

University Park Recreation District Charter

Adopted by Manatee County Ordinance 18-29, amended by Manatee County Ordinance 23-95 (approved by referendum on March 19, 2024).(Section references are from the Manatee County Code of Ordinances.)

Sec. 2-8-151. - Establishment of UPRD. There is hereby created the University Park Recreation District ("UPRD"), the boundaries of which are more particularly set forth in Exhibit A, attached to Ordinance No. 18-029, as a recreational district pursuant to section 418.20, Florida Statutes, and as an independent special district within the meaning of chapter 189, Florida Statutes. This article, as it may be amended from time to time, shall constitute the Charter for the UPRD as authorized in Chapter 418, part II, Florida Statutes.

Sec. 2-8-152. - Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following additional definitions shall apply:

(a) "Act" shall mean sections 418.20-418.26, Florida Statutes, as amended, which provide for the creation and operation of recreation districts.

(b) "Board" shall mean the Board of Supervisors of the UPRD established pursuant to section 2-8-153.

(c) "Bond" shall mean any general obligation bond, special assessment bond, refunding bond, revenue bond, and other such obligation in the nature of a bond. A "Bond" does not include short-term loans or lines of credit with a maturity of five year(s) or less.

(d) "Cost," when used with reference to any Project, includes, but is not limited to: (1) the expenses of determining the feasibility or practicability of acquisition, construction, or reconstruction; (2) the cost of surveys, estimates, plans, and specifications; (3) the cost of improvements; (4) engineering, fiscal, and legal expenses and charges; (5) the cost of all labor, materials, machinery, and equipment; (6) the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements, and franchises acquired; (7) financing charges; (8) the creation of initial reserve and debt service funds; (9) working capital; (10) interest charges incurred or estimated to be incurred on money borrowed prior to and during construction and acquisition and for such reasonable period of time after completion of construction or acquisition as the Board may determine; (11) the cost of issuance of Bonds, including advertisements and printing; (12) the cost of any referendum held pursuant to this act and all other expenses of issuance of Bonds; (13) the discount, if any, on the sale or exchange of Bonds; (14) administrative expenses, including but not limited to trustee fees and expenses and dissemination agent fees; and (15) such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of any Project or to the financing thereof, or to the development of any lands within the UPRD.

(e) "Elector" means any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Florida, and who is registered to vote with the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections at his or her address within the UPRD.

(f) "Fees" mean fees for admission to or use of recreational facilities including, but not limited to user fees, club fees and transfer fees.

(g) "Owner" shall mean the owner of a freehold estate located in the UPRD, as appears by the deed of record, including a trustee, a private corporation or owner of a condominium unit; this definition does not include a reversioner, remainderman, mortgagee or any governmental entity, who shall not be counted and need not be notified of proceedings under this article or undertaken by the UPRD.

(h) "Project" means any development, improvement, property, utility, facility, works, enterprise, or service now existing or hereafter undertaken by the UPRD or established under the provisions of this article.

(i) "Resident" shall mean a person over eighteen (18) years of age who resides at one specific address within the UPRD for at least 183 days per calendar year.

(j) "Supervisor" shall mean a member of the UPRD Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 2-8-153. – Elections and Board of Supervisors.

(a) The UPRD shall be governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors, who shall be Residents. Beginning with the fourth election, Supervisors shall be elected by the Owners and Residents or as permitted by the Act. Notice of elections shall be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper which is in general circulation in the area of the UPRD, the last day of such publication to be not fewer than 14 days or more than 28 days before the date of the election. Beginning with the fourth election (February 2025), elections for supervisors shall occur on the third Tuesday in February for expiring terms. At least ninety days prior to any election, the Board of Supervisors shall establish voting procedures for the election consistent with this Charter and the Act. Beginning with the February 2025, election, the Board of Supervisors may appoint a non-supervisor to coordinate and conduct the election. Beginning with the February 2025, election candidates of the Office of Supervisor shall file with the District Manager for the seat for which the candidate is running. The filing period shall terminate 60 days prior to the date of the election. A vote by an Owner or Resident authorized to vote may be cast in person, by mail, by proxy in writing, or other means allowed by Florida Law. Each proxy must be signed by the voter for which the vote is cast and must contain the typed or printed name of the individual who signed the proxy and the street address or tax parcel identification number. The signature on a proxy need not be notarized. Upon the conclusion of the period for the casting of votes on the election day, the results shall be announced at a public meeting.

(b) Beginning with the February 2025 election, the candidate(s) receiving the most votes in any election shall be elected based on the number of seats available. For example, if two

seats are available, the two candidates receiving the most votes are elected. The term of office for each successful candidate commences upon election. If, during the term of office, a vacancy occurs, the remaining members of the Board shall fill the vacancy by an appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. Supervisors shall hold office for the terms for which they were elected or appointed and until their successors are chosen and qualified. If no Resident qualifies for a seat to be filled in an election, a vacancy in that seat shall be declared by the Board effective on the second Tuesday following the election. Within 90 days thereafter, the Board shall use its best efforts to identify and appoint a Resident to fill the vacancy. Until such appointment, the incumbent Supervisor in that seat shall remain in office.

(c) Any tie in the number of votes cast for a Supervisor seat shall be resolved by a coin flip.

(d) As of the second election, each Supervisor has been assigned to a seat number on the Board, Seats 1 through 5. The terms of office for Seats 2 and 4, shall expire in February 2026, and Seats 1, 3 and 5 shall expire in February 2025. Thereafter, the terms of office for all Supervisors shall be for 3 years.

(e) Elections shall be nonpartisan.

(f) The cost of elections for the Board shall be borne by the UPRD.

(g) In determining who is eligible to vote under the Charter under a specific election, the Board shall use and rely upon the official records maintained by the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections, in voting by Electors, the official records of the Property Appraiser in voting by Owners and the best available information to the District, including homeowner association documents, in noting by Residents.

(h) Upon entering into office, Supervisors shall take and subscribe to the oath of office as prescribed by Section 876.05, Florida Statutes.

(i) There shall be a limit of three consecutive terms, and a total limit of four terms, for each person elected as a Supervisor.

(j) Supervisors shall serve without compensation.

(k) As soon as practicable after each election or appointment, the Board shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and by electing a secretary, who need not be a Supervisor, and such other officers as the Board may deem necessary. The Board shall designate a person who is a resident of the state as treasurer of the UPRD, who shall have charge of the funds of the UPRD. Such funds shall be disbursed only upon the order, or pursuant to the resolution, of the Board by warrant or check countersigned by two of the following: the Chair, the Treasurer, the General Manager, Controller, the Vice Chair of the Board or by such other persons as may be authorized by the Board by resolution.

(l) The Board shall conduct regular meetings and shall periodically solicit the views of Residents and Owners as to their concerns regarding any aspect of matters within the authority or purview of the Board. The Board shall be primarily responsible for developing policy and overseeing the implementation of such policy, but in no way does this expression of intent limit the Board's powers.

(m) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting its business, exercising its powers and for all other purposes. Action taken by the UPRD shall be upon a vote of a majority of the Supervisors present and voting unless general law or a rule of the UPRD requires a greater number.

Sec. 2-8-154. - Authority and Powers. The UPRD shall have all the authority and powers set forth in section 418.22, Florida Statutes, and such further powers, as set forth below:

- (a) To sue and be sued; and
- (b) To have a corporate seal and authorize the use of a facsimile thereof; and
- (c) To contract and be contracted with and execute other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers; and
- (d) To acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise, and to dispose of, real and personal property, or any estate therein; and
- (e) To hold, control, and acquire by donation, purchase, or condemnation, or dispose of, any public easements, dedications to public use, platted reservations for public purposes, or any reservations for those purposes authorized by the Act and to make use of such easements, dedications, or reservations for any of the purposes authorized by the Act; and
- (f) To finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems, facilities, and basic infrastructure for recreational facilities of all kinds, including, but not limited to, real property, personal property, roads, parking lots, sidewalks, trails, paths, parks, ponds, lakes, preserves, lighting, landscaping, drainage, irrigation, signage, water, sewer and parking within the UPRD (hereinafter, collectively the "Recreational Facilities"). Any acquisition may be by purchase, lease, gift, easement, license, assignment, other conveyance or exercise of the power of eminent domain; and
- (g) To lease as lessor or lessee to or from any person, firm, corporation, association, or body, public or private, any Projects of the type that the UPRD is authorized to undertake and facilities or property of any nature for the use of the UPRD to carry out any of the purposes authorized by this article or the Act, including but not limited to the purpose of providing revenue to offset the expenses of the UPRD; and
- (h) To construct and maintain security buildings and other structures needed to regulate access to, and to provide security for, the Recreation Facilities; and

(i) To assess and impose upon lands in the UPRD ad valorem taxes as provided by the Act; and

(j) To issue Bonds for public or private purchase, secured by ad valorem taxes or by pledge of both such taxes and other revenues of the UPRD, or by non-ad valorem assessment and to levy and collect such taxes and/or non-ad valorem assessments without limitation on all real properties subject to Manatee County taxation within the UPRD in order to pay the principal of and interest on such Bonds as they shall come due or to accumulate a sinking fund for the payment of principal and interest, in accordance with section 2-8-157; and

(k) To borrow money and accept gifts; to apply for and use grants or loans of money or other property from the United States, the state, a unit of local government, or any person for any legal purposes and enter into agreements required in connection therewith; and to hold, use, and dispose of such moneys or property for any legal public purposes in accordance with the terms of such gift, grant, loan, or agreement; and

(l) To procure insurance and bonds for the Board, the UPRD, and its staff, contractors, facilities and property; and

(m) To operate and maintain Recreational Facilities or to enter into arrangements with others for such operation and maintenance pursuant to contract, lease or otherwise; and

(n) To employ all personnel deemed necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Recreational Facilities of the UPRD; and

(o) To determine, order, levy, impose, collect, and enforce non-ad valorem assessments or other revenues for the purchase, acquisition, repair, improvement, and construction of Recreational Facilities within the UPRD and for the operation and maintenance of the UPRD pursuant to the Act and chapter 170, Florida Statutes. Such non-ad valorem assessments may, in the discretion of the UPRD, be collected and enforced pursuant to the provisions of sections 197.3631, 197.3632, and 197.3635, chapter 170, or chapter 173, Florida Statutes; and

(p) To pay any delinquent state, county, district, municipal, or other tax or assessment upon lands located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the UPRD; to redeem or purchase any tax sales certificates issued or sold on account of any state, county, district, municipal, or other taxes or assessments upon lands located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the UPRD; and in any sale of land pursuant to section 197.542, Florida Statutes, and amendments thereto, to certify to the clerk of the circuit court of Manatee County the amount of taxes due to the UPRD upon the lands sought to be sold; in which case the UPRD shall share in the disbursement of the sales proceeds in accordance with the provisions of the Act and applicable state laws.

(q) To establish, charge and collect fees for admission to or use of Recreational Facilities and to apply such fees to offset the expenses for the operation of the UPRD and/or the operation, maintenance, improvement, enlargement or acquisition of Recreational Facilities and/or to the payment of Bonds; and

(r) To adopt and enforce reasonable rules and policies for the use of the Recreational Facilities owned and operated by the UPRD; and

(s) To adopt, amend and rescind rules of procedure for the orderly conduct of the business of the UPRD; and

(t) To exercise all of the powers necessary, convenient, incidental, or proper in connection with any of the powers, duties, or purposes authorized by this article or the Act.

Sec. 2-8-155. - Recreational Facility Use. Use of the Recreational Facilities of the UPRD shall be subject to reasonable fees, conditions, and rules prescribed by the Board.

Sec. 2-8-156. - Short-Term Borrowing. The UPRD at any time may obtain short-term loans or lines of credit with a maturity of five years or less, in such amount and on such terms and conditions as the Board may approve, for the purpose of paying any of the expenses of the UPRD or any costs incurred or that may be incurred in connection with any of the Projects, which loans or lines of credit shall bear such interest as the Board may determine in compliance with section 215.84, Florida Statutes, and may be payable from and secured by a pledge of such funds, revenues, taxes, and assessments as the Board may determine, subject, however, to the provisions contained in any proceeding under which Bonds were theretofore issued and are then outstanding. For the purpose of defraying such costs and expenses, the UPRD may issue negotiable notes, warrants, or other evidences of debt to be payable at such times, to bear such interest as the Board may determine in compliance with section 215.84, Florida Statutes, and to be sold or discounted at such price or prices not less than 95 percent of par value and on such terms as the Board may deem advisable. The Board shall have the right to provide for the payment thereof by pledging the whole or any part of the funds, revenues, taxes, and assessments of the UPRD. The approval by referendum of short-term loans or lines of credit shall not be necessary except when required by the Act or State Constitution. Short-term borrowing authorized pursuant to this section shall also be subject to the provisions of section 2-8-157(g).

Sec. 2-8-157. - Bonds.

(a) The Board shall develop a detailed plan for the expenditure and repayment of the proceeds of each Bond issue. The repayment portion of each plan shall specify the annual amount of Bond repayment due from each Owner within the UPRD. The plan must be the subject of a referendum prior to the issuance of a proposed Bond. Provided however, no referendum shall be required for refunding Bonds. The referendum required by this section may be held on the same day as any other referendum related to the UPRD; provided that such Bonds shall bear interest at a rate pursuant to section 215.84, Florida Statutes. In the event an offer of an issue of Bonds at public sale produces no bid, or in the event all bids received are rejected, or the bonds are otherwise sold as allowed by the Act, the UPRD is authorized to negotiate for the sale of such Bonds under such rates and terms as are acceptable, subject to the provisions of Chapter 418, Florida Statutes.

(b) Bonds shall be authorized by resolution or resolutions of the Board which shall be adopted by a majority of all the Supervisors thereof then in office. Such resolution authorizing the

issuance of bonds may be adopted prior to filing a complaint for validation of the Bonds, but the validation hearing shall not occur until after the referendum required by section 418.22, Florida Statutes. Such resolution or resolutions may be adopted at the same meeting at which they are introduced and need not be published or posted. Any resolution authorizing the issuance of Bonds may contain such covenants as the Board may deem advisable, and all such covenants shall constitute valid and legally binding and enforceable contracts between the UPRD and the bondholders, regardless of the time of issuance thereof. Such covenants may include, without limitation, covenants concerning the disposition of the Bond proceeds; the use and disposition of Project revenues; the pledging of revenues, taxes, and assessments; the obligations of the UPRD with respect to the operation of the Project and the maintenance of adequate Project revenues; the issuance of additional Bonds; the appointment, powers, and duties of trustees and receivers; the acquisition of outstanding Bonds and obligations; restrictions on the establishing of competing Projects or facilities; restrictions on the sale or disposal of the assets and property of the UPRD; the priority of assessment liens; the priority of claims by bondholders on the taxing power of the UPRD; the maintenance of deposits to assure the payment of revenues by users of UPRD facilities and services; the discontinuance of UPRD services by reason of delinquent payments; acceleration upon default; the execution of necessary instruments; the procedure for amending or abrogating covenants with the bondholders; and such other covenants as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the security of the bondholders.

(c) Any Bond issued by the UPRD, in the absence of an express recital on the face thereof that it is nonnegotiable, shall be fully negotiable and shall be and constitute a negotiable instrument.

(d) The UPRD shall have the power to issue Bonds to provide for the retirement or refunding of any Bonds or obligations of the UPRD at any time when in the judgment of the Board such issuance will be advantageous to the UPRD.

(e) Any two or more Projects may be combined and consolidated into a single Project and may be operated and maintained as a single Project. The Bonds authorized herein may be issued to finance any one or more of such Projects, regardless of whether or not such Projects have been combined and consolidated into a single Project. If the Board deems it advisable, the proceedings authorizing such Bonds may provide that the UPRD may thereafter combine the Projects then being financed or theretofore financed with other Projects to be subsequently financed by the UPRD, and that Bonds to be thereafter issued by the UPRD shall be on parity with the Bonds then being issued, all on such terms, conditions, and limitations as shall have been provided in the proceeding which authorized the original Bonds.

(f) If the Board determines to issue Bonds for more than one Project, the approval of the issuance of the Bonds for all such Projects may be submitted during one referendum process. The failure of the referendum to approve the issuance of Bonds for any one or more Projects shall not defeat the approval of Bonds for any Project which has been approved in such referendum

process.

(g) All Bond issues, except for refunding bonds, shall be validated by appropriate court proceedings. No Bonds, short-term loans or lines of credit or other debt of the UPRD shall constitute debt of Manatee County or the State of Florida, and Manatee County does not make any legal representations with regard to any such indebtedness. UPRD shall be entitled to issue Bonds without the consent of the county. In furtherance thereof, the county shall not be requested to authorize any Bonds or other obligations secured by non-ad valorem assessments or taxes imposed by the UPRD pursuant to the Act or this article. The UPRD acting pursuant to the Act or this article shall not be empowered or authorized in any manner to create a debt as against the county and shall not be entitled to pledge the full faith and credit of the county in any manner whatsoever. No revenue bonds or debt obligations of the UPRD acting pursuant to the Act shall ever pledge or imply any pledge that the county shall be obligated to pay the same or the interest thereon, nor state or imply that such obligations are payable from the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the state or the county. The issuance of Bonds by the UPRD under the Act or this article shall not be deemed in any manner, directly or indirectly or contingently, to obligate the county to levy or to pledge any form of ad valorem taxation or other county revenues or to make any appropriation for their payment whatsoever.

Sec. 2-8-158. -Trust agreements. Any issue of Bonds shall be secured by a trust agreement by and between the UPRD and a corporate trustee or trustees, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the state.

Sec. 2-8-159. - Taxes; Enforcement of Taxes.

(a) The Manatee County Property Appraiser's ownership records shall be the official property records for the UPRD. The tax collector for the UPRD shall be the Manatee County Tax Collector.

(b) The assessment, levy, collection and enforcement of all taxes levied by the UPRD shall be at the same time and in like manner as county taxes, and the provisions of Florida Statutes relating to the sale of lands for unpaid and delinquent county taxes; the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax certificates for such unpaid and delinquent county taxes; the redemption thereof; the issuance to individuals of tax deeds based thereon; and all other procedures in connection therewith shall be applicable to the UPRD to the same extent as if such statutory provisions were expressly set forth herein. All UPRD taxes shall be subject to the same discounts as county taxes. The ad valorem tax provided for herein shall be in addition to county and all other ad valorem taxes provided for by law. The levy of ad valorem taxes shall be approved by referendum when required by the Act or State Constitution. Pursuant to article VII, section 9 of the Florida Constitution, the maximum millage of taxation levied by the UPRD shall not exceed the millage approved by the Owners whose property is subject to taxation in the referendum approving such ad valorem taxation.

(c) All taxes provided for in this article shall become delinquent and bear penalties on the amount of such taxes in the same manner as county taxes.

(d) All taxes provided for in this article, together with all penalties for default in the payment of the same and all costs in collecting the same, including a reasonable attorney's fee fixed by the court and taxed as a cost in the action brought to enforce payment, shall, from January 1 for each year the property is liable to assessment and until paid, constitute a lien of equal dignity with the liens for state and county taxes and other taxes of equal dignity with state and county taxes upon all the lands against which such taxes shall be levied. A sale of any of the real property within the UPRD for state and county or other taxes shall not operate to relieve or release the property so sold from the lien for subsequent UPRD taxes or installments of UPRD taxes, which lien may be enforced against such property as though no such sale thereof had been made. The provisions of sections 194.171, 197.122, 197.333, and 197.432, Florida Statutes, shall be applicable to UPRD taxes with the same force and effect as if such provisions were expressly set forth in the Ordinance.

Sec. 2-8-160. -Non-Ad Valorem Assessments; Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments.

(a) The process for the levy and collection of non-ad valorem assessments for the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, or maintenance of UPRD facilities and operation of the UPRD, its facilities and property may follow the procedures for levy provided in chapter 170 or chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and the procedures for collection provided in chapter 170 or chapter 197, Florida Statutes.

(b) Non-ad valorem assessments authorized by the Act and this article shall constitute a lien on the property against which assessed from the date of imposition thereof until paid, coequal with the lien of state, county, municipal, and school board taxes. Such lien shall also include a reasonable attorney's fee for collection. A sale of any of the real property within the UPRD for state and county or other taxes shall not operate to relieve or release the property so sold from the lien for past or subsequent UPRD non-ad valorem assessments or installments of UPRD non-ad valorem assessments not appearing on any tax certificate, which lien may be enforced against such property as though no such sale thereof had been made.

(c) Non-ad valorem assessments authorized by the Act and this article are non-ad valorem assessments as defined by 197.3632, Florida Statutes. The provisions of sections 194.171, 197.122, 197.333, and 197.432, Florida Statutes, shall be applicable to UPRD non-ad valorem assessments certified for collection by the Manatee County Tax Collector with the same force and effect as if such statutory provisions were expressly set forth in this article.

(d) The UPRD shall have the power to levy and collect non-ad valorem assessments authorized by Chapter 170, Florida Statutes. Any non-ad valorem assessment lien in favor of the UPRD may be foreclosed by the UPRD by foreclosure proceedings in the name of the UPRD in a court of competent jurisdiction as provided by general law in like manner as is provided in chapter 170 or chapter 173, Florida Statutes, and amendments thereto. The provisions of those chapters shall be applicable to such proceedings with the same force and effect as if those provisions were

expressly set forth in this article. Any act required or authorized to be done by or on behalf of a municipality in foreclosure proceedings under chapter 170 or chapter 173, Florida Statutes, may be performed by such officer or agent of the UPRD as the Board may designate. No lien shall be foreclosed against any political subdivision or agency of the state. Other legal remedies shall remain available.

Sec. 2-8-161. - Budgets; Financial Reporting; Planning Requirements. The Board shall develop and approve annually, by majority vote, an operating budget for the UPRD. The UPRD shall provide financial reports and audits in such form and such manner as prescribed pursuant to chapter 218, Florida Statutes. The UPRD shall also comply with all registration, filing and reporting requirements of chapter 189, Florida Statutes. The UPRD shall maintain a five-year plan for the operation and maintenance of the Recreational Facilities and the development of new Projects. All Projects of the UPRD shall be consistent with the county's comprehensive plan and land development code and the Florida Building Code.

Sec. 2-8-162. - Statutory Compliance. The UPRD shall comply with the applicable provisions of chapters 112, 119, 189, and 286, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable provisions of Florida Statutes.

Sec. 2-8-163. - Competitive Solicitation.

(a) No contract shall be let by the Board for the purchase of any goods, supplies, materials or maintenance services when the amount thereof to be paid by the UPRD shall exceed the amount provided in section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for category four, unless notice of bids or other competitive solicitation, including requests for proposals or qualifications, is advertised once in a newspaper in general circulation in Manatee County.

(b) The procurement of a contract to construct or improve a public building, structure, or other public works shall comply with the bidding procedures of section 255.20, Florida Statutes, and other applicable general law.

(c) If the UPRD does not receive a response to its competitive solicitation, the UPRD may proceed to purchase such goods, supplies, materials, or construction services in the manner it deems in the best interests of the UPRD.

(d) The provisions of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, section 287.055, Florida Statutes, shall apply to contracts for engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, or registered surveying and mapping services let by the Board.

(e) Contracts for other services shall not be subject to competitive solicitation unless the UPRD adopts a rule, policy, or procedure applying competitive solicitation procedures to said contracts. The UPRD may adopt rules, policies, or procedures establishing competitive solicitation procedures.

Sec. 2-8-164. - Recovery of Delinquent Charges. In the event that any rates, fees, rentals, charges, or delinquent penalties shall not be paid as and when due and shall be in default for 60 days or more, the unpaid balance thereof and all interest accrued thereon, together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs, may be recovered by the UPRD in a civil action.

Sec. 2-8-165. -Limitation of Liability in Suits Against the UPRD. Any suit or action brought or maintained against the UPRD for damages arising out of tort, including, without limitation, any claim arising upon account of an act causing an injury or loss of property, personal injury, or death, shall be subject to the limitations provided in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

Sec. 2-8-166. - Exemption of UPRD Property from Execution. All UPRD property shall be exempt from levy and sale by virtue of an execution, and no execution or other judicial process shall issue against such property, nor shall any judgment against the UPRD be a charge or lien on its property or revenues; however, nothing contained herein shall apply to or limit the rights of bondholders to pursue any remedy for the enforcement of any lien or pledge given by the UPRD in connection with any of the Bonds or other debt obligations of the UPRD.

Sec. 2-8-167. - Contraction or Expansion; Dissolution,

(a) The Board may petition Manatee County to contract or expand the boundaries of the UPRD, or dissolve the UPRD, subject to the referendum required by section 418.20, Florida Statutes and, in the case of dissolution, subject to the provisions of subsection (b) hereof.

(b) Only if the UPRD has no outstanding financial obligations and no operating or maintenance responsibilities, upon the petition of the Board, the UPRD may be dissolved by a nonemergency ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County in accordance with the requirements of section 189.013, Florida Statutes.

Sec. 2-8-168. - Amendments to Charter. The Board of County Commissioners may amend this article by ordinance in accordance with applicable law, subject to first obtaining the prior approval of the Board of the UPRD. Upon approval of any amendment of this article by the Board of County Commissioners, such amendment shall thereafter be submitted for approval of the Electors in a referendum conducted pursuant to the provisions of section 418.20, Florida Statutes.

