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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Community Redevelopment
3	Act of 1969; amending s. 163.340, F.S.;
4	revising and adding new definitions; amending
5	s. 163.345, F.S.; providing for encouragement
6	of private enterprise by a community
7	redevelopment agency; amending s. 163.346,
8	F.S.; revising provisions governing notice to
9	taxing authorities concerning the creation and
10	operation of a redevelopment agency or issuance
11	of bonds; amending s. 163.350, F.S.;
12	transferring certain responsibilities
13	concerning formation of a program to minimize
14	slums or blight from a county or municipality
15	to a redevelopment agency; amending s. 163.355,
16	F.S.; requiring that a county or municipality
17	make a finding of necessity prior to the
18	exercise of certain powers by a redevelopment
19	agency; amending s. 163.356, F.S.; authorizing
20	the creation of one or more redevelopment
21	agencies by a county or municipality; removing
22	a provision requiring a resolution before a
23	redevelopment agency created by a county may
24	exercise power in a municipality; providing for
25	creation and designation of certain officers of
26	a redevelopment agency by resolution; providing
27	for appointments to the board of commissioners
28	of a redevelopment agency; revising provisions
29	governing reporting requirements for certain
30	agencies authorized to transact business or
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redevelopment; authorizing the governing body to fund the operations and undertakings of a redevelopment agency and removing the authority of such body to fund administrative expenses and overhead of such an agency; providing for creation of an advisory board for a redevelopment agency; clarifying independent legal status of a redevelopment agency; requiring a redevelopment agency to adopt bylaws; amending s. 163.357, F.S.; revising provisions authorizing a governing body to become and operate as a redevelopment agency; amending s. 163.358, F.S.; removing eminent domain from a list of powers available to a redevelopment agency; amending s. 163.360, F.S.; revising provisions concerning review, notice, and adoption of a community redevelopment plan; amending s. 163.361, F.S.; revising provisions governing modification of a redevelopment plan; amending s. 163.362, F.S.; revising provisions specifying the required contents of a redevelopment plan; clarifying relocation requirements; removing the requirement for an element of residential use in the redevelopment area for certain plans; limiting and clarifying the costs that must be stated; removing a requirement to provide a time certain for completion of redevelopment funded by tax increment revenues; requiring provision of a time certain for annual payment of increment revenues by a taxing authority;

1 amending s. 163.365, F.S.; revising 2 requirements governing development, adoption, 3 and contents of a neighborhood and 4 communitywide plan; authorizing preparation of 5 a redevelopment plan by a redevelopment agency; 6 removing provisions concerning general planning 7 and appropriation authority of a county or municipality; amending s. 163.367, F.S.; 8 9 authorizing an officer of a redevelopment 10 agency to hold another county or municipal office under specified conditions; amending s. 11 12 163.370, F.S.; granting certain powers to a 13 redevelopment agency; revising provisions granting powers to counties and municipalities; 14 authorizing a county, municipality, or 15 redevelopment agency to exercise powers granted 16 17 by certain other laws to a county, 18 municipality, or redevelopment agency; authorizing a county, municipality, or 19 redevelopment agency to disseminate certain 20 21 promotional information; requiring such 22 entities to conform to a specified law when 23 disposing of property in a redevelopment area; removing a constraint on the acquisition of 2.4 certain personal property by such entities; 25 removing constraints on powers of such entities 26 27 regarding certain surveys, plans, or 2.8 administrative efforts; revising provisions limiting the use of increment revenues for 29 30 certain capital improvement projects or government operating expenses; revising 31

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provisions governing the acquisition of real property by a redevelopment agency prior to approval of a redevelopment plan; amending s. 163.375, F.S.; removing provisions granting eminent domain authority to a county or municipality for certain purposes relating to community redevelopment; revising provisions by which a county or municipality may authorize a redevelopment agency to exercise the power of eminent domain for certain purposes relating to community redevelopment; amending s. 163.380, F.S.; revising requirements governing disposition or use of property acquired for community redevelopment; removing authorization for certain decisions by a county or municipality regarding the disposition or use of such property; authorizing a redevelopment agency to include provisions concerning blight in a contract governing the use of such property; removing a requirement for approval by a governing body after a public hearing prior to disposition of such property for less than fair value; removing requirements that a county or municipality, in addition to a redevelopment agency, expedite transfer of or provide public notice regarding the disposition of certain land; revising requirements for provision of public notice, solicitation, review, and acceptance of redevelopment proposals prior to disposition of certain land; amending s. 163.387, F.S.; revising provisions

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governing establishment of a redevelopment trust fund and use of tax increment revenues; authorizing establishment of a redevelopment trust fund; prohibiting use of increment revenues by a redevelopment agency unless the trust fund is established and funding is provided; revising criteria governing the amount of the annual contribution by a taxing authority to the redevelopment trust fund, the period that such annual contribution must continue, and the penalty should such contribution not be timely made; transferring from a local governing body to a redevelopment agency authority concerning an exemption of certain special districts from the requirement to make such annual contributions; revising provisions governing such exemptions; revising provisions governing the duration of the requirement for an annual contribution of tax increment revenues; removing provisions governing permissible expenditures and auditing of redevelopment trust fund moneys; amending s. 163.395, F.S.; removing provisions exempting the property of a county or municipality from levy or sale pursuant to execution or from a charge or lien pursuant to a judgment; removing provisions exempting property acquired or held by a county or municipality for certain community redevelopment purposes from taxation by the county or municipality; exempting property held by a community redevelopment

1 agency from taxation by a special district; 2 amending s. 163.400, F.S.; including 3 redevelopment agencies in provisions governing 4 cooperation by public bodies; including 5 purposes relating to the activities of a 6 redevelopment agency within the purposes for 7 which a county or municipality may issue general obligation bonds; amending s. 163.410, 8 9 F.S.; revising provisions governing delegation 10 of powers to a municipality by certain charter counties; amending s. 163.415, F.S.; requiring 11 12 municipal consent prior to the exercise of 13 powers by a county within a municipality; providing an effective date. 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 1. Subsections (2), (8), (11), (12), (17), and 18 (22) of section 163.340, Florida Statutes, are amended, and 19 subsections (24) and (25) are added to that section, to read: 20 21 163.340 Definitions.--The following terms, wherever 22 used or referred to in this part, have the following meanings: 23 (2) "Public body" or "taxing authority" means a the state or any county, municipality, authority, special district 2.4 as defined in s. 165.031(5), or other public body or 25 26 governmental entity in of the state, except a school district. 27 (3) "Governing body" means the elected council, 2.8 commission, or other legislative body charged with governing a the county or municipality which made the finding under s. 29 163.355 and created or designated the agency. 30

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- means an area in which there are a substantial number of deteriorated, or deteriorating structures, in which conditions, as indicated by government-maintained statistics or other studies, are leading to economic distress or endanger life or property, and in which two or more of the following factors are present:
- (a) Predominance of defective or inadequate street layout, parking facilities, roadways, bridges, or public transportation facilities;
- (b) Aggregate assessed values of real property in the area for ad valorem tax purposes have failed to show any appreciable increase over the 5 years prior to the finding of such conditions;
- (c) Faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility, or usefulness;
 - (d) Unsanitary or unsafe conditions;
 - (e) Deterioration of site or other improvements;
 - (f) Inadequate and outdated building density patterns;
- (g) Falling lease rates per square foot of office, commercial, or industrial space compared to the remainder of the county or municipality;
- (h) Tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the fair value of the land;
- (i) Residential and commercial vacancy rates higher in the area than in the remainder of the county or municipality;
- (j) Incidence of crime in the area higher than in the remainder of the county or municipality;
- (k) Fire and emergency medical service calls to the area proportionately higher than in the remainder of the county or municipality;

- (1) A greater number of violations of the Florida Building Code in the area than the number of violations recorded in the remainder of the county or municipality;
- (m) Diversity of ownership or defective or unusual conditions of title which prevent the free alienability of land within the deteriorated or hazardous area; or
- (n) Governmentally owned property with adverse environmental conditions caused by a public or private entity.

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- However, the term "blighted area" also means any area in which at least one of the factors identified in paragraphs (a) through (n) are present and all taxing authorities subject to s. 163.387(2)(a) agree, either by interlocal agreement or agreements with the agency or by resolution, that the area is blighted. Such agreement or resolution shall only determine that the area is blighted. For purposes of qualifying for the tax credits authorized in chapter 220, "blighted area" means
- (11) "Community redevelopment plan" means a plan, as it exists from time to time, for the redevelopment of a community redevelopment area.
 - (12) "Related activities" means:

an area as defined in this subsection.

- (a) Planning work for the preparation of a general neighborhood redevelopment plan or for the preparation or completion of a communitywide plan or program pursuant to s. 163.365.
- (b) The functions related to the acquisition and disposal of real property pursuant to s. 163.370(3).
- (c) The development of affordable housing for residents of the area.
 - (d) The development of community policing innovations.

1	(e) The marketing and promotion of the community
2	redevelopment area.
3	(17) "Area of operation" means, for a county, the area
4	within the boundaries of the county, the area within the
5	boundaries of the county which is designated as a community
6	redevelopment area, and for a municipality, the area within
7	the corporate limits of the municipality which is designated
8	as a community redevelopment area.
9	(22) "Increment revenue" means the amount calculated
10	pursuant to s. 163.387(1) which must, pursuant to s.
11	163.387(2), be appropriated or paid to a redevelopment fund by
12	each taxing authority.
13	(24) "Taxing authority" means a public body that
14	levies an ad valorem tax on real property located in a
15	community redevelopment area. The term excludes a public body
16	exempted pursuant to s. 163.387(2) from the obliqation to
17	appropriate increment revenues to a redevelopment trust fund.
18	(25) "Comprehensive plan" or "general plan" means the
19	comprehensive plan adopted by a governing body pursuant to
20	part II of this chapter and any amendments to the plan.
21	Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 163.345, Florida
22	Statutes, is amended to read:
23	163.345 Encouragement of private enterprise
24	(1) Any county, or municipality, or agency to the
25	greatest extent it determines to be feasible in carrying out
26	the provisions of this part, shall afford maximum opportunity,
27	consistent with the sound needs of the county or municipality
28	as a whole, to the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the
29	community redevelopment area by private enterprise. Any

30 county, or municipality, or agency shall give consideration to

31 this objective in exercising its powers under this part,

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including the formulation of a workable program; the approval 2 of community redevelopment plans, communitywide plans or programs for community redevelopment, and general neighborhood redevelopment plans (consistent with the comprehensive general plan of the county or municipality); the development and implementation of community policing innovations; the exercise of its zoning powers; the enforcement of other laws, codes, and regulations relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of buildings and improvements; the development of affordable housing; the disposition of any property acquired; and the provision of necessary public improvements. Section 3. Section 163.346, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 163.346 Notice to taxing authorities. -- Before the governing body adopts any resolution or enacts any ordinance required under s. 163.355, s. 163.356, s. 163.357, or s. 16 163.387; creates a community redevelopment agency; approves, adopts, or amends a community redevelopment plan; or authorizes or approves the issuance of issues redevelopment revenue bonds under s. 163.385, the governing body must provide public notice of such proposed action in accordance with pursuant to s. 125.66(2) or s. 166.041(3)(a) and, at least 15 days before such proposed action, mail by registered or certified mail a notice to each taxing authority which levies ad valorem taxes on taxable real property contained within the geographic boundaries of the redevelopment area. 26 Section 4. Section 163.350, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 163.350 Workable program. -- Any agency county or municipality for the purposes of this part may formulate for

the agency county or municipality a workable program for

utilizing appropriate private and public resources to 2 eliminate and prevent the development or spread of slums or and urban blight, to encourage needed community 3 rehabilitation, to provide for the redevelopment of slum or 4 and blighted areas, to provide housing affordable to residents 5 of low or moderate income, including the elderly, or to 7 undertake such of the aforesaid activities or other feasible 8 county or municipal activities as may be suitably employed to 9 achieve the objectives of such workable program. Such workable program may include provision for the prevention of the spread 10 of blight into areas of the county or municipality which are 11 12 free from blight through diligent enforcement of housing, 13 zoning, and occupancy controls and standards; the rehabilitation or conservation of slum or and blighted areas 14 or portions thereof by replanning, removing congestion, 15 providing parks, playgrounds, and other public improvements, 16 encouraging voluntary rehabilitation, and compelling the 18 repair and rehabilitation of deteriorated or deteriorating structures; the development of affordable housing; the 19 implementation of community policing innovations; and the 20 21 clearance and redevelopment of slum or and blighted areas or 22 portions thereof. 23 Section 5. Section 163.355, Florida Statutes, is 2.4 amended to read: 25 163.355 Finding of necessity by county or 26 municipality. -- No county, or municipality, or agency shall 27 exercise the powers community redevelopment authority 2.8 conferred by this part until after the governing body has 29 adopted a resolution, supported by data and analysis, which makes a legislative finding that the conditions in the area 30

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meet the criteria described in s. 163.340(7) or (8). The resolution must state that:

- (1) One or more slum or blighted areas, or one or more areas in which there is a shortage of housing affordable to residents of low or moderate income, including the elderly, exist in such county or municipality; and
- (2) The rehabilitation, conservation, or redevelopment, or a combination thereof, of such area or areas, including, if appropriate, the development of housing which residents of low or moderate income, including the elderly, can afford, is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, or welfare of the residents of such county or municipality.
- Section 6. Section 163.356, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 163.356 Creation of community redevelopment agency.--
- (1) Upon a finding of necessity as set forth in s.

 163.355, and upon a further finding that there is a need for a community redevelopment agency to function in the county or municipality to carry out the community redevelopment purposes of this part, any county or municipality may create one or more entities, each constituting a public body corporate and politic to be known as a "community redevelopment agency." A charter county having a population less than or equal to 1.6 million may create, by a vote of at least a majority plus one of the entire governing body of the charter county, more than one community redevelopment agency. Each such agency shall be constituted as a public instrumentality, and the exercise by a community redevelopment agency of the powers conferred by this part shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential public function. Community redevelopment agencies of

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a county have the power to function within the corporate limits of a municipality only as, if, and when the governing body of the municipality has by resolution concurred in the community redevelopment plan or plans proposed by the governing body of the county.

- (2) When the governing body adopts a resolution declaring the need for a community redevelopment agency, that body shall, by resolution ordinance, appoint a board of commissioners of the community redevelopment agency, which shall consist of not fewer than five or more than nine commissioners. The terms of office of the commissioners shall be for 4 years, except that three of the members first appointed shall be designated to serve terms of 1, 2, and 3 years, respectively, from the date of their appointments, and all other members shall be designated to serve for terms of 4 years from the date of their appointments. A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. The governing board shall, by resolution, appoint or reappoint individuals to serve as commissioners of the agency upon the expiration of any term of office of a member of the board of commissioners of the agency.
- (3)(a) A commissioner shall receive no compensation for services, but is entitled to the necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of duties. Each commissioner shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. A certificate of the appointment or reappointment of any commissioner shall be filed with the clerk of the county or municipality, and such certificate is conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of such commissioner.

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- shall be exercised by the commissioners thereof. A majority of the commissioners constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting business and exercising the powers of the agency and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the agency upon a vote of a majority of the commissioners present, unless in any case the bylaws require a larger number. Any person may be appointed as commissioner if he or she resides or is engaged in business, which means owning a business, practicing a profession, or performing a service for compensation, or serving as an officer or director of a corporation or other business entity so engaged, within the community redevelopment area of operation of the agency, which shall be coterminous with the area of operation of the county or municipality, and is otherwise eligible for such appointment under this part.
- (c) The governing body of the county or municipality shall, by resolution, designate a chair and vice chair from among the commissioners. An agency may employ an executive director, technical experts, and such other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it requires, and determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation. For such legal service as it requires, an agency may employ or retain its own counsel and legal staff. An agency authorized to transact business and exercise powers under this part shall file with each taxing authority the governing body, on or before March 31 of each year, a report of its activities for the preceding fiscal year, which report shall include a complete financial statement setting forth its assets, liabilities, income, and operating expenses as of the end of such fiscal year. At the time of filing the report, the agency shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the

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community <u>redevelopment area of the agency</u> a notice to the effect that such report has been filed with <u>each taxing</u> <u>authority the county or municipality</u> and that the report is available for inspection during business hours in the office of the clerk of the <u>taxing authority</u> city or county commission and in the office of the agency.

- (d) At Any time after the creation of a community redevelopment agency, the governing body of the county or municipality may appropriate to the agency such amounts as the governing body deems necessary for the operations and undertakings administrative expenses and overhead of the agency, including the development and implementation of community policing innovations.
- (e) The governing body or the agency may create an advisory board to the agency to assist the board of commissioners of the agency as may be provided by resolution of the governing body creating the advisory board or the bylaws adopted by the agency.
- (4) The governing body may remove a commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office only after a hearing and only if he or she has been given a copy of the charges at least 10 days prior to such hearing and has had an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.
- (5) A community redevelopment agency is a separate and distinct legal entity from the governing body and the taxing authority. Each community redevelopment agency shall adopt bylaws providing for the organization and operation of the agency.
- 29 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 163.357, Florida 30 Statutes, is amended to read:

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163.357 Governing body as the community redevelopment agency.--

- (1)(a) As an alternative to the appointment of commissioners not fewer than five or more than seven members of the agency pursuant to s. 163.356, the governing body may, at the time of the adoption of a resolution under s. 163.355, or at any time thereafter by adoption of a resolution, declare the members of the governing body itself to be the board of commissioners of the an agency as an additional duty of office, in which case all the rights, powers, duties, privileges, and immunities vested by this part in an agency will be vested in the members of the governing body constituting the board of commissioners of the agency of the county or municipality, subject to all responsibilities and liabilities imposed or incurred.
- board of commissioners of the agency shall be the members of the agency, but such members constitute the head of a legal entity, separate, distinct, and independent from the governing body of the county or municipality. If the governing body declares itself to be the board of commissioners of the an agency which already exists, the newly constituted board of commissioners new agency is subject to all of the responsibilities and liabilities imposed or incurred by the prior board of commissioners existing agency.
- (c) A governing body that which consists of five members may appoint two additional individuals persons to act as members of the board of commissioners of the community redevelopment agency. The terms of office of the additional members shall be for 4 years, except that the first person appointed shall initially serve a term of 2 years. Persons

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appointed under this section are subject to $\underline{\text{the}}$ all provisions of $\underline{\text{s. 163.356}}$ this part relating to appointed members of $\underline{\text{the}}$ board of commissioners of a community redevelopment agency.

(d) As provided in an interlocal agreement between the governing body and one or more taxing authorities, one or more members of the board of commissioners of an agency may be representatives of a taxing authority.

Section 8. Section 163.358, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.358 Exercise of powers in carrying out community redevelopment and related activities.—The community redevelopment powers assigned to a community redevelopment agency created under s. 163.356 or s. 163.357 include all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, except the following, which continue to vest in the governing body of the county or municipality:

- (1) The power to determine an area to be a slum or blighted area or an area in need of redevelopment, or combination thereof; to designate such area as appropriate for community redevelopment; and to hold any public hearings required with respect thereto.
- (2) The power to grant final approval to community redevelopment plans and modifications thereof.
- (3) The power to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds as set forth in s. 163.385.
- (4) The power to approve the acquisition, demolition, removal, or disposal of property as provided in s. 163.370(3) and the power to assume the responsibility to bear loss as provided in s. 163.370(3).

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- (5) The power to approve the development of community policing innovations.
- (6) The power to authorize the exercise of eminent domain pursuant to s. 163.375.

Section 9. Section 163.360, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.360 Community redevelopment plans.--

- (1) Community redevelopment in a community redevelopment area shall not be planned or initiated unless the governing body has, by resolution, determined such area to be a slum area, a blighted area, an area in need of redevelopment, or an area in which there is a shortage of housing affordable to residents of low or moderate income, including the elderly, or a combination thereof, and designated such area as appropriate for community redevelopment.
 - (2) The community redevelopment plan shall:
- (a) Conform to the comprehensive plan for the county or municipality as prepared by the local planning agency under the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act.
- (b) Be sufficiently complete to indicate such land acquisition, demolition and removal of structures, redevelopment, improvements, and rehabilitation as may be proposed to be carried out in the community redevelopment area; zoning and planning changes, if any; land uses; maximum densities; and building requirements.
- (c) Provide for the development of affordable housing in the area, or state the reasons for not addressing in the plan the development of affordable housing in the area. The county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall

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coordinate with each housing authority or other affordable housing entities functioning within the geographic boundaries of the redevelopment area, concerning the development of affordable housing in the area.

- (3) The community redevelopment plan may provide for the development and implementation of community policing innovations.
- (4) The county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may itself prepare or cause to be prepared a community redevelopment plan, or any person or agency, public or private, may submit such a plan to a community redevelopment agency. Prior to its consideration of a community redevelopment plan, the community redevelopment agency shall submit such plan to the local planning agency of the county or municipality that created the agency for review, and recommendations, and comments as to its conformity with the comprehensive plan for the development of the county or municipality as a whole. The local planning agency shall submit its written recommendations or comments with respect to the conformity of the proposed community redevelopment plan to the community redevelopment agency within 60 days after receipt of the proposed plan for review. Upon receipt of the recommendations or comments of the local planning agency, or, if no recommendations or comments are received within such 60 days, then without such recommendations or comments, the community redevelopment agency may proceed with its consideration of the proposed community redevelopment plan.
- (5) The community redevelopment agency shall submit any community redevelopment plan it recommends for approval, together with its written recommendations, to the governing body and to each taxing authority that levies ad valorem taxes

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on taxable real property contained within the geographic boundaries of the redevelopment area. The governing body shall then proceed with the <u>public</u> hearing on the proposed community redevelopment plan as prescribed by subsection (6).

- (6) The governing body shall hold a public hearing on a <u>proposed</u> community redevelopment plan after public notice thereof by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the <u>community redevelopment</u> area of operation of the county or municipality. The notice shall <u>be published</u> at least 10 days before the public hearing and shall describe the time, date, place, and purpose of the hearing, identify generally the community redevelopment area covered by the plan, and outline the general scope of the <u>proposed</u> community redevelopment plan under consideration.
- (7) Following such hearing, the governing body may approve the community redevelopment and the plan therefor if it finds that:
- (a) A feasible method exists for the location of residents and businesses families who will be displaced from the community redevelopment area in decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling accommodations within their means and without undue hardship to such residents and businesses families;
- (b) The community redevelopment plan conforms to the comprehensive general plan of the county or municipality that
 created the agency as a whole;
- (c) The community redevelopment plan gives due consideration to the utilization of community policing innovations, and to the provision of adequate park and recreational areas and facilities that may be desirable for neighborhood improvement, with special consideration for the health, safety, and welfare of children residing in the

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community redevelopment area general vicinity of the site
covered by the plans;

- (d) The community redevelopment plan will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the county or municipality as a whole, for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the community redevelopment area, in whole or in part, by private enterprise; and
- (e) The community redevelopment plan and resulting revitalization and redevelopment for a coastal tourist area that is deteriorating and economically distressed will reduce or maintain evacuation time, as appropriate, and ensure protection for property against exposure to natural disasters.
- (8) If the community redevelopment area <u>includes</u> consists of an area of open land to be acquired by the county, or the municipality, or the agency for redevelopment, such area may not be so acquired unless:
- (a) If In the event the area is to be developed in whole or in part for residential uses, the governing body determines $\underline{\text{that}}$:
- 1. \underline{A} That shortage of housing of sound standards and design which is decent, safe, affordable to residents of low or moderate income, including the elderly, and sanitary exists in the county or municipality;
- 2. \underline{A} That the need for housing accommodations \underline{exists} has increased in the area;
- 3. That The conditions of <u>slum or</u> blight in the area or the shortage of decent, safe, affordable, and sanitary housing cause or contribute to an increase in and spread of disease and crime <u>that or onstitute a menace to the public health</u>, safety, morals, or welfare; <u>or and</u>

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- 4. That The acquisition of the area for residential uses is an integral part of and is essential to the program of the county or municipality.
- (b) $\underline{\text{If}}$ In the event the area is to be developed in whole or in part for nonresidential uses, the governing body determines that:
- 1. Such nonresidential uses are necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of the community <u>redevelopment area</u> in accordance with sound planning standards and local community objectives.
- 2. Acquisition may require the exercise of governmental action, as provided in this part, because of:
- a. Defective, or unusual conditions of, title or diversity of ownership which prevents the free alienability of such land;
 - b. Tax delinquency;
- c. Improper subdivisions;
 - d. Outmoded street patterns;
- e. Deterioration of site;
- f. Economic disuse;
 - g. Unsuitable topography or faulty lot layouts;
- h. Lack of correlation of the area with other areas of
 the a county or municipality by streets and modern traffic
 requirements; or
 - i. Any combination of such factors or other conditions which retard development of the area.
 - 3. Conditions of <u>slum or</u> blight in the area contribute to an increase in and spread of disease and crime or constitute a menace to public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

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- (9) Upon the approval by the governing body of a community redevelopment plan or of any modification thereof, such plan or modification shall be deemed to be in full force and effect for the respective community redevelopment area, and the governing body shall county or municipality may then cause the community redevelopment agency to carry out such plan or modification in accordance with its terms.
- (10) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, when the governing body certifies that an area is in need of redevelopment or rehabilitation as a result of an emergency under s. 252.34(3), with respect to which the Governor has certified the need for emergency assistance under federal law, that area may be certified as a "blighted area," or an "area in need of redevelopment," and the governing body may approve a community redevelopment plan and community redevelopment with respect to such area without regard to the provisions of this section requiring review by the local planning agency a general plan for the county or municipality and a public hearing on the community redevelopment plan.

Section 10. Section 163.361, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.361 Modification of community redevelopment plans.--

(1) If at any time after the approval of a community redevelopment plan by the governing body it becomes necessary or desirable to amend or modify such plan, the governing body may amend such plan upon the recommendation of the agency. The agency recommendation to amend or modify a redevelopment plan may include a change in the boundaries of the community redevelopment area to add land to or exclude land from the

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community redevelopment area, or may include the development
and implementation of community policing innovations.

- (2) The governing body shall hold a public hearing on a proposed modification of any community redevelopment plan after public notice thereof by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the <u>community redevelopment</u> area of operation of the agency.
- (3) In addition to the requirements of s. 163.346, and prior to the adoption of any modification to a community redevelopment plan that expands the boundaries of the community redevelopment area or extends the time certain set forth in the redevelopment plan as required by s. 163.362(10), the agency shall report such proposed modification to each taxing authority in writing or by an oral presentation, or both, regarding such proposed modification.
- (4) A modification to a community redevelopment plan that includes a change in the boundaries of the <u>community</u> redevelopment area to add land must be supported by a resolution <u>satisfying the requirements</u> as <u>provided</u> in s. 163.355.
- the <u>governing body</u> county or <u>municipality</u> after the lease or sale of real property in the community redevelopment area, such modification may be conditioned upon such approval of the owner, lessee, or successor in interest as the <u>governing body</u> considers county or <u>municipality may deem</u> advisable and, in any event, shall be subject to such rights at law or in equity as a lessee or purchaser, or his or her successor or successors in interest, may be entitled to assert.
- (6) The procedure specified in s. 163.360 governs each modification to an existing community redevelopment plan and

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the preparation, review, consideration, or approval of any such modification must conform to such procedure.

Section 11. Subsections (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), (9)

Section 11. Subsections (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of section 163.362, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 163.362 Contents of community redevelopment plan.--Every community redevelopment plan shall:
 - (2) Show by diagram and in general terms:
- (a) The approximate amount of open space to be provided and the street layout.
- (b) Limitations on the type, size, height, number, and proposed use of buildings.
 - (c) The approximate number of dwelling units.
- (d) Such property as is intended for use as public parks, recreation areas, streets, public utilities, and public improvements of any nature.
- or moderate income housing, contain a neighborhood impact element which describes in detail the impact of the redevelopment upon the residents of the community redevelopment area and the surrounding areas in terms of relocation, traffic circulation, environmental quality, availability of community facilities and services, effect on school population, and other matters affecting the physical and social quality of the neighborhood.
- (6) Provide for the retention of controls and the establishment of any restrictions or covenants running with land sold or leased by a for private person use for such periods of time and under such conditions as the governing body deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this part.

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- (7) Provide assurances that there will be replacement housing within or outside the community redevelopment area for the relocation of <u>individuals or businesses</u> persons temporarily or permanently displaced from housing facilities within the community redevelopment area.
- (8) State whether Provide an element of residential use in the redevelopment area if such use exists in the area prior to the adoption of the plan or if the plan is intended to remedy a shortage of housing affordable to residents of low or moderate income, including the elderly, and or if the plan is not intended to remedy such shortage, the reasons therefor.
- (9) Contain a detailed statement of the projected costs of the redevelopment, including the amount to be expended on publicly funded capital projects in the community redevelopment area and a description of any anticipated indebtedness of the community redevelopment agency, the county, or the municipality proposed to be incurred for such redevelopment, which if such indebtedness is to be repaid from the funds deposited in a community redevelopment trust fund established under s. 163.387 with increment revenues.
- of each taxing authority to pay completing all redevelopment financed by increment revenues into the community redevelopment trust fund. Such time certain must shall occur no later than 30 years after the fiscal year in which the plan is approved, adopted, or amended pursuant to s. 163.361(1). However, for any agency created after July 1, 2002, the time certain for completing all redevelopment financed by increment revenues must occur no later than within 40 years after the fiscal year in which the plan is approved or adopted.

Section 12. Section 163.365, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.365 Neighborhood and communitywide plans.--

- redevelopment agency, or any public body authorized to perform planning work may prepare a general neighborhood redevelopment plan for a community redevelopment area or areas, together with any adjoining areas having specially related problems, which may be of such scope that redevelopment activities may have to be carried out in stages. Such plans may include, but not be limited to, a preliminary plan which:
- (a) Outlines the community redevelopment activities proposed for the area involved;
- (b) Provides a framework for the preparation of community redevelopment plans; and
- (c) Indicates generally the land uses, population density, building coverage, prospective requirements for rehabilitation and improvement of property and portions of the area contemplated for clearance and redevelopment.

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- A general neighborhood redevelopment plan shall, in the determination of the governing body, conform to the general plan of the locality as a whole and the workable program of the county or municipality.
- (2) Any county or municipality or any public body authorized to perform planning work may prepare or complete a communitywide plan or program for community redevelopment plan that must which shall conform to the requirements of s.

 163.362 and be adopted as provided in s. 163.360. general plan for the development of the county or municipality as a whole and may include, but not be limited to, identification of slum

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or blighted areas, measurement of blight, determination of resources needed and available to renew such areas, identification of potential project areas and types of action contemplated, including the development of affordable housing if needed and appropriate for the area, and scheduling of community redevelopment activities. (3) Authority is hereby vested in every county and municipality to prepare, adopt, and revise from time to time a general plan for the physical development of the county or municipality as a whole (giving due regard to the environs and metropolitan surroundings), to establish and maintain a planning commission for such purpose and related county or municipal planning activities, and to make available and to appropriate necessary funds therefor. Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 163.367, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 163.367 Public officials, commissioners, and employees subject to code of ethics. --(3) Except as specifically provided in this part, a No commissioner or other officer of any community redevelopment agency may not, board, or commission exercising powers pursuant to this part shall hold any other public office under the county or municipality other than his or her commissionership or office with respect to such community redevelopment agency, board, or commission. Section 14. Subsection (1), paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2), and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section

163.370 Powers; counties and municipalities; community

163.370, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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- (1) In addition to the powers otherwise granted by the State Constitution, chapter 125, this chapter or chapter 166, any Every county, and municipality, and agency shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, including the following powers in addition to others herein granted:
- (a) To make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers under this part;
- (b) To disseminate slum clearance and community redevelopment information, including information marketing and promoting the community redevelopment area and the activities and undertakings of the agency;
- (c) To undertake and carry out community redevelopment and related activities within the community redevelopment area, which redevelopment may include:
- 1. Acquisition of a slum area or a blighted area or portion thereof.
- 2. Demolition and removal of buildings and improvements.
- 3. Installation, construction, or reconstruction of streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds, public areas of major hotels that are constructed in support of convention centers, including meeting rooms, banquet facilities, parking garages, lobbies, and passageways, and other improvements necessary for carrying out in the community redevelopment area the community redevelopment objectives of this part in accordance with the community redevelopment plan.
- 4. Disposition, as provided in s. 163.380, of any property acquired in the community redevelopment area at its

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fair value for uses in accordance with the community redevelopment plan.

- 5. Carrying out plans for a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings or other improvements in accordance with the community redevelopment plan.
- 6. Acquisition of real property in the community redevelopment area which, under the community redevelopment plan, is to be repaired or rehabilitated for dwelling use or related facilities, repair or rehabilitation of the structures for guidance purposes, and resale of the property.
- 7. Acquisition of any other real property in the community redevelopment area when necessary to eliminate unhealthful, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions; lessen density; eliminate obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare; or otherwise to remove or prevent the spread of blight or deterioration or to provide land for needed public facilities.
- 8. Acquisition, without regard to any requirement that the area be a slum or blighted area, of air rights in an area consisting principally of land in highways, railway or subway tracks, bridge or tunnel entrances, or other similar facilities which have a blighting influence on the surrounding area and over which air rights sites are to be developed for the elimination of such blighting influences and for the provision of housing (and related facilities and uses) designed specifically for, and limited to, families and individuals of low or moderate income.
- 9. Construction of foundations and platforms necessary for the provision of air rights sites of housing (and related

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facilities and uses) designed specifically for, and limited to, families and individuals of low or moderate income.

- (d) To provide, or to arrange or contract for, the furnishing or repair by any person or agency, public or private, of services, privileges, works, streets, roads, public utilities, or other facilities for or in connection with a community redevelopment; to install, construct, and reconstruct streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds, and other public improvements; and to agree to any conditions that it deems reasonable and appropriate which are attached to federal financial assistance and imposed pursuant to federal law relating to the determination of prevailing salaries or wages or compliance with labor standards, in the undertaking or carrying out of a community redevelopment and related activities, and to include in any contract let in connection with such redevelopment and related activities provisions to fulfill such of the conditions as it deems reasonable and appropriate.
 - (e) Within the community redevelopment area:
- 1. To enter into any building or property in any community redevelopment area in order to make inspections, surveys, appraisals, soundings, or test borings and to obtain an order for this purpose from a court of competent jurisdiction in the event entry is denied or resisted.
- 2. To acquire by purchase, lease, option, gift, grant, bequest, devise, eminent domain, or otherwise any personal or real property(or personal property for its administrative purposes), together with any improvements thereon; except that a community redevelopment agency may not exercise any power of eminent domain unless the exercise has been specifically

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approved by the governing body of the county or municipality which established the agency.

- 3. To hold, improve, clear, or prepare for redevelopment any such property.
- 4. To mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber or dispose of any real property.
- 5. To insure or provide for the insurance of any real or personal property or operations of the county or municipality against any risks or hazards, including the power to pay premiums on any such insurance.
- 6. To enter into any contracts necessary to effectuate the purposes of this part.
- 7. To solicit requests for proposals for redevelopment of parcels of real property contemplated by a community redevelopment plan to be acquired for redevelopment purposes by a community redevelopment agency and, as a result of such requests for proposals, to advertise for the disposition of such real property to private persons pursuant to s. 163.380 prior to acquisition of such real property by the community redevelopment agency.
- (f) To invest any community redevelopment funds held in reserves or sinking funds or any such funds not required for immediate disbursement in property or securities in which savings banks may legally invest funds subject to their control and to redeem such bonds as have been issued pursuant to s. 163.385 at the redemption price established therein or to purchase such bonds at less than redemption price, all such bonds so redeemed or purchased to be canceled.
- (g) To borrow money and to apply for and accept advances, loans, grants, contributions, and any other form of financial assistance from the Federal Government or the state,

county, or other public body or from any sources, public or 2 private, for the purposes of this part and to give such security as may be required and to enter into and carry out 3 contracts or agreements in connection therewith; and to 4 include in any contract for financial assistance with the 5 Federal Government for or with respect to community redevelopment and related activities such conditions imposed 8 pursuant to federal laws as the county or municipality deems 9 reasonable and appropriate which are not inconsistent with the purposes of this part. 10

- (h) Within its area of operation, To make or have made all surveys and plans necessary to the carrying out of the purposes of this part; to contract with any person, public or private, in making and carrying out such plans; and to adopt or approve, modify, and amend such plans, which plans may include, but are not limited to:
- Plans for carrying out a program of voluntary or compulsory repair and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements.
- 2. Plans for the enforcement of state and local laws, codes, and regulations relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of buildings and improvements and to the compulsory repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal of buildings and improvements.
- 3. Appraisals, title searches, surveys, studies, and other plans and work necessary to prepare for the undertaking of community redevelopment and related activities.
- (i) To develop, test, and report methods and techniques, and carry out demonstrations and other activities, for the prevention and the elimination of slums and urban

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blight and developing and demonstrating new or improved means of providing housing for families and persons of low income.

- (j) To apply for, accept, and utilize grants of funds from the Federal Government for such purposes.
- (k) To prepare plans for and assist in the relocation of persons (including individuals, families, business concerns, nonprofit organizations, and others) displaced from a community redevelopment area and to make relocation payments to or with respect to such persons for moving expenses and losses of property for which reimbursement or compensation is not otherwise made, including the making of such payments financed by the Federal Government.
- (1) To appropriate such funds and make such expenditures as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this part; to zone or rezone any part of the county or municipality or make exceptions from building regulations; and to enter into agreements with a housing authority, which agreements may extend over any period, notwithstanding any provision or rule of law to the contrary, respecting action to be taken by such county or municipality pursuant to any of the powers granted by this part.
- (m) To close, vacate, plan, or replan streets, roads, sidewalks, ways, or other places and to plan or replan any part of the county or municipality.
- (n) Within its area of operation, To organize, coordinate, and direct the administration of the provisions of this part, as they may apply to such county or municipality, in order that the objective of remedying slum and blighted areas and preventing the causes thereof within such county or municipality may be most effectively promoted and achieved and to establish such new office or offices of the county or

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municipality or to reorganize existing offices in order to carry out such purpose most effectively.

- (o) To exercise all or any part or combination of powers herein granted or to elect to have such powers exercised by a community redevelopment agency.
- $\ensuremath{\left(\mathbf{p}\right)}$ To develop and implement community policing innovations.
- (2) The following projects may not be paid for or financed by increment revenues:
- (b) Installation, construction, reconstruction, repair, or alteration of any publicly owned capital improvements or projects that were scheduled to which are not an integral part of or necessary for carrying out the community redevelopment plan if such projects or improvements are normally financed by the governing body with user fees or if such projects or improvements would be installed, constructed, reconstructed, repaired, or altered within 3 years after of the approval of the community redevelopment plan by the governing body, which approval was pursuant to a previously approved public capital improvement or project schedule or plan that such of the governing body had previously which approved, unless any such improvement or project has been removed from the capital improvement or project schedule or plan for not less than 3 years the community redevelopment plan.
- (c) General government operating expenses unrelated to the planning and carrying out of a community redevelopment plan, including payment or reimbursement for services provided to the agency by a public body.
- (3) With the approval of the governing body, a community redevelopment agency may:

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(a) Prior to approval of a community redevelopment plan or approval of any modifications of the plan, acquire real property in a community redevelopment area, demolish and remove any structures on the property, and pay all costs related to the acquisition, demolition, or removal, including any administrative or relocation expenses <u>unless such acquisition is pursuant to s. 163.375</u>.

Section 15. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 163.375, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

163.375 Eminent domain.--

(1) Any county or municipality, or any community redevelopment agency, pursuant to specific approval of the governing body of the county or municipality which established the agency, as <u>authorized</u> provided by <u>a resolution of the</u> governing body, any county or municipal ordinance has the right to acquire by condemnation any interest in real property, including a fee simple title thereto, which it deems necessary for, or in connection with, community redevelopment and related activities under this part. Any county or municipality, or any community redevelopment agency pursuant to <u>such resolution of</u> specific approval by the governing body of the county or municipality which established the agency, as provided by any county or municipal ordinance may exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided in chapters 73 and 74 and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, or it may exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner now or which may be hereafter provided by any other statutory provision for the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Property in unincorporated enclaves surrounded by the boundaries of a community redevelopment area may be acquired when it is determined necessary by the agency to accomplish

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the community redevelopment plan. Property already devoted to a public use may be acquired in like manner. However, no real property belonging to the United States, the state, or any political subdivision of the state may be acquired without its consent. As used in this subsection the term "specific approval" means the property to be acquired is identified for acquisition in the resolution adopted by the governing body approving exercise of eminent domain by the agency.

- (2) In any proceeding to fix or assess compensation for damages for the taking of property, or any interest therein, through the exercise of the power of eminent domain or condemnation, evidence or testimony bearing upon the following matters is shall be admissible and shall be considered in fixing such compensation or damages in addition to evidence or testimony otherwise admissible:
- (a) Any use, condition, occupancy, or operation of such property, which is unlawful or violative of, or subject to elimination, abatement, prohibition, or correction under, any law, ordinance, or regulatory measure of the state, county, municipality, or other political subdivision, or any agency thereof, in which such property is located, as being unsafe, substandard, unsanitary, or otherwise contrary to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare.
- (b) The effect on the value of such property of any such use, condition, occupancy, or operation or of the elimination, abatement, prohibition, or correction of any such use, condition, occupancy, or operation.

Section 16. Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 163.380, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

163.380 Disposal of property in community redevelopment area.--

(1) Any county, municipality, or community
redevelopment agency may sell, lease, dispose of, or otherwise
transfer real property or any interest therein acquired by it
for community redevelopment in a community redevelopment area
to any private person, or may retain such property for public
use, and may enter into contracts with respect thereto for
residential, recreational, commercial, industrial,
educational, or other uses, in accordance with the community
redevelopment plan, subject to such covenants, conditions, and
restrictions, including covenants running with the land, as it
deems necessary or desirable to assist in preventing the
development <u>continuation</u> , or spread of <u>slum</u> future slums or
blighted areas or to otherwise carry out the purposes of this
part. However, such sale, lease, other transfer, or retention,
and any agreement relating thereto, may be made only after the
approval of the community redevelopment plan by the governing
body. The purchasers or lessees and their successors and
assigns shall be obligated to devote such real property only
to the uses specified in the community redevelopment plan and
may be obligated to comply with such other requirements as the
county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may
determine to be in the public interest, including the
obligation to begin any improvements on such real property
required by the community redevelopment plan within a
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(2) Such real property or interest shall be sold, leased, otherwise transferred, or retained at a value determined to be in the public interest for uses in accordance with the community redevelopment plan and in accordance with such reasonable disposal procedures as the any county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may prescribe.

In determining the value of real property as being in the public interest for uses in accordance with the community redevelopment plan, the county, municipality, or community 3 redevelopment agency shall take into account and give 4 5 consideration to the long-term benefits to be achieved by the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency resulting from incurring short-term losses or costs in the 8 disposal of such real property; the uses provided in such plan; the restrictions upon, and the covenants, conditions, 9 and obligations assumed by, the purchaser or lessee or by the 10 county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency 11 12 retaining the property; and the objectives of such plan for 13 the prevention of the recurrence of slum or blighted areas. In the event the value of such real property being disposed of 14 is for less than the fair value, such disposition shall 15 16 require the approval of the governing body, which approval may 17 only be given following a duly noticed public hearing. The 18 county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may provide in any instrument of conveyance to a private purchaser 19 or lessee that such purchaser or lessee is without power to 20 21 sell, lease, or otherwise transfer the real property without 22 the prior written consent of the county, municipality, 23 community redevelopment agency until the purchaser or lessee has completed the construction of any or all improvements 2.4 2.5 which <u>such purchaser or lessee</u> he or she has <u>agreed</u> obligated 26 himself or herself to construct thereon. Real property 27 acquired by the county, municipality, or community 2.8 redevelopment agency which, in accordance with the provisions of the community redevelopment plan, is to be transferred 29 shall be transferred as rapidly as feasible in the public 30 interest, consistent with the carrying out of the provisions

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of the community redevelopment plan. Any contract for such transfer and the community redevelopment plan, or such part or parts of such contract or plan as the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may determine, may be recorded in the <u>public land</u> records of the clerk of the circuit court in such manner as to afford actual or constructive notice thereof.

(3)(a) Prior to disposition of any real property or interest therein in a community redevelopment area, any county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall give public notice of such disposition by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the community redevelopment area, at least 30 days prior to the execution of any contract to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer real property and, prior to the delivery of any instrument of conveyance with respect thereto under the provisions of this section, invite proposals from, and make all pertinent information available to, private redevelopers or any persons interested in undertaking to redevelop or rehabilitate the property proposed for disposition a community redevelopment area or any part thereof. Such notice must shall identify the area or portion thereof and shall state that proposals must be made by those interested within 30 days after the date of publication of the notice and that such further information as is available may be obtained at such office as is designated in the notice. The agency may or may not own the property at the time of publication of the notice required by this subsection. The county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency shall consider all such redevelopment or rehabilitation proposals and the financial and legal ability of the persons making such proposals to carry them out; and

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the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may negotiate with any persons for proposals for the purchase, lease, or other transfer of any real property acquired or to be acquired by it in the community redevelopment area. The county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may accept such proposal as it deems to be in the public interest and in furtherance of the purposes of the community redevelopment plan and this part. The Except in the case governing body acting as the agency, as provided in s. 163.357, a notification of intention to accept such proposal must be filed with the governing body not less than 30 days prior to any such acceptance. Thereafter, the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may execute such contract in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) and deliver deeds, leases, and other instruments and take all steps necessary to effectuate such contract. The community redevelopment agency may use a request-for-qualification process to preselect persons who are eliqible to respond to the 30-day notice required by this subsection.

(b) Any county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency that, pursuant to the provisions of this section, has disposed of a real property project with a land area in excess of 20 acres may acquire an expanded area that is immediately adjacent to the original project and less than 35 percent of the land area of the original project, by purchase or eminent domain as provided in this chapter, and negotiate a disposition of such expanded area directly with the person who acquired the original project without complying with the disposition procedures established in paragraph (a), provided the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency adopts a resolution making the following findings:

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- 1. It is in the public interest to expand such real property project to an immediately adjacent area.
- 2. The expanded area is less than 35 percent of the land area of the original project.
- 3. The expanded area is entirely within the boundary of the community redevelopment area.
- (4) Any county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency may temporarily operate and maintain real property acquired by it in a community redevelopment area for or in connection with a community redevelopment plan pending the disposition of the property as authorized in this part, without regard to the provisions of subsection (1), for such uses and purposes as may be deemed desirable, even though not in conformity with the community redevelopment plan.

Section 17. Section 163.387, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.387 Redevelopment trust fund.--

(1) After approval of a community redevelopment plan, a redevelopment trust fund may there shall be established for each community redevelopment agency created under s. 163.356 a redevelopment trust fund. Funds allocated to and deposited into this fund shall be used by the agency to finance or refinance any community redevelopment it undertakes pursuant to the approved community redevelopment plan. No community redevelopment agency may receive or spend any increment revenues pursuant to this section unless and until the governing body has, by ordinance, created the trust fund and provided for the funding of the redevelopment trust fund until the time certain set forth in the for the duration of a community redevelopment plan pursuant to s. 163.362(10). Such ordinance may be adopted only after the governing body has

approved a community redevelopment plan. The annual funding of the redevelopment trust fund shall be in an amount not less than that increment in the income, proceeds, revenues, and funds of each taxing authority derived from or held in connection with the undertaking and carrying out of community redevelopment under this part. Such increment shall be determined annually and shall be that amount equal to 90 95 percent of the difference between:

- (a) The amount of ad valorem taxes levied each year by each taxing authority, exclusive of any amount from any debt service millage, on taxable real property contained within the geographic boundaries of a community redevelopment area; and
- been produced by the rate upon which the tax is levied each year by or for each taxing authority, exclusive of any debt service millage, upon the total of the assessed value of the taxable real property in the community redevelopment area as shown upon the most recent preliminary assessment roll created pursuant to s. 193.114 used in connection with the taxation of such property by each taxing authority prior to the effective date of the ordinance providing for the funding of the trust fund.

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However, the governing body of any county as defined in s. 125.011(1) may, in the ordinance providing for the funding of a trust fund established with respect to any community redevelopment area created on or after July 1, 1994, determine that the amount to be funded by each taxing authority annually shall be less than 95 percent of the difference between paragraphs (a) and (b), but in no event shall such amount be

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(2)(a) Except for the purpose of funding the trust fund pursuant to subsection (3), upon the adoption of an ordinance providing for funding of the redevelopment trust fund as provided in this section, each taxing authority shall, by January 1 of each year, appropriate to the trust fund for so long as any indebtedness pledging increment revenues to the payment thereof is outstanding (but not to exceed 30 years) a sum that is no less than the increment as defined and determined in subsection (1) accruing to such taxing authority. If the community redevelopment plan is amended or modified pursuant to s. 163.361(1), each such taxing authority shall make the annual appropriation for a period not to exceed 30 years after the date the governing body amends the plan. However, for any agency created on or after July 1, 2002, each taxing authority shall make the annual appropriation for a period not to exceed 40 years after the fiscal year in which the initial community redevelopment plan is approved or adopted.

- (b) Any taxing authority that does not pay the increment revenues to the trust fund by January 1 shall pay to the trust fund an amount equal to 5 percent of the amount of the increment revenues and shall pay interest on the amount of the unpaid increment revenues equal to 1 percent for each month the increment is outstanding. The agency may waive a payment, or part of a payment, which this section would otherwise require the taxing authority to make.
- (c) The following public bodies or taxing authorities
 are exempt from paragraph (a):
- 1. A special district that levies ad valorem taxes on taxable real property in more than one county.

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- 2. A special district for which the sole available source of revenue the district has the authority to levy is ad valorem taxes at the time an ordinance is adopted under this section. However, revenues or aid that may be dispensed or appropriated to a district as defined in s. 388.011 at the discretion of an entity other than such district shall not be deemed available.
- 3. A library district, except a library district in a jurisdiction where the community redevelopment agency had validated bonds as of April 30, 1984.
- 4. A neighborhood improvement district created underthe Safe Neighborhoods Act.
 - 5. A metropolitan transportation authority.
 - A water management district created under s.
 373.069.
 - (d)1. The A local governing body that creates a community redevelopment agency under s. 163.356 may exempt from all or part of the obligation to make an annual payment to the trust fund pursuant to paragraph (a) a special district that levies ad valorem taxes within that community redevelopment area. The agency local governing body may grant any such the exemption either in its sole discretion or in response to the request of the special district. The agency local governing body must establish procedures by which a special district may submit a written request to be exempted from paragraph (a).
 - 2. In deciding whether to deny or grant a special district's request for exemption from paragraph (a), the agency local governing body must consider:

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- a. Any additional revenue sources of the community redevelopment agency which could be used in lieu of the special district's tax increment.
- b. The fiscal and operational impact on the community redevelopment agency.
- $\ensuremath{\text{c.}}$ The fiscal and operational impact on the special district.
- d. The benefit to the specific purpose for which the special district was created. The benefit to the special district must be based on specific projects contained in the approved community redevelopment plan for the designated community redevelopment area.
- e. The impact of the exemption on incurred debt and whether such exemption will impair any outstanding bonds that have pledged tax increment revenues to the repayment of the bonds.
- f. The benefit of the activities of the special district to the approved community redevelopment plan.
- g. The benefit of the activities of the special district to the area of operation of the local governing body that created the community redevelopment agency.
- 3. The agency local governing body must hold a public hearing on a special district's request for exemption after public notice of the hearing is published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality that created the community redevelopment area. The notice must be published at least 10 days before the hearing, describe the time, date, place, and purpose of the hearing, and must identify generally the community redevelopment area covered by the plan and the impact of the plan on the special district that requested the exemption.

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- 4. If the agency a local governing body grants an exemption to a special district under this paragraph, the agency local governing body and the special district must enter into an interlocal agreement that establishes the conditions of the exemption, including, but not limited to, the period of time for which the exemption is granted.
- 5. If the agency a local governing body denies a request for exemption by a special district, the agency local governing body shall thereafter provide the special district with a written analysis specifying the rationale for such denial. This written analysis must include, but is not limited to, the following information:
- a. A separate, detailed examination of each consideration listed in subparagraph 2.
- b. Specific examples of how the approved community redevelopment plan will benefit, and has already benefited, the purpose for which the special district was created.
- 6. The decision to either deny or grant an exemption must be made by the local governing body within 120 days after the date the written request was submitted to the local governing body pursuant to the procedures established by the agency, or within a longer period agreed to by the agency and the special district such local governing body.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2), the obligation of the taxing authority governing body which established the community redevelopment agency to appropriate increment revenues to fund the redevelopment trust fund annually shall continue until the date when all loans, advances, and indebtedness, if any, and interest thereon, of a community redevelopment agency incurred as a result of redevelopment in a community redevelopment area have been paid

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or the time certain included in the plan pursuant to s.

163.362(10), whichever occurs later.

- this part are payable solely out of revenues pledged to and received by a community redevelopment agency and deposited to its redevelopment trust fund. The lien created by such bonds or notes shall not attach until the <u>increment</u> revenues referred to herein are deposited in the redevelopment trust fund at the times, and to the extent that, such <u>increment</u> revenues accrue. The holders of such bonds or notes have no right to require the imposition of any tax or the establishment of any rate of taxation in order to obtain the amounts necessary to pay and retire such bonds or notes.
- (5) Revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this part shall not be deemed to constitute a debt, liability, or obligation of the local governing body or the state or any political subdivision thereof, or a pledge of the faith and credit of the local governing body or the state or any political subdivision thereof, but shall be payable solely from the revenues provided therefor. All such revenue bonds shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the effect that the agency shall not be obligated to pay the same or the interest thereon except from the revenues of the community redevelopment agency held for that purpose and that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the local governing body or of the state or of any political subdivision thereof is pledged to the payment of the principal of, or the interest on, such bonds.
- (6) Moneys in the redevelopment trust fund may be expended from time to time for undertakings of a community redevelopment agency as described in the which are directly

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related to financing or refinancing of redevelopment in a community redevelopment area pursuant to an approved community redevelopment plan for the following purposes, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Administrative and overhead expenses necessary or incidental to the implementation of a community redevelopment plan adopted by the agency, including services provided by another public body.
- (b) Expenses of redevelopment planning, surveys, and financial analysis, including the reimbursement of the governing body or the community redevelopment agency for such expenses incurred before the redevelopment plan was approved and adopted.
- (c) The acquisition of real property in the redevelopment area.
- (d) The clearance and preparation of any redevelopment area for redevelopment and relocation of site occupants <u>inside</u> or outside the community redevelopment area as provided in s. 163.370.
- (e) The repayment of principal and interest or any redemption premium for loans, advances, bonds, bond anticipation notes, and any other form of indebtedness.
- (f) All expenses incidental to or connected with the issuance, sale, redemption, retirement, or purchase of agency bonds, bond anticipation notes, or other form of indebtedness, including funding of any reserve, redemption, or other fund or account provided for in the ordinance or resolution authorizing such bonds, notes, or other form of indebtedness.
- (g) The development of affordable housing within the community redevelopment area.
 - (h) The development of community policing innovations.

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- (i) Expenses for promotion, marketing, or events to enhance or promote the community redevelopment area.
 - (j) Any other purpose provided in the plan.
- (7) On the last day of the fiscal year of the community redevelopment agency, any money which remains in the trust fund after the payment of expenses pursuant to subsection (6) for such year shall be:
- (a) Returned to each taxing authority which paid the increment in the proportion that the amount of the payment of such taxing authority bears to the total amount paid into the trust fund by all taxing authorities within the redevelopment area for that year;
- (b) Used to reduce the amount of any indebtedness to which increment revenues are pledged;
- (c) Deposited into an escrow account for the purpose of later reducing any indebtedness to which increment revenues are pledged; or
- (d) Appropriated to a specific redevelopment project pursuant to an approved community redevelopment plan <u>for one or more expenditures that must all which project will</u> be <u>made completed</u> within 3 years <u>after from</u> the date of such appropriation.
- (8) Each community redevelopment agency shall provide for an independent financial audit of the trust fund each fiscal year and a report of such audit which is prepared by an individual or firm that is an independent certified public accountant. Such report shall describe the amount and source of deposits into, and the amount and purpose of withdrawals from, the trust fund during such fiscal year and the amount of principal and interest paid during such year on any indebtedness to which is pledged increment revenues are

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pledged and the remaining amount of such indebtedness. The agency shall provide a copy of the report to each taxing authority. The audit required by this subsection may be included as part of or attached to the annual financial statement of the county or municipality that created the agency.

Section 18. Section 163.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.395 Property exempt from taxes and from levy and sale by virtue of an execution.--

- community redevelopment agency, including funds, owned or held by it for the purposes of this part are exempt from levy and sale by virtue of an execution; and no execution or other judicial process may issue against the same, nor shall judgment against the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency be a charge or lien upon such property. However, the provisions of this section does do not apply to or limit the right of obligees to pursue any remedies for the enforcement of any pledge or lien given pursuant to this part by the county or municipality on its rents, fees, grants, or revenues from community redevelopment.
- community redevelopment agency acquired or held for the purposes of this part is declared to be public property used for essential public and governmental purposes, and such property is exempt from all taxes of the municipality, the county, any special district, or the state or any political subdivision thereof. However, such tax exemption will terminate when the county, municipality, or community redevelopment agency sells, leases, or otherwise disposes of

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such property in a community redevelopment area to a purchaser or lessee which is not a public body entitled to tax exemption with respect to such property.

Section 19. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section 163.400, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

163.400 Cooperation by public bodies.--

- (1) For the purpose of aiding in the planning, undertaking, or carrying out of community redevelopment and related activities authorized by this part, any public body may, upon such terms, with or without consideration, as it may determine:
- (a) Dedicate, sell, convey, or lease any of its interest in any property or grant easements, licenses, or other rights or privileges therein to a county, or municipality, or agency.
- (b) Incur the entire expense of any public improvements made by such public body in exercising the powers granted in this section.
- (c) Do any and all things necessary to aid or cooperate in the planning or carrying out of a community redevelopment plan and related activities.
- (d) Lend, grant, or contribute funds to a county, or municipality, or agency; borrow money; and apply for and accept advances, loans, grants, contributions, or any other form of financial assistance from the Federal Government, the state, the county, an agency, another public body, or any other source.
- (e) Enter into agreements, which may extend over any period, notwithstanding any provision or rule of law to the contrary, with the Federal Government, a county, a municipality, an agency, or another public body respecting

action to be taken pursuant to any of the powers granted by this part, including the furnishing of funds or other assistance in connection with community redevelopment and related activities.

(f) Cause public buildings and public facilities, including parks, playgrounds, recreational, community, educational, water, sewer, or drainage facilities, or any other works which it is otherwise empowered to undertake to be furnished; furnish, dedicate, close, vacate, pave, install, grade, regrade, plan, or replan streets, roads, sidewalks, ways, or other places; plan or replan or zone or rezone any part of the public body or make exceptions from building regulations; and cause administrative and other services to be furnished to the county, or municipality, or agency.

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If at any time title to or possession of any property in a community redevelopment area is held by any public body or governmental agency, other than the county, or municipality, or agency, but including any agency or instrumentality of the United States, which is authorized by law to engage in the undertaking, carrying out, or administration of community redevelopment and related activities, the provisions of the agreements referred to in this section shall inure to the benefit of and may be enforced by such public body or governmental agency. As used in this subsection, the term 26 | "county or municipality" also includes a community

27 redevelopment agency.

> (3) For the purpose of aiding in the planning, undertaking, or carrying out of any community redevelopment and related activities of a community redevelopment agency or a housing authority hereunder, any public body county or

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municipality may, in addition to its other powers and upon such terms, with or without consideration, as it determines, do and perform any or all of the actions or things which, by the provisions of subsection (1), a public body is authorized to do or perform, including the furnishing of financial and other assistance.

(4) For the purposes of this section, or for the purpose of aiding in the planning, undertaking, or carrying out of community redevelopment and related activities of a county, or municipality, or agency, any such county or municipality may, in addition to any authority to issue bonds pursuant to s. 163.385, issue and sell its general obligation bonds. Any bonds issued by the county or municipality pursuant to this subsection section shall be issued in the manner and within the limitations prescribed by the applicable laws of this state for the issuance and authorization of general obligation bonds by such county or municipality. Nothing in this section shall limit or otherwise adversely affect any other section of this part.

Section 20. Section 163.410, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.410 Exercise of powers in counties <u>described in s.</u>
125.011(1) with home rule charters.—In any county <u>described in s. 125.011(1)</u> which has adopted a home rule charter, the powers conferred by this part shall be exercised exclusively by the governing body of such county. However, the governing body of any such county which has adopted a home rule charter may, in its discretion, by resolution delegate the exercise of the powers conferred upon the county by this part within the boundaries of a municipality to the governing body of such a municipality. Such a delegation to a municipality shall confer

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only such powers upon a municipality as shall be specifically enumerated in the delegating resolution. Any power not specifically delegated shall be reserved exclusively to the governing body of the county. This section does not affect or apply to any community redevelopment agency created by a municipality prior to the adoption of a county home rule charter or to the municipality that created the agency. Unless otherwise provided by an existing ordinance, resolution, or interlocal agreement between any such county and a municipality, the governing body of the county that has adopted a home rule charter shall act on any request from a municipality for a delegation of powers or a change in an existing delegation of powers within 120 days after the receipt of all required documentation or such request shall be immediately sent to the governing body of the county for consideration. Section 21. Section 163.415, Florida Statutes, is

amended to read:

163.415 Exercise of powers by in counties within municipalities without home rule charters. -- The powers conferred by this part upon counties not having adopted a home rule charter shall not be exercised within the boundaries of a municipality within said county unless the governing body of the municipality expresses its consent by resolution. Such a resolution consenting to the exercise of the powers conferred upon counties by this part shall specifically enumerate the powers to be exercised by the county within the boundaries of the municipality. Any power not specifically enumerated in such a resolution of consent shall be exercised exclusively by the municipality within its boundaries.

Section 22. This act shall take effect October 1, 2 2006. 3 4 5 SENATE SUMMARY 6 Extensively revises various provisions of the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969, including provisions governing 7 the creation of a community redevelopment agency by a county or a municipality; the operation, duties, and 8 funding of a redevelopment agency; the powers and duties of a county, municipality, or redevelopment agency 9 concerning community redevelopment; the adoption or modification, contents, and implementation of a community redevelopment plan, the disposition or use of property 10 acquired for community redevelopment; the establishment of a redevelopment trust fund and the annual contribution 11 of tax increment revenues to such a fund; the use and auditing of tax increment revenues; the exemption for the property of a county or municipality from levy or sale 12 13 pursuant to certain claims; for property acquired or held by a county, municipality, or special district for community redevelopment purposes, exemption from taxation 14 by the county or municipality; the purposes for which a county or municipality may issue a general obligation bond; the prerequisites to the exercise of powers by a 15 county or a redevelopment agency created by a county 16 within a municipality; and the delegation of powers to a 17 municipality by certain charter counties. (See bill for details.) 18 19 2.0 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31