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POLICY:

The Board of County Commissioners has decided as a matter of public policy that Indian River County shall become a certified “green” county under the auspices of the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., with a goal of becoming a sustainable community and county. It is the policy of the County that there is an important public interest in promoting the construction of energy-efficient and sustainable buildings. Government leadership in promoting these standards is vital to demonstrate the County's commitment to energy conservation, saving taxpayers money, and raising public awareness of environmental concerns.

COMMENT:

1. All County buildings the architectural plans of which are commenced after July 1, 2008 shall comply with the requirements of s. 255.2575, Florida Statutes. All requests for qualifications for such design services shall cite this statutory requirement.

2. All new landscaping associated with any new County buildings or facilities including parks or rights-of-way being landscaped and maintained by the County shall be designed and installed to comply with “Florida-Friendly” landscaping. Such landscaping shall be as defined in s. 373.185 F.S., and all landscape plans for new County buildings and facilities shall be reviewed by the local Agricultural Extension Office to determine compliance with “Florida-Friendly” design standards.

3. To ensure the safety of the public and the employees of Indian River County as the occupants of County facilities, it shall be the policy of Indian River County that the use of any chemicals or materials used in the cleaning and maintenance of County facilities be certified green. If it is determined for sanitary reasons that a non-green product must be used, then it shall only be utilized at times when the employees and public are not within the confines of the facilities being cleaned or sanitized. All custodial contractors for County facilities shall provide to the Facilities Manager a list of materials used in their daily cleaning routine and provide evidence of certification as being green products.

Green cleaners are not regulated or certified by any government agency or department, including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. However, there are several independent certifiers that can be of assistance in finding green cleaners. They include but are not limited to:

- Green Seal Green Certified Products/Services
- EcoLogo Green products Database
- MBDC Cradle to Cradle Certification

At the time of drafting new contractual documents or agreements or renewal agreements for the provision of custodial services, such documents shall provide for the inclusion and use of certified green cleaning products.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Joseph A. David

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