# VENETIAN ISLES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SWIMMING POOL DISCHARGE RULE

### **ADOPTED July 27, 2021**

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Title</u>. This rule may be cited and referred to as the Venetian Isles Community Development District Swimming Pool Discharge Rule (referred to herein as the "Rule").

## **Section 2. Definitions**

- A. <u>Board</u>. The Board of Supervisors of the Venetian Isles Community Development District.
- B. <u>District</u>. The Venetian Isles Community Development District, a local unit of special purpose government established pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes.
- B. <u>Rights-of-Way</u>. The pavement, sidewalks, curbing, and swales located within the boundaries of the District that are either owned by the District or which the District has an easement interest in for purposes of ingress, egress, maintenance, and repair. The Rights-of-Way are more particularly identified on the District Map attached to and specifically made a part of the Rule.
- C. <u>Stormwater System</u>. The seven (7) lakes, piping, and other appurtenant drainage facilities within the boundaries of the District. The Stormwater System is more particularly identified on the District Map attached to and specifically made a part of the Rule.

### Section 3. Draining Swimming Pools and Spas.

- A. The draining of or discharge of water from any swimming pool or spa shall be in accordance with this Rule and the standards and conditions below:
- (1) Whenever possible all water discharged from a swimming pool or spa shall be kept on the same parcel as the swimming pool or spa and shall not be permitted to drain or flow onto neighboring or adjacent privately-owned property;
- (2) If the requirements of section 3.A(1) cannot be satisfied, water from swimming pools and spas may be discharged into the Stormwater System, provided that such discharge is first authorized by Permit issued by the District (See Section 4 of this Rule) and that any such discharges are in accordance with the standards, laws, and regulations of Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, and the United States for discharges into waterbodies, including those that are part of a residential stormwater

management system, including, but not limited to, Chapter 24 of the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 62, Florida Administrative Code.

- (3) No water shall be discharged onto the Rights-of-Way, and particularly over any sidewalks or roadway pavement.
- (4) Any discharge of water from swimming pools and spas shall be undertaken utilizing the best management practices set forth elsewhere in this Rule and as set forth below:
  - (a) Swimming pools and spas should only be drained when absolutely necessary.
  - (b) The draining and backwashing of pools should not be undertaken during period of drought when additional water restrictions are imposed or during significant rain events.
  - (c) Discharged water shall comply with the provisions of Section 24-42 of the Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, and first be dechlorinated to ≤ 0.01 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of chlorine and shall not otherwise violate surface water standards imposed by any applicable local, state, or federal regulation, law, or rule. Water should be tested before discharging to verify that the free chlorine residual is ≤ 0.01 mg/L. In addition, the discharged water shall be tested to confirm that the water has a pH between 6.5 and 8.5 before it is discharged. A standard pool test kit may be utilized to perform these tests.
  - (d) Before draining the swimming pool or spa, allow the water to stand for at least 48 hours after the last addition of chlorine or until the free chlorine residual is  $\leq 0.01$  mg/L. If the swimming pool or spa must be drained immediately, you can purchase chlorine-neutralizing chemicals such as sodium thiosulfate at your local pool supply store to reduce the free chlorine residual to  $\leq 0.01$  mg/L.
  - (e) Follow the manufacturer's instructions before discharging any water that contains a recently added algaecide, as algaecides often contain copper or silver, which can disrupt normal algal and plant growth in the surface water bodies that constitute a part of the Stormwater System.
  - (e) The rate of discharge should be controlled to avoid erosion and nuisance conditions, including, but not limited to, flooding, ponding of water, odors, and mosquito-breeding conditions for neighboring properties.
  - (f) Discharges should be directed over a vegetated surface to promote filtration.
  - (g) Discharges shall not be directed to areas treated with herbicides or pesticides at any time during the ten (10) day period prior to discharge.

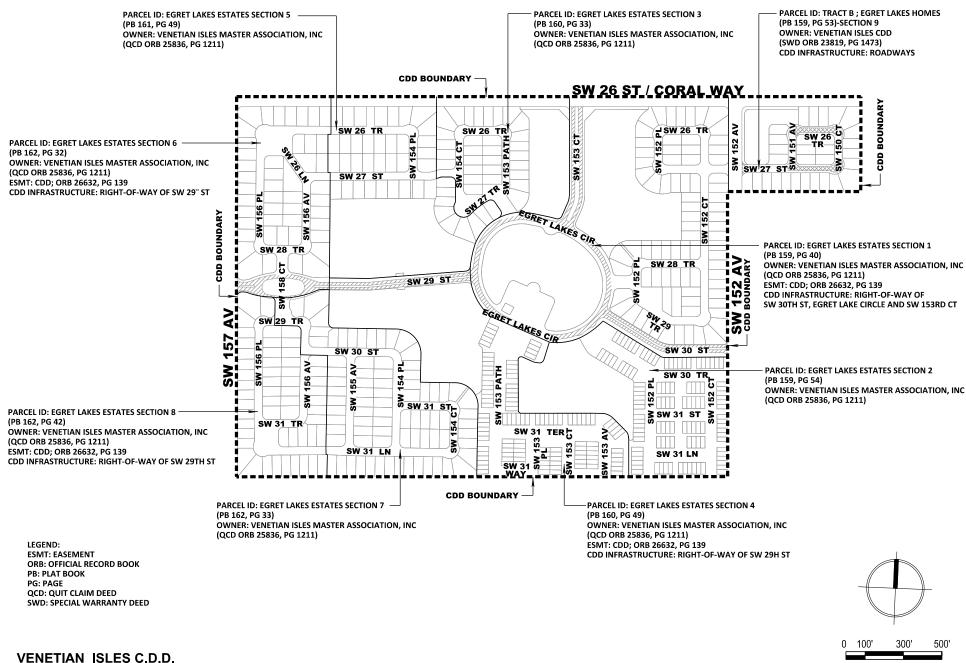
#### **Section 4. District Permit.**

- A. In addition to any other permits from governmental entities or agencies having jurisdiction thereof, prior to initiating any discharge from a swimming pool or spa into the Stormwater System, the owner of the property where the swimming pool or spa is located shall apply for a permit from the District. The Permit Application shall be posted on the District's website at http://www.venetianislescdd.org. At this time, there is no permit fee imposed by the District. The Permit Application shall be submitted to the District Manager of the District and shall include the following:
  - (1) Proof of ownership;
  - (2) Detailed description of the owner's plan for discharging the water from the swimming pool or spa into the Stormwater System, which plan shall utilize the best management practices set forth in Section 3.A(4) of this Rule and shall be compliant with the requirements of this Rule and all local, state, and federal regulations, laws, and rule governing the discharge of water into surface water bodies; and
  - (3) Any other information or documentation reasonably requested by the District Manager or the District Engineer.
- B. Upon receipt of the completed Permit Application and the items required pursuant to Section 4.A(1) (4) of this Rule, the District Manager shall have thirty (30) days to review the Permit Application and either issue a Permit, reject the Permit Application, or reject the Permit Application with a request for additional information or documentation. Nothing herein shall be construed from prohibiting the District Manager from imposing reasonable conditions on the issuance of any Permit.
- C. Any action of the District Manager, taken pursuant to Section 4.B. may be appealed to the Board, provided that a written notice of appeal, stating the reasons and justifications for the appeal, is submitted to the District Manager of the District within thirty (30) days of the action being appealed. Such appeal shall be heard by the Board at its next available meeting, and the appellant must be present or represented for the appeal to be heard by the Board.

#### **Section 5. Penalties.**

Any fines, charges, or other penalties imposed against the District by any local, state, or federal authority for the violation of this Rule by an owner of property within or a resident of the District shall be passed through to the owner or resident by the District. Any costs incurred by the District or damages to the Rights-of-Way or Stormwater System as a result of any violation of this Rule by or act or omission in connection with any discharge from a swimming pool or spa by an owner, homeowner, or resident that results in such costs or damages against the District shall be financial responsibility of the

owner, homeowner, or resident causing or contributing to such damages. Such costs or damages shall be paid to the District within thirty (30) days of a written demand therefor.



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