ORDINANCE NO. $\qquad$
PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 23-046


#### Abstract

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SOLAR POWER GENERATION FACILITY ON APPROXIMATELY 2,044 ACRES GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, EAST OF N. STATE ROAD 33, AND EAST OF N. COMBEE ROAD; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.


WHEREAS, an application has been filed by Charles Ryan, on behalf of Williams Acquisition Holding Company, LLC, for a conditional use to allow for the development of a solar power generation facility on approximately 2,044 acres generally located south of University Boulevard, east of N. State Road 33, and east of N. Combee Road, as more particularly described on Attachment "A" and graphically depicted on Attachments "B," "C," "D-1," and "D-2," attached hereto (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2023, the Planning and Zoning Board held a public hearing on the request of the applicant to have such conditional use granted; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Board approved the request on November 21, 2023 and recommended to the City Commission that the conditional use be granted; and

WHEREAS, following a duly-noticed public hearing at which all interested persons were afforded the opportunity to be heard, the City Commission finds that
the request of the applicant for a conditional use as described above should be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. A conditional use to allow a solar power generation facility on
the Property is hereby approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. Permitted Uses: A solar power generation facility and associated accessory equipment.
2. Site Development Plan: The site shall be developed in substantial accordance with the site development plan included as Attachment "C". With the approval of the Director of Community \& Economic Development, minor adjustments may be made at the time of site plan review without requiring a modification of this conditional use.
3. Setbacks: All photovoltaic modules (panels) and associated above-ground equipment shall be setback a minimum of 100 feet from the right-of-way for N . State Road 33/N. Combee Road and 30 feet from all other internal perimeter parcel boundaries.
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SECTION 3. The City Commission does hereby expressly find that the provisions of this Ordinance are in conformity with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Lakeland adopted by Ordinance 5885.

SECTION 4. If any word, sentence, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance, for any reason, is held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.
PASSED AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE this 18th day of December, A.D. 2023.

H. WILLIAM MUTZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:
KELLY S. KOOS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS: $\qquad$
PALMER C. DAVIS CITY ATTORNEY

## ATTACHMENT "A"

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PROCEED ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE ALONG THE FOLLOWING COURSES: S $69^{\circ} 28^{\prime} 05^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 85.71' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 368.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 664.80', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $103^{\circ} 30^{\prime} 23^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF N $58^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 44^{\prime \prime}$ E, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 578.02' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N $07^{\circ} 01^{\prime} 32^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$, A DISTANCE OF 562.71' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE EASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1454.00, AN ARC LENGTH OF 626.89', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $24^{\circ} 42^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF S $19^{\circ} 22^{\prime} 37^{\prime \prime}$ W, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF $622.05^{\prime}$ TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N $31^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 43^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 183.58' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 804.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 816.12', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 58º ${ }^{\circ}{ }^{\prime} 33^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF N $60^{\circ} 48^{\prime} 29^{\prime \prime}$ E AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 781.53' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N $89^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 16^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 1,035.86' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,223.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 512.15', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $23^{\circ} 59^{\prime} 37^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF N $77^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 27^{\prime \prime}$ E AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 508.42' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N 65 $53 ' 39^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 939.90' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 821.47', AN ARC LENGTH OF 344.75', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $24^{\circ} 02^{\prime} 44^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF N $77^{\circ} 55^{\prime} 04^{\prime \prime}$ E AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 342.23' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N $89^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 14^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 4,175.20'; THENCE CONTINUE N $89^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 14{ }^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 780.39' TO A POINT FORMED BY SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE AND THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 14; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, PROCEED ALONG SAID EASTERLY SECTION LINE, S $00^{\circ} 25^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 2,438.63' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 2,027.40 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
ALSO INCLUSIVE OF THE FOLLOWING PARCEL:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14, THENCE PROCEED NORTH $00^{\circ} 25^{\prime} 11 "$ WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 2,638.63' TO A POINT FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EASTERLY SECTION LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY (R/W) LINE OF UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EASTERLY SECTION LINE, PROCEED ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, S 89²4'14" W, A DISTANCE OF 780.39'; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, S $89^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 14 "$ W, A DISTANCE OF 4,175.20'; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, PROCEED S 8947'49" W, A DISTANCE OF 541.22' TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY R/W LINE OF SAID UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE PROCEED ALONG SAID NORTHERLY R/W LINE, S $65^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 39 "$ W, A DISTANCE OF 777.67' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 969.47', AN ARC LENGTH OF 405.98', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $23^{\circ} 59^{\prime} 37^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF S $77^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 27$ " W, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 403.02' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY R/W LINE, S $89^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 16^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 5.42'; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTHERLY R/W LINE, PROCEED N $00^{\circ} 12^{\prime} 46 "$ W, A DISTANCE OF 400.60'; THENCE PROCEED N $89^{\circ} 55^{\prime} 09^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 1,110.81' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 6.01 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
ALSO INCLUSIVE OF THE FOLLOWING PARCEL:
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SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 10.74 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
THE THREE (3) AREAS DESCRIBED AGGREGATE 2,044.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

## ATTACHMENT "B"



## ATTACHMENT "C"





## Planning and Zoning Board Recommendation

| Date: | December 4, 2023 | Reviewer: | Phillip Scearce |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Project No: | CUP23-010 | Location: |  |
| Owner: | Williams Acquisition Holding Company, LLC |  |  |
| Applicant: | Charles Ryan |  |  |
| Current Zoning: | LD (Limited <br> Development)/ I-2 <br> (Medium Industrial) | Future Land Use: | Conservation (C)/Business <br> Park (BP) |
| Context District: | Preservation, Conservation, Recreation (PCR) |  |  |
| P\&Z Hearing: | November 21, 2023 |  |  |
| Request: | Conditional use to allow for the development of a solar power generation facility on <br> approximately 2,044 acres generally located south of University Boulevard, east of <br> N. State Road 33, and east of N. Combee Road. |  |  |

### 1.0 Location Maps




### 2.0 Background

### 2.1 Summary

Charles Ryan, on behalf of Williams Acquisition Holding Company LLC, requests a conditional use to allow for the development of a solar power generation facility on approximately 2,044 acres generally located south of University Boulevard, east of N. State Road 33, and east of N. Combee Road. A map of the subject property is included as Exhibit "B."

### 2.2 Subject Property

The subject property, presently undeveloped, was annexed into the City in 2001 along with the adjacent 2,479 -acre Williams Property to the north and east. The bulk of the property, approximately 1,768 acres in area, consists of former phosphate mine lands with poor soils not suitable for development. Following annexation, the mined portion of the property was assigned a future land use designation of Conservation (C) and a Limited Development (LD) zoning classification in recognition of the use limitations. The remainder of the property, approximately 275 acres in area, consists of developable lands located at the southern end of the site adjacent to State Road 659/N. Combee Road. This area was assigned a future land use designation of Business Park (BP) and an I-2 (Medium Industrial) zoning classification.

Existing land uses to the north and east are part of the PUD zoning for the Williams Property, a former Development of Regional Impact that was rescinded in 2019. To the west, across State Road 33, existing land uses consists of warehouse/distribution center uses. On the opposite side of N. Combee Road, existing land uses consists of warehousing, manufacturing and trucking businesses. To the south, the subject property abuts undeveloped located within unincorporated Polk County. These parcels include a 202-acre tract owned by the Polk County School District and lands within the Tenoroc Public Use Area that are maintained by the Florida Wildlife Commission.

### 2.3 Project Background

The purpose of this request is to allow for the development of a solar energy power facility on the subject property. A site development plan which shows the extent of the proposed solar facility with access points included as Attachment "C."

### 2.4 Existing Uses of Adjacent Properties

| Boundary | Existing Land Use | FLUM | Zoning | Context |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| North | Undeveloped | BP | LD/PUD | SSP |
| South | Undeveloped - Unincorporated <br> Polk County | ROS; A/RR | ROS; A/RR | NA |
| East | Undeveloped | C \& R | LD | PCR |
| West | Industrial | BP | PUD | SSP;SCO |

### 2.5 Attachments

Attachment A: Legal Description<br>Attachment B: Base Map of Subject Property<br>Attachment C: Site Plan<br>Attachment D-1: Solar Panel Detail - Elevation

### 3.0 Discussion

The proposed solar power generation facility will occupy approximately 1,395 acres of the subject property. The proposed solar power generation facility aligns with the goals of Lakeland Electric which has promoted the use of alternative energy sources since 1994. In recognition of these efforts, the City received a Silver designation from the national SolSmart program in June of this year for encouraging the growth of clean, affordable solar energy at the local level and adopting best practices to advance solar market growth.

The proposed solar facility consists of photovoltaic solar panels mounted onto rack tracking arrays. Each array will contain a total of 90 solar panels (modules). As shown in Attachments "D-1" and "D-2," each array is approximately 153 in length and 13 feet in width. The array surface is designed to rotate up to 60 degrees in either direction to automatically track the movement of the sun. When fully deployed, the maximum height of each array is approximately 15 feet.

The proposed solar energy farm will allow for the productive use of mined lands that would otherwise sit vacant due to the poor soils. Except for associated accessory equipment such as inverters, transformers, collector lines, and substation(s) and at-grade access roads, there are no other improvements planned within the development area. Impacts on adjacent properties should be minimal as the project will not generate any significant noise, odors or traffic impacts.

To address visual impacts, the project will be required to maintain a 100-foot setback from State Road 33 and N. Combee Road and a 30 -foot setback from all other internal property boundaries. Adjacent to State Road 33 and N. Combee Road, the project will be required to maintain a buffer consisting of natural vegetation and a minimum six-foot-high view blockage fence or wall. If barbed fencing is used for security purposes, it can only be placed behind the view-blockage fence or wall and the natural vegetative buffer. In those instances where there is little or no natural tree and plant material, the applicant will need to supplant with new trees and other landscape plantings.

No comments were received regarding this request prior to or as part of the public hearing which was held before the Planning \& Zoning Board on Tuesday, November 21st.

### 3.1 Transportation and Concurrency

The project is expected to have a de minimis impact on the surrounding transportation network following construction. Two driveways are planned along University Boulevard, which is operated by the City of Lakeland, and one on State Road 659/N. Combee Road just south of the State Road 33 intersection. The University Boulevard driveway designs are intended to serve only construction and maintenance traffic and must maintain the integrity of the multi-use trail that runs along the south side of the road.

In Fiscal Year 2024, construction is scheduled to begin on the four-lane widening of State Road 33 between Old Combee Road-Deeson Point Boulevard and Tomkow Road, including the reconstruction of the Interstate 4 interchange at Exit 38. Through the Governor's Moving Florida Forward initiative, $\$ 197$ million was budgeted for the State Road 33 reconstruction, with a design that includes the construction of multi-use trails on both sides of the road, roundabouts at the N. Combee Road, University Boulevard and Interstate 4 ramp terminal intersections and one wildlife crossing each over Interstate 4 and under State Road 33 east of the subject property.

The Phase III Solar Array area is located adjacent to an alternative regional trail corridor evaluated as part of the City's Tenoroc Trail Master Plan in 2014 and within an area that is expected to be the subject of a Project Development and Environment (PD\&E) Study that is programmed in Fiscal Year

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### 3.2 Comprehensive Plan Compliance

The Community and Economic Development Department reviewed this request for compliance with Lakeland Comprehensive Plan: Our Community 2030 and it is our opinion that the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

### 4.0 Recommendation

### 4.1 Community and Economic Development Staff

The Community and Economic Development Department and the Board reviewed this request and recommends approval of the conditional use. Letters of notification were mailed to twenty-one (21) property owners within 250 feet of the subject property and no objections were received.

### 4.2 The Planning \& Zoning Board

This recommendation was approved by a 5-0 vote of the Board.
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ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 14, 15, 21, 22, 23 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14, THENCE PROCEED NORTH 00²25'11" WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 200.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST LINE, PROCEED S 89²6'46" W, A DISTANCE OF 315.60' TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 200.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 53.34', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $15^{\circ} 16^{\prime}{ }^{\prime} 51^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF S $49^{\circ} 30^{\prime} 26^{\prime \prime}$ W, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 53.18' TO THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE PROCEED S $41^{\circ} 52^{\prime} 01$ " W, A DISTANCE OF 330.82' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 950.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 392.99', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $23^{\circ} 42^{\prime} 06^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF S $53^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 05^{\prime \prime}$ W AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 390.19' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE PROCEED S 65 $34^{\prime} 08^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 714.89'; THENCE PROCEED S 65º $02^{\prime} 35^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 549.89'; THENCE PROCEED S $65^{\circ} 43$ '36" W, A DISTANCE OF 779.84 '; THENCE PROCEED S 64¹6'22" W, A DISTANCE OF 524.29' TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 950.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 256.54', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $15^{\circ} 28^{\prime} 20^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF S 72º $0{ }^{\prime} 31^{\prime \prime}$ W AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 255.76' TO THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE PROCEED S $26^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 35^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 80.31'; THENCE PROCEED S 41²0'11" E, A DISTANCE OF 419.70'; THENCE PROCEED S 00²29'53" E, A DISTANCE OF 1,257.31'; THENCE PROCEED S 62²2'31" E, A DISTANCE OF 167.63'; THENCE PROCEED S 88²5'12" E, A DISTANCE OF 580.89'; THENCE PROCEED S 44²4'57" E, A DISTANCE OF 327.05'; THENCE PROCEED S $12^{\circ} 17^{\prime} 16^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 152.50'; THENCE PROCEED S 00³6'17" E, A DISTANCE OF 1,699.61' TO A POINT OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE PROCEED ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, S 89²5'57" W, A DISTANCE OF 2,975.91' TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE PROCEED ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, S $89^{\circ} 54^{\prime} 13^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 1328.86'; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTH LINE, PROCEED S 0000'39" E, ALONG A LINE BEING THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE WEST 3/4 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 27, A DISTANCE OF 2,639.45'; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST BOUNDARY, PROCEED S $89^{\circ} 54^{\prime \prime} 13^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$, A DISTANCE OF 3,986.58' TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 27; THENCE PROCEED ALONG SAID WEST LINE, N 00º $0{ }^{\circ} 39 "$ W, A DISTANCE OF 627.79' TO A POINT FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF SAID WEST LINE AND THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY (R/W) LINE OF COMBEE ROAD; THENCE DEPARTING SAID WEST LINE, PROCEED ALONG SAID EASTERLY R/W LINE, N 0744'29" W, A DISTANCE OF 1,883.34' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 5,769.58', AN ARC LENGTH OF 867.15', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 08³6'41", A CHORD BEARING OF N 12º ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{2}^{\prime} 49^{\prime \prime}$ W AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 866.33' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID EASTERLY R/W, N $16^{\circ} 21^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$, A DISTANCE OF 794.84' TO A POINT FORMED BY SAID EASTERLY R/W LINE OF COMBEE ROAD AND THE EASTERLY R/W LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY 33 NORTH; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EASTERLY R/W LINE OF COMBEE ROAD, AND PROCEED ALONG SAID EASTERLY R/W LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY 33 NORTH, N $20^{\circ} 31^{\prime} 50^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 5,509.09' TO A POINT FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EASTERLY R/W OF STATE HIGHWAY 33 NORTH AND THE SOUTHERLY R/W LINE OF UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EASTERLY R/W LINE, AND PROCEED ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE ALONG THE FOLLOWING COURSES: S 69²8'05" E, A DISTANCE OF 85.71' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHWESTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 368.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 664.80', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $103^{\circ} 30^{\prime} 23^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF N $58^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 44^{\prime \prime}$ E, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 578.02' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N $07^{\circ} 01^{\prime} 32^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 562.71' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE EASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1454.00, AN ARC LENGTH OF 626.89', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $24^{\circ} 42^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF S $19^{\circ} 22^{\prime} 37^{\prime \prime}$ W, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF $622.05^{\prime}$ TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N $31^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 43^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 183.58' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 804.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 816.12', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $58^{\circ} 09^{\prime} 33^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF N $60^{\circ} 48^{\prime} 29^{\prime \prime}$ E AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 781.53' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N 8953'16" E, A DISTANCE OF 1,035.86' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,223.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 512.15', A

CENTRAL ANGLE OF $23^{\circ} 59^{\prime} 37^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF N $77^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 27^{\prime \prime}$ E AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 508.42' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N $65^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 39^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 939.90' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 821.47', AN ARC LENGTH OF 344.75', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $24^{\circ} 02^{\prime} 44^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF N $77^{\circ} 55^{\prime} 04^{\prime \prime}$ E AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 342.23' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE N 89³4'14" E, A DISTANCE OF 4,175.20'; THENCE CONTINUE N 89²4'14" E, A DISTANCE OF 780.39' TO A POINT FORMED BY SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE AND THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 14; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, PROCEED ALONG SAID EASTERLY SECTION LINE, S $00^{\circ} 25^{\prime \prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF $2,438.63^{\prime}$ TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 2,027.40 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
ALSO INCLUSIVE OF THE FOLLOWING PARCEL:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14, THENCE PROCEED NORTH 00² $25^{\prime} 111^{\prime \prime}$ WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 2,638.63' TO A POINT FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EASTERLY SECTION LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY (R/W) LINE OF UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EASTERLY SECTION LINE, PROCEED ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, S $89^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 14^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 780.39'; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, S $89^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 14^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$, A DISTANCE OF 4,175.20'; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, PROCEED S $89^{\circ} 47{ }^{\prime} 49 "$ W, A DISTANCE OF 541.22' TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY R/W LINE OF SAID UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE PROCEED ALONG SAID NORTHERLY R/W LINE, S $65^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 39^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 777.67' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 969.47', AN ARC LENGTH OF 405.98', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $23^{\circ} 599^{\prime} 37$ ", A CHORD BEARING OF S $77^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 27^{\prime \prime}$ W, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 403.02' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY R/W LINE, S $89^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 16^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 5.42'; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTHERLY R/W LINE, PROCEED N $00^{\circ} 12^{\prime} 46^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 400.60'; THENCE PROCEED N $89^{\circ} 55^{\prime} 09^{\prime \prime}$ E, A DISTANCE OF 1,110.81' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 6.01 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
ALSO INCLUSIVE OF THE FOLLOWING PARCEL:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14, THENCE PROCEED NORTH $00^{\circ} 25^{\prime} 11$ " WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 2,638.63' TO A POINT FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EASTERLY SECTION LINE AND THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY (R/W) LINE OF UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EASTERLY SECTION LINE, PROCEED ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, S $89^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 14^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$, A DISTANCE OF 780.39'; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, S $89^{\circ} 44^{\prime} 14^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 4,175.20'; THENCE DEPARTING SAID SOUTHERLY R/W LINE, PROCEED S $89^{\circ} 47^{\prime} 49^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 541.22' TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY R/W LINE OF SAID UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTHERLY R/W, PROCEED S $89^{\circ} 55^{\prime} 09^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 1,110.81'; THENCE PROCEED S $00^{\circ} 12^{\prime} 46 "$ E, A DISTANCE OF 400.60' TO A POINT ON SAID NORTHERLY R/W OF UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD; THENCE PROCEED ALONG SAID NORTHERLY R/W, S $89^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 16^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 1,159.21' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 790.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 801.90', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $58^{\circ} 09^{\prime} 33^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF S $60^{\circ} 48^{\prime} 29^{\prime \prime}$ W, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 767.92' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY R/W ALONG THE FOLLOWING COURSES: S $31^{\circ} 43^{\prime} 43^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 285.45' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE EASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1602.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 690.70', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF $24^{\circ} 42^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$, A CHORD BEARING OF $S$ $19^{\circ} 22^{\prime} 37^{\prime \prime}$ W, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 685.36' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; S 07º01'32" W, A DISTANCE OF 562.70' TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 220.00', AN ARC LENGTH OF 397.44', A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 103³0'23", A CHORD BEARING OF S $58^{\circ} 46^{\prime} 44^{\prime \prime}$ W, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 345.55' TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; N 69² $28^{\prime} 05^{\prime \prime}$ W, A DISTANCE OF 85.71' TO A POINT FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF SAID NORTHERLY R/W LINE AND THE EASTERLY R/W LINE OF STATE HIGHWAY 33 NORTH; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTHERLY R/W LINE, PROCEED ALONG SAID EASTERLY R/W LINE, N 20³1'50" E, A DISTANCE OF 2,103.53'; THENCE

DEPARTING SAID EASTERLY R/W LINE, PROCEED N 8953'16" E, A DISTANCE OF 754.77' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 10.74 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
THE THREE (3) AREAS DESCRIBED AGGREGATE 2,044.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.


ATTACHMENT "C"


ATTACHMENT "D-1"



