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An act relating to community development districts; amending s. 190.012, F.S.; requiring community development districts to obtain a just valuation before acquiring property that includes land or is permanently affixed to land; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 190.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

190.012 Special powers; public improvements and community facilities.—The district shall have, and the board may exercise, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction and permitting authority of all applicable governmental bodies, agencies, and special districts having authority with respect to any area included therein, any or all of the following special powers relating to public improvements and community facilities authorized by this act:

(2) After the local general-purpose government within the jurisdiction of which a power specified in this subsection is to be exercised consents to the exercise of such power by the district, the district shall have the power to plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip,

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operate, and maintain additional systems and facilities for:

(a) Parks and facilities for indoor and outdoor recreational, cultural, and educational uses.

- (b) Fire prevention and control, including fire stations, water mains and plugs, fire trucks, and other vehicles and equipment.
- (c) School buildings and related structures and site improvements, which may be leased, sold, or donated to the school district, for use in the educational system when authorized by the district school board.
- (d) Security, including, but not limited to, guardhouses, fences and gates, electronic intrusion-detection systems, and patrol cars, when authorized by proper governmental agencies; except that the district may not exercise any police power, but may contract with the appropriate local general-purpose government agencies for an increased level of such services within the district boundaries. However, this paragraph does not prohibit a district from contracting with a towing operator to remove a vehicle or vessel from a district-owned facility or property if the district follows the authorization and notice and procedural requirements in s. 715.07 for an owner or lessee of private property. The district's selection of a towing operator is not subject to public bidding if the towing operator is included in an approved list of towing operators maintained by the local government that has jurisdiction over the

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district's facility or property.

- (e) Control and elimination of mosquitoes and other arthropods of public health importance.
 - (f) Waste collection and disposal.

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Before a district acquires property that includes real property or that is permanently affixed to real property, whether the acquisition is through the use of bonds, special assessments, ad valorem taxes, fees, or cash, the district must first obtain a just valuation of the property by a property appraiser that conforms to the requirements of s. 193.011.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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