

***This letter is offered to provide factual transparency regarding the Four Seasons Property Owners Association (POA) and a contractual agreement for services with the Camden County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).***

- The Village of Four Seasons and the Four Seasons Lakesites POA are separate entities. Each has had a contract with the Camden County Sheriff Department to provide Enhanced Additional Services beyond the normal scope of services provided to county residents and paid through taxes. (The contract with the Village resulted in the substation being located at the Village City Hall.)
- Four Seasons Lakesites POA has decided NOT to renew its contract with the Camden County Sheriff Department. This contract was to provide enhanced services for both Horseshoe Bend and Porto Cima. Included in this contract was patrolling the 143 miles of POA roads in both the Horseshoe Bend and Porto Cima areas, checking POA amenities, providing away from residence checks to property Owners, and checking on wastewater warning lights.
- The POA agreed to pay \$144,000 to the Camden County Sheriff Department for these enhanced Additional Services.
- Over the years due to the growth in the POA and the increase of commercial properties (Not in the POA) in the Horseshoe Bend Area the demands on the Sheriff's Department have obviously increased.
- Over the past 13 years there has been significant population growth in the area. With this growth has come new construction, increased usage of amenities and the growth of short term rentals (mostly in the Porto Cima Area) all requiring more oversight. This additional oversight includes code enforcement, adherence to building guidelines, wastewater system monitoring and monitoring of amenities.
- Beginning in 2024 the POA Board has opted to increase the budget for Owner Services Department by hiring more personnel to help with the growth in the area. The Board is maintaining a budgeted amount to be used specifically for contracted services from either the Sheriff's department or private security.
- The decision not to renew the current agreement with CCSO was based solely on the Board's mandated responsibility to satisfy the requirements of the governing documents and fulfill the desires of the community members.
- The CCSO will still be in the area doing what they do best and what they are best trained to do.
- The POA will continue to work with and support the Camden County commission and its departments.