

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA IN CHANCERY

In Re: The Central Charlotte County Drainage District

Case No. 65-5710-CA

MOTION TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE EXISTENCE OF THE
CENTRAL CHARLOTTE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND
NOTICE OF HEARING

The Board of Supervisors of the Central Charlotte County Drainage District, by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby request this Court to extend the corporate existence of the Central Charlotte County Drainage District, and as grounds therefore allege:

1. The Central Charlotte County Drainage District is a public agency which was created by Order of Circuit Court in and for Charlotte County, Florida, in the above-styled cause on January 6, 1966, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 298, Florida Statutes. A true and correct copy of the Order establishing and creating the Central Charlotte County Drainage District is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

2. The Order entered in this cause on January 6, 1966, granted to the Central Charlotte County Drainage District a corporate existence of 30 years commencing on the date of the said Order.

3. The Florida Legislature adopted chapter 69-932, Laws of Florida, which ratified, confirmed, and approved the January 6, 1966, Order.

4. On December 14, 1994, this Court entered an Order Extending Corporate Existence of the Central Charlotte County Drainage District. The December 14, 1994, Order extended the District's corporate existence through January 5, 2026. A true and correct copy of the said Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

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5. The December 14, 1994, Order, directed the Clerk of the Court to maintain the case as an active file during the pendency of the District's corporate existence.

6. The Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Charlotte County Attorney's Office were listed on the certificate of mailing in the December 14, 1994, Order.

7. Under section 298.01 of the Florida Statutes, the circuit court maintains original and exclusive jurisdiction over the Central Charlotte County Drainage District.

8. The Central Charlotte County Drainage District is the beneficiary of easements for and operates drainage facilities within its jurisdictional boundaries, including without limitation road swales, canal systems, and other drainage structures.

9. If the Central Charlotte County Drainage District were to cease its corporate existence, landowners within its jurisdiction would no longer be able to receive the efficient provision of drainage services from the District, and successor to the District's rights and responsibilities would be placed in doubt.

10. Therefore, it is in the best interest of all landowners within Central Charlotte County Drainage District's jurisdictional boundaries to extend the District's corporate existence for an additional 30 years to January 5, 2056.

11. On June 20, 2025, the Board of Supervisors for the Central Charlotte County Drainage District adopted a resolution, approving the extension of the District's corporate existence and authorizing the filing of this motion. A true and correct copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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12. The Resolution was adopted at a public hearing that was duly noticed, consistent with the requirements of Chapters 298 and 189, Florida Statutes, providing notice to the landowners of the District's intent to seek the extension requested herein.

13. Additionally, the District maintains a website upon which the instant motion and any subsequent filings and notices of hearing will be prominently displayed.

WHEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the Central Charlotte County Drainage District hereby requests this Court to schedule an evidentiary hearing to consider this Motion and at the conclusion of the hearing to issue an order extending the corporate existence of the Central Charlotte County Drainage District until January 5, 2056.

Respectfully submitted on this 3rd day of October, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 3rd day of October, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail and via the Florida Court's E-Filing Portal system to the following counsel of the entities who were listed as recipients of the December, 1994, order extending the corporate existence of the Central Charlotte County Drainage District:

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