RESOLUTION NO. 2000-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE RULES/POLICIES OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTED MAY 12, 1998, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED; AND DIRECTING THAT A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION BE DELIVERED TO EACH MEMBER OF EACH COUNTY COMMISSION CREATED BOARD, AUTHORITY, COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida (the “Board”) deems it appropriate to establish duties and limits for County Commissioners appointed as Board liaison to other entities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida as follows.

Section 1. The Rules/Policies of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, adopted May 12, 1998 as previously amended, are hereby amended by the addition of the following Rules:

Rule 1.109 COMMISSIONER LIAISON TO BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

a. Commissioners may be appointed and removed from time to time as Commissioner Liaison to various boards, authorities, committees and councils by the Chair. In the event that a majority of the Board membership should desire that a different Commissioner serve as Commissioner Liaison to a particular board, authority, committee or council, the Board of County Commissioners may, upon the affirmative vote of three or more Board members, remove the current Commissioner Liaison and appoint a different Commissioner Liaison in his or her stead.

b. Duties of each Commissioner Liaison include, but are not limited to:

(1) Reasonably attempt to attend each meeting of the board, authority, committee or council to which assigned as Liaison.

(2) Become knowledgeable with the procedures, authority and functions for the board, authority, committee or council to which assigned.
(3) Enhance and implement communication between the assigned board, authority, committee or council and the Board of County Commissioners.

c. A Commissioner Liaison is not delegated to act on behalf of or in the place of the Board of County Commissioners in relation to an assigned board, authority, committee or council without specific and particular instructions by the Board. Therefore, a Commissioner Liaison shall not act as a member of, or give direction to, the assigned board, authority, committee or council without specific instructions from the Board of County Commissioners. This rule shall not be interpreted to restrict the right of any Commissioner, including, but not limited to a Commissioner Liaison, to exercise his or her right of free speech by informing any board, authority, committee or council of the personal opinions or views of that Commissioner. In communicating with a board, authority, committee or council, each Commissioner shall clearly state whether he or she is acting pursuant to a specific instruction from the Board of County Commissioners or is speaking in his or her individual capacity with no authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to influence, bind or direct such board, authority, committee or council.

Rule 1.110

The Chair and Vice Chair serve at the pleasure of the majority of the Board of County Commissioners and may be removed and replaced at the pleasure of a majority of the Board members.

Section 2. The County Administrator is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution by U.S. Mail or otherwise to each member of each board, authority, committee and council created by the Board.

Section 3. In the event a County Commissioner communicates with a Board created board, authority, committee or council without making the statement required by subsection (c) of Rule 1.109 above, the members of such board, authority, committee or council are urged to request the County Commissioner to clarify the capacity in which he or she is speaking.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 2nd day of May, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Deputy Clerk

Effective Date: May 2, 2000