EXHIBIT 1

This instrument prepared by: Alachua County Public Works 5620 NW 120th Lane Gainesville, FL 32653

Portion of Tax Parcel No.03043-003-000 ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

UTILITY EASEMENT

THIS UTILITY EASEMENT, made this _______ day of ________, 2024, between Raymond Merrill and Joy Merrill, husband and wife, whose mailing address is 12607 SW 28th Place, Archer, Florida 32618 (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), and ALACHUA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, whose mailing address is c/o Alachua County Public Works Department, 5620 NW 120 Lane, Gainesville, Florida 32653 (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee")

WITNESSETH:

Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations as outlined below, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and by these presents, does hereby give and grant unto the Grantee, its licensees, agents, successors and assigns, a perpetual Utility Easement for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, inspecting, maintaining, repairing and replacing a water line in, over, under, upon and across the following described property, to-wit:

A parcel of land being more particularly described in **Exhibit "A"**, as attached hereto and by reference made a part herein (the "Easement Area").

Subject to all previously recorded easements, restrictions, encroachments and rights- of - way.

The rights herein granted by Grantor to Grantee include the right to: (a) access the Easement Area; (b) construct, install, alter, improve, rebuild, relocate, remove, upgrade, operate, maintain and repair a potable water line within the Easement Area; (c) clear the Easement Area of trees, limbs, roots, undergrowth and other physical objects which, in the opinion of Grantee, endangers or interferes with the safe or efficient construction, installation, operation, maintenance or repair of the potable water line; and (d) all other rights and privileged reasonably necessary or convenient for Grantee's safer or efficient use and enjoyment of said easement for the purposes described herein. This grant of easement does not preclude the Grantor, its successors or assigns, from using the Property in any way which is compatible with the rights granted to the Grantee by this Easement. The Grantee however will not be responsible for any damages to the Grantor's use resulting from the exercise of the Grantee's rights under this Easement. The following additional terms are set forth:

- The Grantor covenants to not interfere with Grantee's activities within the Property.
- The Grantor or its successors or assigns shall have the right, at any time, to convey the fee simple title to their Property, including the Easement Area, subject to this Easement and any other easements heretofore and hereinafter granted.

- Grantee shall have the right, at any time, to assign, transfer and convey this easement to the City of Alachua without further approval of the Grantor, subject only to the City of Alachua agreeing to assume all of Grantee's rights, duties, obligations and responsibilities under this easement.
- 4. Each Party shall be solely responsible for their own negligent or wrongful acts as well as those of their respective employees and agents, which relate to, or arise out of this Easement, or for the use of the Easement Area. This Easement shall not be construed as a waiver of the Grantee's sovereign immunity, the limits of liability, or other provisions of §768.28, Florida Statutes, and Grantee's liability hereunder shall be interpreted as limited to only such traditional liabilities for which the Grantee could be liable under the common law interpreting the limited waiver of sovereign immunity. Any claims against the Grantee must comply with the procedures found in §768.28, Florida Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantor has hereunto set their hand and seal on the day and year aforesaid.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of: Witness HOLLY STYCKLAND	GRANTOR: Saymond Menull Raymond Merrill
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ALACHUA

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SKETCH & DESCRIPTION

IN SECTION 08, TOWNSHIP 08 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

DESCRIPTION - BY THIS SURVEYOR

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, IN ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A RAILROAD SPIKE ON THE CENTERLINE OF COUNTY ROAD 235-A BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, IN ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 1334.13 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID SECTION BOUNDARY RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 286.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 113.28 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 93.32 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 15.31 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 20.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 25.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

