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South Broward Hospital District Public Art Fee Waiver Narrative

The South Broward Hospital District ("District") is the owner of property located at 3501 Johnson Street, Hollywood, Florida ("Property"). As owner of the Property, the District is constantly improving the facilities located thereon. In this case, the District has submitted a site plan application ("Application") to the City of Hollywood ("City") which includes a vertical expansion of the surgical facilities and related ancillary hospital services. In connection with the Application, the District is requesting an exemption from the City's public art program, as that program is outlined in the City's public art ordinance, found in Section 3.22J. of the City's Code ("Code").

Specifically, paragraph 3.a.(2) of the Code, provides that "...the City Commission may partially or totally exempt a project from the public art program that consists of... (iii) projects on public property." In this case, the District is a public entity by virtue of the fact that the District is an established Special Tax District under the laws of the State of Florida. Those laws, as amended represent the Charter of the District. Section 6 of the Charter defines the general powers of the District which includes the authority to establish, construct, operate, and maintain hospitals, health facilities, and related facilities as are necessary for the preservation of the public health of the residents of the District. Residents of the District are those included within its boundaries, those boundaries include the City of Hollywood. As such, the District has the authority to provide for the health care needs of those indigents who reside within its boundaries, therefore it serves a governmental purpose. Accordingly, the Application relates to a project being constructed on property owned by a public entity, as a result, the District is requesting a waiver from the public art program.

Furthermore, it should be noted that throughout the District's facilities there are a number of various art exhibits and displays. As a result, although not provided in connection with this Application, the District does provide art for public consumption, which benefits the City.