 8.07 | 18.11 | 9.08 | 8.07 |
| Incandescent | * | 1,000 | 103 | 36 | | | | 7.13 | 2.53 | .75 |
| " | * | 2,500 | 202 | 71 | | | | 7.38 | 3.26 | 1.49 |
| " | * | 4,000 | 327 | 116 | | | | 8.64 | 4.25 | 2.43 |
| " | * | 6,000 | 448 | 158 | | | | 9.64 | 5.13 | 3.30 |
| " | * | 10,000 | 690 | 244 | | | | 11.60 | 7.07 | 5.11 |
| Fluorescent | * | 19,800 | 300 | 122 | | | | - | 3.49 | 2.55 |
| " | * | 39,600 | 700 | 264 | | | | - | 6.75 | 5.54 |

* These units are closed to new FPL installations.
** The non-fuel energy charge is 2.095¢ per kwh.
*** Bills rendered based on "Total" charge. Unbundling of charges is not permitted.
**** New Customer installations of those units closed to FPL installations cannot receive relamping service.

Charges for other FPL-owned facilities:

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| Wood pole used only for the street lighting system | $ 2.62 |
| Concrete pole used only for the street lighting system | $ 3.60 |
| Fiberglass pole used only for the street lighting system | $ 4.27 |
| Underground conductors not under paving | 1.97¢ per foot |
| Underground conductors under paving | 4.81¢ per foot |

The Underground conductors under paving charge will not apply where a CIAC is paid pursuant to section "a)" under "Customer Contributions." The Underground conductors not under paving charge will apply in these situations.

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On Customer-owned Street Lighting Systems, where Customer contracts to relamp at no cost to FPL, the Monthly Rate for non-fuel energy shall be 2.095¢ per kwh of estimated usage of each unit plus adjustments. On Street Lighting Systems, where the Customer elects to install Customer-owned monitoring systems, the Monthly Rate for non-fuel energy shall be 2.095¢ per kwh of estimated usage of each monitoring unit plus adjustments. The minimum monthly kwh per monitoring device will be 1 kilowatt-hour per month, and the maximum monthly kwh per monitoring device will be 5 kilowatt-hours per month.

During the initial installation period:
Facilities in service for 15 days or less will not be billed;
Facilities in service for 16 days or more will be billed for a full month.

WILLFUL DAMAGE:

Upon the **second** occurrence of willful damage to any FPL-owned facilities, the Customer will be responsible for the cost incurred for repair or replacement. If the lighting fixture is damaged, based on prior written instructions from the Customer, FPL will:

a) Replace the fixture with a shielded cutoff cobrahead. The Customer shall pay $120.00 for the shield plus all associated costs. However, if the Customer chooses to have the shield installed after the first occurrence, the Customer shall only pay the $120.00 cost of the shield; or

b) Replace with a like unshielded fixture. For this, and each subsequent occurrence, the Customer shall pay the costs specified under "Removal of Facilities"; or

c) Terminate service to the fixture.

Option selection shall be made by the Customer in writing and apply to all fixtures which FPL has installed on the Customer's behalf. Selection changes may be made by the Customer at any time and will become effective ninety (90) days after written notice is received.

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| Conservation Charge | See Sheet No. 8.030 |
| Capacity Payment Charge | See Sheet No. 8.030 |
| Environmental Charge | See Sheet No. 8.030 |
| Fuel Charge | See Sheet No. 8.030 |
| Franchise Fee | See Sheet No. 8.031 |
| Tax Clause | See Sheet No. 8.031 |

TERM OF SERVICE:

Initial term of ten (10) years with automatic, successive five (5) year extensions unless terminated in writing by either FPL or the Customer at least ninety (90) days prior to the current term's expiration.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Service under this schedule is subject to orders of governmental bodies having jurisdiction and to the currently effective "General Rules and Regulations for Electric Service" on file with the Florida Public Service Commission. In case of conflict between any provision of this schedule and said "General Rules and Regulations for Electric Service", the provision of this schedule shall apply.

## STREET LIGHTING AGREEMENT

(a) Installation and/or removal of FPL-owned facilities described as follows:

| Lights Installed | | |
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| Fixture Rating (in Lumens) | Fixture Type | # Installed |
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| Lights Removed | | |
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| Fixture Rating (in Lumens) | Fixture Type | # Removed |
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| Poles Installed | |
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| Pole Type | # Installed |
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| Poles Removed | |
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| Pole Type | # Removed |
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Conductors Installed

_____ Feet not Under Paving

_____ Feet Under Paving

Conductors Removed

_____ Feet not Under Paving

_____ Feet Under Paving

(b) Modification to existing facilities other than described above (explain fully):

That, for and in consideration of the covenants set forth herein, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

**FPL AGREES:**

1. To install or modify the street lighting facilities described and identified above (hereinafter called the Street Lighting System), furnish to the Customer the electric energy necessary for the operation of the Street Lighting System, and furnish such other services as are specified in this Agreement, all in accordance with the terms of FPL's currently effective street lighting rate schedule on file at the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) or any successive street lighting rate schedule approved by the FPSC.

**THE CUSTOMER AGREES:**

2. To pay a contribution in the amount of $_____ prior to FPL's initiating the requested installation or modification.

3. To purchase from FPL all of the electric energy used for the operation of the Street Lighting System.

4. To be responsible for paying, when due, all bills rendered by FPL pursuant to FPL's currently effective street lighting rate schedule on file at the FPSC or any successive street lighting rate schedule approved by the FPSC, for facilities and service provided in accordance with this agreement.

5. To provide access, final grading and, when requested, good and sufficient easements, suitable construction drawings showing the location of existing and proposed structures, identification of all non-FPL underground facilities within or near pole or trench locations, and appropriate plats necessary for planning the design and completing the construction of FPL facilities associated with the Street Lighting System.
6. To perform any clearing, compacting, removal of stumps or other obstructions that conflict with construction, and drainage of rights-of-way or easements required by FPL to accommodate the street lighting facilities.

**IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:**

7. Modifications to the facilities provided by FPL under this agreement, other than for maintenance, may only be made through the execution of an additional street lighting agreement delineating the modifications to be accomplished. Modification of FPL street lighting facilities is defined as the following:

   a. the addition of street lighting facilities:
   b. the removal of street lighting facilities; and
   c. the removal of street lighting facilities and the replacement of such facilities with new facilities and/or additional facilities.

Modifications will be subject to the costs identified in FPL's currently effective street lighting rate schedule on file at the FPSC, or any successive schedule approved by the FPSC.

8. FPL will, at the request of the Customer, relocate the street lighting facilities covered by this agreement, if provided sufficient right-of-ways or easements to do so. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of all costs associated with any such Customer-requested relocation of FPL street lighting facilities. Payment shall be made by the Customer in advance of any relocation.

9. FPL may, at any time, substitute for any luminaire/lamp installed hereunder another luminaire/lamp which shall be of at least equal illuminating capacity and efficiency.

10. This Agreement shall be for a term of ten (10) years from the date of initiation of service, and, except as provided below, shall extend thereafter for further successive periods of five (5) years from the expiration of the initial ten (10) year term or from the expiration of any extension thereof. The date of initiation of service shall be defined as the date the first lights are energized and billing begins, not the date of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be extended automatically beyond the initial the (10) year term or any extension thereof, unless either party shall have given written notice to the other of its desire to terminate this Agreement. The written notice shall be by certified mail and shall be given not less than ninety (90) days before the expiration of the initial ten (10) year term, or any extension thereof.

11. In the event street lighting facilities covered by this agreement are removed, either at the request of the Customer or through termination or breach of this Agreement, the Customer shall be responsible for paying to FPL an amount equal to the original installed cost of the facilities provided by FPL under this agreement less any salvage value and any depreciation (based on current depreciation rates as approved by the FPSC) plus removal cost.

12. Should the Customer fail to pay any bills due and rendered pursuant to this agreement of otherwise fail to perform the obligations contained in this Agreement, said obligations being material and going to the essence of this Agreement, FPL may cease to supply electric energy or service until the Customer has paid the bills due and rendered or has fully cured such other breach of this Agreement. Any failure of FPL to exercise its rights hereunder shall not be a waiver of its rights. It is understood, however, that such discontinuance of the supplying of electric energy or service shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement by FPL, nor shall it relieve the Customer of the obligation to perform any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

13. The obligation to furnish or purchase service shall be excused at any time that either party is prevented from complying with this Agreement by strikes, lockouts, fires, riots, acts of God, the public enemy, or by cause or causes not under the control of the party thus prevented from compliance and FPL shall not have the obligation to furnish service if it is prevented from complying with this Agreement by reason of any partial, temporary or entire shut-down of service which, in the sole opinion of FPL, is reasonably necessary for the purpose of repairing or making more efficient all or any part of its generating or other electrical equipment.

14. This Agreement supersedes all previous Agreements or representations, either written, oral or otherwise between the Customer and FPL, with respect to the facilities referenced herein and constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. This Agreement does not create any rights or provide any remedies to third parties or create any additional duty, obligation or undertakings by FPL to third parties.

15. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Customer and FPL.

16. This Agreement is subject to FPL's Electric Tariff, including, but not limited to, the General Rules and Regulations for Electric Service and the Rules of the FPSC, as they are written, or as they may be hereafter revised, amended or supplemented. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the provisions of the FPL Electric Tariff or the FPSC Rules, the provisions of the Electric Tariff and FPSC Rules shall control, as they are now written, or as they may be hereafter revised, amended or supplemented.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** (The parties hereby caused this Agreement to be executed in triplicate by their duly authorized representative to be effective as of the day and year first written above.

Changes and Terms Accepted:
**Miami-Dade County SLID (  ),**
Customer (Print or type Organization)

**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

By:_____
Signature (Authorized Representative)

_____
(Print or type name)

Tile:_____

By: _____
(Signature)

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(Print or type name)

Title: _____

# 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.

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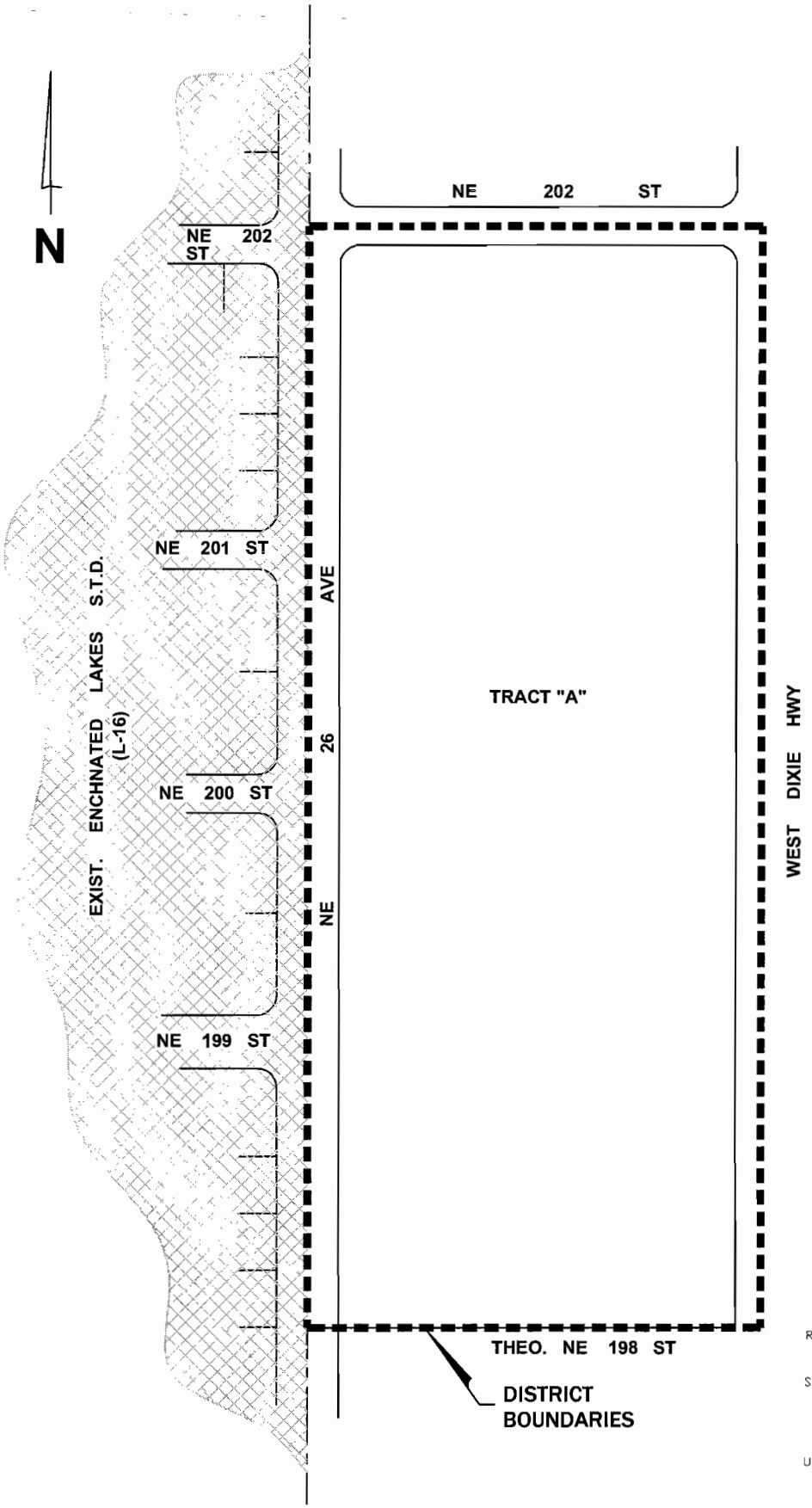
# AVENTURA CROSSINGS

## STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

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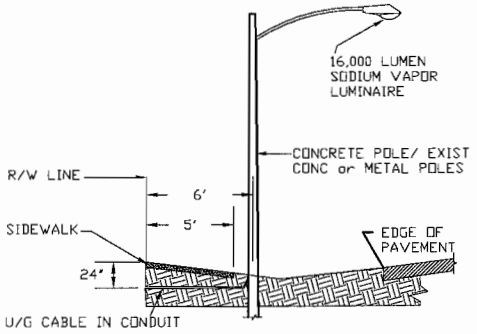


TYPICAL UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION
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**EXHIBIT "A"**



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