

SPECIAL MAGISTRATE, FLORIDA LAND USE**1. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

- 1.1. Special Master to conduct proceedings and render non-binding recommendations regarding land use and environmental disputes in accordance with the procedures listed in the Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution Act, Section 70.51, Florida Statutes, and Section 14.17.00 of the Lake County Land Development Regulations.
- 1.2. Special Master holds a position of trust and shall adhere to the highest standards of personal integrity, impartiality, and competence. Special Master shall be honest and unbiased, act in good faith, be diligent and avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest. Special Master should disclose any facts or circumstances that may cause justifiable doubt as to impartiality or independence.
- 1.3. Special Master shall be available on an as-needed basis. County is under no obligation for any specific number of cases and/or instances. Special Master is not considered an employee of the County.

2. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The Special Master shall have knowledge of and follow the procedures set in the Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution Act, Section 70.51, Florida Statutes, and Lake County Land Development Regulations 14.17.00. The Special Master shall be a resident of the State of Florida (Lake County preferred) and possess experience and expertise in mediation and, at least one of the following disciplines and a working familiarity with the others:

- 2.1. Land Use and Environmental Permitting
- 2.2. Land Planning
- 2.3. Land Economics
- 2.4. Local and State Government Organization and Powers, and the law governing the same.

3. MISCELANEOUS

- 3.1. A Special Master need not be a lawyer, or a mediator certified by the Florida Supreme Court. Any member of the Florida Bar selected as a Special Master in a particular matter shall not, for that reason, be disqualified from serving as counsel in any other matter before the County.
- 3.2. Special Master shall not alter or amend any of the information (including, but not limited to stated units of measure, item description, or quantity) stated in the Pricing Section.
- 3.3. An escalator clause not specifically allowed for will not be considered.
- 3.4. Unit prices shall govern for all services priced.
- 3.5. All pricing shall be FOB Destination.

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