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**Date:** May 9, 2023

**To:** Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
and  
County Commissioners

**From:** Eric Gassman, Chief Deputy Comptroller 

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**Subject:** Public Hearing to amend the existing Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) for General Lake Cleaning, Maintenance, Aquatic Plant Control, and Navigational Improvements – Continued from the 4/11/23 Public Hearing - Cancellation Request

**MSTU District:** **Lake Pickett**

**Applicant:** Elizabeth R. Johnson  
Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

**District:** Commissioner Emily Bonilla, District 5

**Report:** The attached resolution will amend the Lake Pickett Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) for General Lake Cleaning, Maintenance, and Aquatic Plant Control to allow additional authorized use of funds in the MSTU (Municipal Service Taxing Unit) for navigational improvements (excluding dredging canals).

**Effective Date:** This amendment does not change the current ad valorem assessment.

**Action Requested:** Cancellation of Public Hearing – See Attached Memo

## Interoffice Memorandum



April 27, 2023

**TO:** Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
County Commissioners

**FROM:** Tim Boldig, Interim Director  
Planning, Environmental, and Development  
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**CONTACT PERSON:** David D. Jones, P.E., CEP, Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** May 23, 2023 – Public Hearing Cancellation  
Lake Pickett MSTU Amendment

A public hearing concerning a proposed amendment to the Lake Pickett MSTU is scheduled for May 23, 2023. The proposed amendment to the existing general lake cleaning, maintenance, and aquatic plant control MSTU resolution would allow for authorized use of funds in the MSTU for navigation signage and boating safety as recommended by the Lake Pickett Advisory Board. The proposed amendment would not increase or change the current ad valorem assessment. The public hearing was originally scheduled to be heard during the Board meeting on April 11, 2023, but was continued to May 23, 2023 at the request of Commissioner Bonilla in order to allow additional time to meet with residents on the lake who had expressed concerns about the amendment. The Orange County Sheriff's Office has recommended the installation of Florida Uniform Waterway Markers to designate no wake zones to help increase boating safety on the lake, but the MSTU resolution does not currently allow for use of MSTU funds to install such markers.

Since April 11, 2023, EPD has met with several concerned residents and determined that additional time is needed for further discussions with the residents and the Lake Pickett Advisory Board as to the purpose of the amendment language and to determine if the wording should be modified. Therefore, EPD requests that the item be cancelled. The item will be rescheduled as a public hearing at the appropriate time.

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