ORDINANCE NO. 2021-____

2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22	AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO COMMERCIAL
	PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (C-PACE)
4	PROGRAM(S) IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA;
	ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE XII OF THE
6	ORANGE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING
	A TITLE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING A
8	PURPOSE; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR C-PACE
	PROGRAMS; PROVIDING C-PACE PROGRAM
10	BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING C-PACE LOCAL
	GOVERNMENT PROGRAM OPERATIONS; PROVIDING
12	C-PACE PROGRAM STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR
	ELIGIBLE C-PACE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS;
14	PROVIDING FOR C-PACE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING
	FOR C-PACE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION;
16	PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION OF C-PACE
	FINANCING AGREEMENT DOCUMENTATION;
18	PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL
	PROPERTY PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR
20	SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF C-PACE
	PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT;
22	PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND
	PROVIDING FOR FILING OF ORDINANCE AND
24	EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 163.08, Florida Statutes (the "PACE Act"), authorizes counties, municipalities, dependent special districts, and separate legal entities created pursuant to Section 163.01(7), Florida Statutes, to establish and administer financing programs pursuant to which property owners may apply for funding to finance energy conservation and efficiency, renewable energy, and wind resistance qualifying improvements that can reduce property repair and insurance costs, the burdens of fossil fuel energy production, and the burdens of high wind storms and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the PACE Act provides for said funding to be repaid by the property owners through non-ad valorem assessments levied upon their properties pursuant to financing agreements entered into between the property owners and the local governments establishing and administering the PACE programs; and

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WHEREAS, several separate legal entities have been created in the State of Florida pursuant to the PACE Act and Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, to provide PACE qualifying improvement programs to property owners financed by levying non-ad valorem assessments on participating properties; and

44	WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board" or "BCC" finds that allowing those separate legal entities to operate commercial property assessed clean		
46	energy programs within Orange County is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfar provided that certain standards are followed for the protection of the property owners and resident		
48	of Orange County; and		
50	WHEREAS, this Ordinance provides minimum standards and limitations for the operation of non-exclusive C-PACE programs within unincorporated Orange County and requires separate		
52	legal entities to enter into interlocal agreements with Orange County to protect Orange County and its residents from potential liabilities associated with the operation of C-PACE programs.		
54	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE		
56	COUNTY, FLORIDA:		
	Section 1. Enactment of New Chapter 25, Article XII, Commercial Property		
58	Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Ordinance. A new Commercial Property Assessed		
	Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Ordinance, to be codified at Chapter 25, Article XII of the		
60	Orange County Code, Section 25-350 through Section 25-369, is hereby enacted to read as follows:		
62	CHAPTER 25. LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS		
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64	ARTICLE XII. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (C-PACE) PROGRAM ORDINANCE		
66	Section 25-350. Title.		
68	This article shall be titled the "Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Ordinance."		
70	Section 25-351. Definitions.		
72	For the purposes of this article, the following definitions		
74	shall apply:		
76	(a) <i>Board</i> shall mean the Orange County Board of County Commissioners.		
78	(b) Commercial Property shall mean nonresidential properties,		
80	including the nonresidential portion(s) of agricultural properties		

82	and planned developments, as well as multifamily apartment buildings with five or more leased apartment units owned by an entity legally authorized to enter into a contract.
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86	(c) County shall mean Orange County, Florida.
88 90	(d) <i>C-PACE Administrator</i> shall mean a for-profit or not-for-profit organization responsible for administering a C-PACE Program on behalf of and at the discretion of a C-PACE Local Government consistent with the PACE Act.
92	(e) <i>C-PACE Assessment</i> shall mean the non-ad valorem assessment collected pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, and
94	placed on an Eligible Participant's tax bill as a result of financing obtained pursuant to a C-PACE Financing Agreement.
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98	(f) <i>C-PACE Financing Agreement</i> shall mean the agreement entered into between the Eligible Participant and the C-PACE Local Government specifying the Qualifying Improvements to
100	be financed for installation at the Commercial Property and the terms and conditions for financing those Qualifying
102	Improvements through a C-PACE Assessment.
104	(g) C-PACE Interlocal shall mean an agreement entered into between Orange County and a C-PACE Local Government
106	authorizing the C-PACE Local Government to administer a C-PACE Program within Orange County in accordance with
108	Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and this article.
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110	(h) <i>C-PACE Local Government</i> shall have the same meaning as that definition contained within Section 163.08(2)(a), Florida
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126	(k) <i>PACE Act</i> shall mean Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time.
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130	(l) Qualifying Improvement shall mean those improvements affixed to a building or facility that is part of the Commercial Property subject to a C-PACE Financing Agreement as provided for in
132	the PACE Act including, but not limited to, energy conservation and efficiency, renewable energy, and wind-resistance
134	improvements and shall constitute an improvement to the building or facility or a fixture attached to the building or
136	facility.
138	Section 25-352. Purpose.
140	(a) C-PACE programs have been developed pursuant to the PACE Act to allow property owners to voluntarily finance Qualifying
142	Improvements through non-ad valorem assessments implemented and managed by C-PACE Local Governments and
144	repaid through collection on annual property tax bills.
146	(b) The purpose of this article is to authorize C-PACE Local Governments to operate C-PACE Programs in Orange County
148	pursuant to C-PACE Interlocals and to provide minimum standards and limitations for the operation of said C-PACE
150	Programs.
152	(c) An Eligible Participant's voluntary participation in a C-PACE Program provides an additional option to finance and repay the
154	costs associated with the provision and installation of Qualifying Improvements to Commercial Property located within Orange
156	County.
158	Section 25-353. Authorization for C-PACE Programs.
160	(a) The PACE Act authorizes C-PACE Local Governments to establish and administer PACE programs pursuant to which
162	owners of real property may apply for and obtain funding to finance qualifying improvements subject to a local government
164	ordinance or resolution.
166	(b) Several C-PACE Local Governments have since been created in the State of Florida pursuant to the PACE Act. The County can
168	work with these separate C-PACE Local Governments to offer voluntary, non-exclusive C-PACE Programs to Eligible

170	Participants without cost, assumption of liability by, or demand upon the credit of Orange County.
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174	(c) The PACE Act authorizes C-PACE Local Governments to enter into financing agreements with property owners to levy non-ad valorem assessments to fund Qualifying Improvements.
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178	(d) Pursuant to this article, a C-PACE Local Government shall be authorized to implement a C-PACE Program in Orange County upon entering into and maintaining a current C-PACE Interlocal
180	agreement with the County. In accordance with the PACE Act, C-PACE Assessments shall be collected pursuant to Section
182	197.3632, Florida Statutes, which may require separate written agreements between C-PACE Local Governments and the tax
184	collector and property appraiser having jurisdiction over the legal boundaries of the County to provide for the levy and
186	collection of C-PACE Assessments or the reimbursement of necessary administrative costs.
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190	Section 25-354. C-PACE Program Boundaries.
	(a) The C-PACE Program(s) shall be available to Commercial
192	Properties within unincorporated Orange County to allow multiple non-exclusive service opportunities to Eligible
194	Participants to provide a wide variety of competitive choices from qualified C-PACE Local Governments.
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	(b) Notwithstanding Section 25-354(a) above, municipalities within
198	Orange County may choose to participate in a C-PACE Program approved under this article by adopting an ordinance or
200	resolution authorizing a C-PACE Local Government to operate its C-PACE Program within the municipalities' boundaries in
202	accordance with the PACE Act and the terms of this article and the controlling C-PACE Interlocal.
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	(c) Nothing in this article shall be construed as excluding any
206	municipality from creating or maintaining an additional, separate, or standalone PACE program at any time.
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210	Section 25-355. C-PACE Local Government Program Operations.
212	Upon entering into a C-PACE Interlocal, a C-PACE Local Government shall be authorized to administer a C-PACE Program
214	pursuant to the PACE Act, the terms of this article, as may be

amended from time to time, the C-PACE Interlocal, and any other regulations adopted by the Board within the C-PACE Program 216 Boundaries. To the extent that a C-PACE Local Government operates a C-PACE Program within Orange County through a 218 contracted C-PACE Administrator, the C-PACE Local Government 220 will be responsible for the actions or inactions of the C-PACE Administrator acting within Orange County in furtherance of the C-PACE Program as if it had taken such action or failed to take such 222 action itself. 224 Section 25-356. C-PACE Program Standards. 226 At a minimum, C-PACE Local Governments shall comply with each of the following standards and impose the following 228 requirements throughout their respective C-PACE Programs: 230 (a) Qualifying Improvements. C-PACE Local Governments shall only finance Qualifying Improvements and their ancillary 232 improvements required as part of the installation. Qualifying Improvements must comply with the standards contained in the 234 PACE Act and this article including, but not limited to, the following: 236 (1) Qualifying Improvements must be properly permitted, as 238 applicable, and must comply with all state and local codes; 240 242 (2) Qualifying Improvements must be, as applicable: (i) at least as energy efficient as the rating of the existing product: (ii) energy Star compliant or meet current 244 standards; national efficiency and (iii) appropriately; and 246 (3) Oualifying Improvements shall be affixed to a building 248 or facility that is part of the Commercial Property and shall constitute an improvement to the building or 250 facility or a fixture attached to the building or facility. 252 (b) Contractors. 254 (1) Any work requiring a license under any applicable law to make a Qualifying Improvement under a C-PACE 256 Program shall be performed by a contractor properly

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- (2) Contractors performing work under a C-PACE Program shall comply with each of the following conditions: (i) be licensed and insured pursuant to the applicable statutory requirements; (ii) agree to comply with all applicable provisions of this article including, but not limited to, the C-PACE Program Standards; and (iii) act in good faith to timely resolve complaints from Eligible Participants.
- (3) C-PACE Programs shall have and shall strictly enforce anti-kickback policies and procedures that prohibit direct financial or other monetary incentives between C-PACE Local Governments, C-PACE Administrators, and contractors in exchange for being awarded a project or work under a C-PACE Program. This subsection does not prohibit payment for a contractor's installation of Qualifying Improvements.
- (c) Materials and Improvements. Materials and Qualifying Improvement products must be compliant with the Florida Building Code, local codes, and use efficiency standards established by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, State of Florida agencies, or independent third-party ratings or certification entities, as applicable. Equipment must be sized appropriately based on nationally accepted codes and standards.
- (d) <u>Data Security and Consumer Privacy.</u> C-PACE Local Governments, C-PACE Administrators, and any other entity collecting or maintaining C-PACE Program data or information shall take security measures to protect the security and confidentiality of Commercial Property owner records and information to the extent permitted or mandated by law, and, in particular, shall provide a Commercial Property owner the ability to opt-out of having the Commercial Property owner's information shared with third parties, except where expressly permitted by state and federal law
- (e) <u>C-PACE Financing Agreement.</u> After complying with all other mandated steps provided for by law including, but not limited to, the notice required by Section 163.08(13), Florida Statutes, the C-PACE Local Government shall enter into a written C-PACE Financing Agreement with each Eligible Participant that is voluntarily participating in the C-PACE Program. C-PACE

306	financing Agreements must include, at a minimum, the following information:		
308	(1)	The full legal description of the Commercial Property subject to the C-PACE Assessment;	
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312	(2)	The total amount of funding secured by a C-PACE Assessment to be provided to the Eligible Participant for the construction or installation of Qualifying	
314		Improvement(s);	
316	(3)	A provision stating that the Eligible Participant is expressly and voluntarily consenting to accept the non-	
318		ad valorem assessment collection process as set forth in Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes;	
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322	(4)	The length of time for the Eligible Participant to pay the C-PACE Assessment, which shall not exceed the expected useful life of the costliest Qualifying	
324		Improvement(s) funded by the C-PACE Program, or thirty (30) years, whichever is less;	
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328	(5)	A provision stating that the Eligible Participant is responsible for verifying that the Qualifying Improvements are completed as reflected in the	
330		approved application documents. The Eligible	
332		Participant shall also consent to providing access to the C-PACE Local Government or its agent to the Commercial Property to verify that the Qualifying	
334		Improvements have been completed as proposed in the application;	
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338	(6)	A provision stating that at or before the execution of a contract for the sale and purchase of any Commercial Property for which a C-PACE Assessment has been	
340		levied and has an unpaid balance due, the seller will disclose the lien to the prospective purchaser in	
342		accordance with Section 163.08(14), Florida Statutes;	
344	(7)	The risks associated with participating in the C-PACE Program. The risks shall be clearly disclosed in plain	
346		language in the written C-PACE Financing Agreement and shall include, but are not limited to, the risks related	
348		to the Eligible Participant's failure to make payments, the risk that the Eligible Participant may not be able to	
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350	refinance or sell the Commercial Property unless the C-PACE Assessment is first paid off in full, and the risks
352	associated with the issuance of a tax certificate and loss of the Commercial Property pursuant to Chapter 197,
354	Florida Statutes;
356	(8) A description of the Qualifying Improvements financed, their costs, and estimated completion date;
358	(9) Notice that the C-PACE Assessment shall be recorded in
360	the public records for the Commercial Property; and
362	(10) Clear disclosure of the interest rate to be charged, points, and any and all fees or penalties that may be separately
364	charged to the Eligible Participant including, but not limited to, potential late fees, early termination fees, and
366	any other fees related to participation in the C-PACE Program. The subsequent charging or collecting of any
368	additional fees that were not specifically disclosed in the written C-PACE Financing Agreement with the Eligible
370	Participant is prohibited.
372	(f) The C-PACE Local Government shall record, or cause to be
374	recorded, the following notice in the public records of the Commercial Property within five (5) days after execution of the C-PACE Financing Agreement, along with appropriate C-PACE
376	Local Government contact information for Commercial Property owner inquiries:
378	"QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS FOR ENERGY
380	"QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY, OR WIND RESISTANCE. This property is located within the jurisdiction
382	of a C-PACE Local Government that has placed an assessment
384	on the property pursuant to Section 163.08, Florida Statutes. The assessment is for a qualifying improvement to the property relating to energy efficiency, renewable energy, or wind
386	resistance and is not based on the value of the property. You are
388	encouraged to contact the county property appraiser's office to learn more about this and other assessments that may be provided by law."
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392	(g) Lender Notification and Consent.
394	(1) <u>Notification.</u> At least thirty (30) days before entering into a C-PACE Financing Agreement, the C-PACE Local

Government shall verify that the Eligible Participant has provided written notice of the Eligible Participant's 396 intent to enter into a C-PACE Financing Agreement to the holders or loan servicers of any existing mortgages 398 encumbering or otherwise secured by the Commercial 400 Property. With an Eligible Participant's approval, C-PACE Local Governments may provide this notification on behalf of an Eligible Participant. The notice must 402 comply with and, at a minimum, satisfy the requirements of the PACE Act including, but not limited to, the 404 maximum principal amount to be financed and the maximum annual assessment necessary to repay that 406 amount. A verified copy or other proof of such notice must be provided to and maintained by the C-PACE 408 Local Government. 410 (2) Consent. Prior to entering into a C-PACE Financing Agreement with an Eligible Participant, C-PACE Local 412 Governments shall verify that holders or loan servicers of any mortgage or lien encumbering or otherwise 414 secured by the Commercial Property have signed written consents consenting to the C-PACE Assessment 416 considered for the Commercial Property pursuant to the C-PACE Financing Agreement. A verified copy or other 418 proof of such consent must be provided to and maintained by the C-PACE Local Government. 420 422 (h) Marketing and Communications. Marketing practices for providers of C-PACE Programs, (1) 424 including C-PACE Local Governments and C-PACE Administrators, that are unfair, deceptive, abusive, or 426 misleading, or that violate applicable laws or regulations, or that are inappropriate, incomplete, or inconsistent 428 with a C-PACE Local Government's purpose, are prohibited. 430 (2) Providers of C-PACE Programs, including C-PACE 432 Local Governments, C-PACE Administrators, and contractors, may not use facsimiles or logos of the 434

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County, the Orange County Tax Collector, or the Orange County Property Appraiser in their marketing materials.

Marketing materials are prohibited from making the

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		ii. That C-PACE is a County program;
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448		iv. That C-PACE is a form of public assistance.
450 (i)		ted Classes. C-PACE Local Governments, C-PACE nistrators, and contractors are prohibited from
452		minating against individuals on the basis of race, color, ry, disability, national origin, religion, age, familial status,
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458	PACE	es Reporting. C-PACE Local Governments shall track C-Program metrics and report those metrics to Orange y with the first report due no later than one (1) year after
460	the exc	ecution of a C-PACE Interlocal agreement. Following the
462	report	ssion of the first metrics report, each subsequent metrics must be submitted electronically to the County on a
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466	(1)	Dates of the reporting period including year and quarter;
468	(2)	Name of the C-PACE Administrator;
470	(3)	Number of signed term sheets;
472	(4)	Number of executed C-PACE Financing Agreements;
474	(5)	Number of projects completed;
476	(6)	Estimated number of local jobs created;
478	(7)	Project closing date and completion date;
480	(8)	Project building type (e.g. retail, office, industrial, etc.);
482	(9)	Project construction type (e.g. new, retrofit, rehabilitation, etc.);
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486	(10)	Amount financed for each project under the C-PACE Program;
488	(11)	Interest rates charged and the length of the repayment terms in months for each project;
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492	(12)	Types of Qualifying Improvements financed by the project (e.g. energy efficiency, renewable energy, wind resistance, etc.);
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496	(13)	Data estimating the project's impact on energy and resiliency (e.g. energy and insurance cost savings, energy efficiency savings by kilowatt-hour, amount of
498		clean energy generated by kilowatt-hour, etc.);
500	(14)	Whether an energy audit was completed for each project;
502	(15)	Number of formal complaints received related to the C-PACE Program;
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506	(16)	Number of defaults on C-PACE Assessment payments;
508	(17)	Number of tax sale certificates and tax deeds issued, sold, and granted; and
510	(18)	All data included in the metrics reports must be developed and collected using standardized and verified
512		principles and methodologies for the industry. The methodologies and supporting assumptions and sources
514		must be made available to the County by the C-PACE Local Government. The C-PACE Local Government
516		shall be responsible for testing and verifying the data collection and reporting methods and models used. All
518		metrics reports must include only aggregate data and exclude any nonpublic personal information.
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522	article	dments. The County reserves the right to amend this to revise the C-PACE Program Standards and any other of this article. The C-PACE Local Governments shall be
524	-	asible for remaining informed of and complying with all es in applicable law, including changes to this article.
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528	Count	ting. C-PACE Local Governments shall respond to y requests for information about the C-PACE Program(s),
	as per	missible by law, in a timely manner and shall provide

sufficient documentation as requested by the County to ensure 530 that the requirements of this article and the PACE Act are met. The C-PACE Local Government shall retain sufficient books 532 and records demonstrating compliance with this article, the PACE Act, and the C-PACE Interlocal agreement for a 534 minimum period of seven (7) years from the execution of each C-PACE Financing Agreement. The C-PACE Local 536 Governments shall allow the County access to such books and records upon request. 538 Section 25-357. Eligible C-PACE Program Participants. 540 Commercial Properties or Commercial Property owners 542 must meet this Section's criteria to be an Eligible Participant for a C-PACE Program. At the time of entering into a C-PACE Financing 544 Agreement, C-PACE Local Governments shall ensure that all Eligible Participants meet the requirements listed in this article and 546 the PACE Act, and all future amendments thereto, which currently include, but may not be limited to, the following: 548 (a) Eligible Participants must be the legal owners of the 550 Commercial Property subject to the C-PACE Assessment and must have the authority to contract for and approve Qualifying 552 Improvements. The C-PACE Local Government shall verify that the Eligible Participant is the legal owner of the Commercial 554 Property subject to the C-PACE Assessment; 556 (b) Eligible Participants' Commercial Property must be within the C-PACE Program Boundaries as defined in this article; 558 560 (c) All property taxes and any other assessments levied on the Commercial Property's tax bill must be paid and not have been delinquent for the preceding three (3) years or during the 562 Eligible Participant's period of ownership, whichever is less; 564 (d) Eligible Participants, as owners of the Commercial Property, 566 must be current on any mortgage on the subject property; (e) Eligible Participants cannot be in bankruptcy nor can the 568 Commercial Property be an asset in any bankruptcy proceeding; 570 (f) Commercial Property cannot have any federal income tax lien, judgement lien, or similar involuntary liens encumbering it 572 including, but not limited to, construction liens; and 574

(g) No notices of default or other evidence of property-based debt delinquency on the Commercial Property can have been recorded during the preceding three (3) years or during the Eligible Participant's period of ownership, whichever is less.

Section 25-358. C-PACE Assessments.

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Pursuant to the PACE Act, this article, and a C-PACE Interlocal, C-PACE Local Governments are authorized to enter into C-PACE Financing Agreements with Eligible Participants to impose non-ad valorem assessments on Commercial Property to secure the repayment of costs incurred as a result of constructing or installing Qualifying Improvements. These C-PACE Assessments shall be collected pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, as may be amended. Notwithstanding Section 197.3632(8)(a), Florida Statutes, the assessments shall not be subject to discount for early payment and may not require notice and adoption as set forth in Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, in accordance with the PACE Act. Pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, C-PACE Assessments levied pursuant to this article shall remain liens, coequal with the lien of all State of Florida, County, district and municipal taxes, superior in dignity to all other liens, titles and claims, until paid.

Section 25-359. C-PACE Program Administration.

C-PACE Programs shall be administered pursuant to the PACE Act, this article, and any additional regulations adopted by the Board. C-PACE Programs may be administered by C-PACE Administrators on behalf of and at the discretion of C-PACE Local Governments.

Section 25-360. Recordation of C-PACE Financing Agreement Documentation.

Any C-PACE Financing Agreement entered into between an Eligible Participant and a C-PACE Local Government, or a summary memorandum of such agreement, shall be recorded in the public records of the County within five (5) days after execution of the C-PACE Financing Agreement pursuant to the PACE Act. The recorded C-PACE Financing Agreement or summary memorandum of such agreement shall provide constructive notice that the C-PACE Assessment to be levied on the Commercial Property constitutes a lien of equal dignity to County taxes and assessments from the date of recordation.

620 Section 25-361. Notice to Commercial Property Purchaser. 622 The Commercial Property owner must comply with Section 163.08(14), Florida Statutes, by providing a written disclosure 624 statement to a prospective purchaser of the Commercial Property at or before the time a purchaser executes a contract for the sale and 626 purchase of any Commercial Property that has an unpaid balance due from a C-PACE Assessment. Failure to provide said notice shall 628 not impact either the validity of a C-PACE Assessment nor any obligation of a Commercial Property owner. 630 632 Section 25-362. Suspension or Termination of C-PACE Programs. 634 In the event that any C-PACE Local Government or its C-PACE Administrator fails to abide by the provisions of this article, 636 its C-PACE Interlocal, or other state or local law, rule, or regulation, then the County, in its sole discretion, may suspend or terminate the 638 C-PACE Interlocal upon written notice to that C-PACE Local Government. The suspension or termination of a C-PACE Interlocal 640 shall revoke the C-PACE Local Government's authority to continue with any new C-PACE projects within the C-PACE Program 642 Boundaries. Notwithstanding termination of a C-PACE Interlocal, Eligible Participants whose applications were approved and who 644 received funding through the C-PACE Program prior to the C-PACE Interlocal's termination date shall continue to be a part of the 646 C-PACE Program for the sole purpose of paying their outstanding C-PACE Assessment payments until such a time that all outstanding 648 C-PACE Assessment payments have been satisfied. 650 Section 25-363. Enforcement. 652 This article is enforceable by all means provided by law. Sections 25-364 – 25-369. Reserved. 654 Repeal of Laws in Conflict. All local laws and ordinances in conflict with Section 2. 656 any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. Section 3. Filing of Ordinance and Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect

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CCC		Jerry L. Demings
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	ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptrolle	r
670	As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners	
672	By:	
	Deputy Clerk	