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Honorable Joe Flescher and Indian River County Board of County Commissioners 1801 27th Street Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Re: CRA Septic to Sewer Conversion Project

Dear Chairman Flescher and County Commissioners,

As the Board is aware, the Sebastian City Council and Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) entered into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) in 1995 relating to water and wastewater. Under the terms of the transfer, Indian River County BOCC and the City of Sebastian undertook certain responsibilities relating to the future provision of water and wastewater after the transfer of systems.

While the Indian River County BOCC has previously confirmed a commitment to use operating revenues to partner on a project for public infrastructure within the City's existing CRA area, the Sebastian City Council is seeking to further outline the responsibilities of our respective jurisdictions in an effort to move this project forward. Toward that end, the Sebastian City Council is seeking clarification/confirmation of the below referenced matters with respect to the proposed funding of the public infrastructure within the City's existing CRA area:

- 1) The Indian River County BOCC will cover the costs for project management, construction, and other related services; and
- 2) The City of Sebastian will cover the costs of the material related to the project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and
- 3) The City of Sebastian will assist the Indian River County BOCC with communication to residents in which easements are needed to complete the project; and
- 4) Any easements obtained will be paid for by the Indian River County BOCC and will be owned by the Indian River County BOCC; and
- 5) City of Sebastian property owners/residents will not be assessed for this infrastructure installation; and
- 6) The City of Sebastian seeks to have the City of Sebastian establish definitive timelines for: (1) work start; and (2) completion date; and

7) The City of Sebastian seeks to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian River County BOCC as soon as possible and has directed Staff to work with Indian River County BOCC on this to the extent needed.

We thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter and on behalf of the Sebastian City Council, we look forward to working through this matter with the BOCC as it is a matter of joint concern and in the public interests of our citizens. Please advise at your earliest convenience. Again, thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely.

Bob McPartlan

Mayor, City of Sebastian

CC: Indian River Board of County Commissioners

City of Sebastian City Council Members County Administrator; City Manager

County Attorney; City Attorney