

- (C) *Remedies for violations.* In any suit by a citizen alleging a violation of this article filed in the Miami-Dade County Circuit Court pursuant to its general equity jurisdiction, the plaintiff, if successful, shall be entitled to recover costs as fixed by the Court. Any public official or employee who is found by the Court to have willfully violated this Article shall forthwith forfeit his or her office or employment.
- (D) *Construction.* All provisions of this Bill of Rights shall be construed to be supplementary to and not in conflict with the general laws of Florida. If any part of this Bill of Rights shall be declared invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

ARTICLE I. CORPORATE EXISTENCE, FORM OF GOVERNMENT, BOUNDARY AND POWERS

Section 1.1 Corporate Existence.

A municipal corporation known as the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") is hereby created pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Florida (the "State") and the Home Rule Charter of Miami-Dade County (the "County"). The corporate existence of the Town shall commence upon the adoption of this Charter.

Section 1.2 Form of Government.

The Town shall have a "Mayor-Council-Manager" form of government.

Section 1.3 Corporate Boundary.

The corporate boundaries of the Town are set forth in the document entitled "Town of Miami Lakes, Legal Description" dated July 21, 2000 which shall be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk (the "Legal Description"). The corporate boundaries of the Town are generally described as follows and shown on the following map (the "Map"). In case of a conflict between the Legal Description, the Map and this Charter, the Legal Description shall govern.

Northern Boundary:	State Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway) between NW 57 Avenue and NW 77 th Ave., and NW 170 Street between NW 77 th Court and Interstate 75
Eastern Boundary:	NW 57 Avenue (Red Road)
Southern Boundary:	The City of Hialeah
Western Boundary:	Interstate 75

[SEE MAP ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

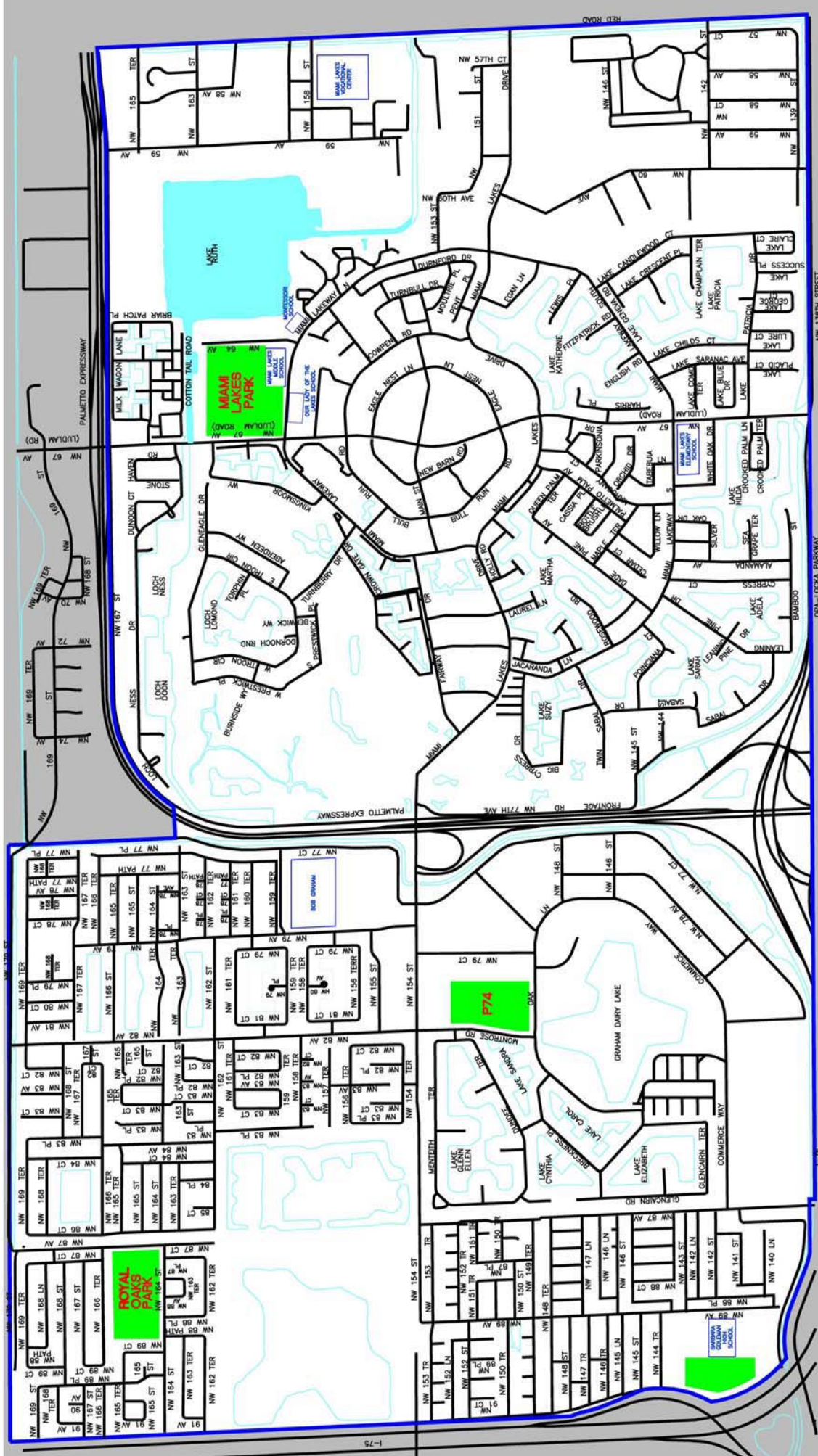
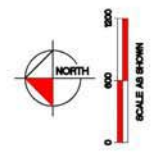


Figure 1. Town Map



Section 1.4 Powers.

The Town shall have all available governmental, corporate and proprietary powers and may exercise them except when prohibited by law. Through the adoption of this Charter, it is the intent of the electors of the Town to grant to the municipal government established by this Charter the broadest exercise of home rule powers permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State.

Section 1.5 Construction.

This Charter and the powers of the Town shall be construed liberally in favor of the Town.

ARTICLE II. TOWN COUNCIL; MAYOR

Section 2.1 Town Council-

There shall be a Town Council (the "Council") vested with all legislative powers of the Town. The Council shall consist of the Mayor and six members, four Residential Councilmembers and two At-large Councilmembers as described below ("Councilmembers"). References in this Charter to the Council and/or Councilmembers shall include the Mayor unless the context dictates otherwise.

Section 2.2 Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

- (a) *Powers and Duties of the Mayor.* The Mayor shall preside at meetings of the Council and be a voting member of the Council. In addition, the Mayor shall have the following specific responsibilities:
- i) The Mayor shall recommend the appointment of a Town Manager to the Council.
 - ii) The Mayor shall present State of the Town and budgetary addresses annually.
 - iii) The Mayor may create and appoint subject to Council approval, committees of the Council which may include non-Councilmembers. The members of each committee shall select a chair.
 - iv) The Mayor shall be recognized as head of the Town government for all ceremonial purposes, for purposes of military law, and for service of process.
 - v) The Mayor shall be the official designated to represent the Town in all dealings with other governmental entities.
 - vi) Execute contracts, deeds and other documents on behalf of the Town as authorized by the Council.