

## IRB COMMUNITY GARDEN PURPOSE & OPERATIONS POLICY

### **PURPOSE:**

1. Provide a gardening location for Indian Rocks Beach property owners (and others if space is available).
2. Grow fresh vegetables, herbs and flowers.
3. Learn about growing plants.
4. Provide a neighborly activity for our community.

### **OPERATIONS POLICY:**

1. Provide key access system for security.
2. Purchase one or more Earth Boxes for garden membership.
3. Earth Box location will be assigned on a “First Come/First Served” basis and shall follow the general arrangement according to the Master Plan.
4. Automatic watering for Earth Boxes will be provided by the City.
5. Community garden management will be provided by a “Volunteer” Community Garden Coordinator appointed by the Indian Rocks Beach City Commission, working in concert with the Indian Rocks Beach City Manager.
6. The garden shall be accessible to members during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m, 7 days per week and 52 weeks of the year. Special events are allowed in the garden upon approval of the City Manager.
7. Tools for plant maintenance shall be provided by the member. No pest control is allowed on adjacent member plants. Organic gardening is encouraged.
8. Members must properly maintain and harvest their plants to maintain an aesthetically pleasing garden free of pests and disease.
9. Members must comply with the “Community Garden Membership Agreement”.

