

(E) (1) IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ABOLISH A WATER OR SEWER AUTHORITY OR SANITARY DISTRICT OR COMMISSION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THEN SHALL EXERCISE THE POWERS OF A WATER OR SEWER AUTHORITY OR SANITARY DISTRICT OR COMMISSION.

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY:

(I) ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE MANAGEMENT;

(II) ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, OR MAINTAIN WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE GENERAL HEALTH AND WELFARE; AND

(III) SET RATES, FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES AND BENEFITS.

(F) THE POWERS GRANTED CODE COUNTIES UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE EXERCISED NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW IN EFFECT WHEN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXERCISE THE POWER GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "LOCAL COMMUNITY" MEANS AN INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY, OTHER THAN A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, WITH A GOVERNING BODY OR GOVERNING BOARD THAT IS ELECTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OR RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

(2) "LOCAL COMMUNITY" MAY INCLUDE A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OR SIMILAR ASSOCIATION OR A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT IF THE ASSOCIATION OR DISTRICT HAS A GOVERNING BODY OR GOVERNING BOARD ELECTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OR RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

(B) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IF A CODE COUNTY ESTABLISHES A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND ASSUMES THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SANITARY DISTRICT OR COMMISSION OR A WATER OR SEWER AUTHORITY UNDER § 13E OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A CODE COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OR OF A LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT TRANSFERS RESPONSIBILITY FOR WATER OR SEWERAGE SERVICES TO THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

(D) AN AGREEMENT MADE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL REQUIRE THAT:

(1) THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OR LOCAL COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO SERVE ANY AREA, WITHIN OR OUTSIDE ITS BOUNDARIES, THAT IS SERVED BY THE FACILITIES TRANSFERRED WHEN THE TRANSFER OCCURS;