

LEGISLATIVE #

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ORDINANCE NO. 150284

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to the duties of the City Auditor; by creating Chapter 2. Administration, Article III. Officers and Employees, Division 3. – City Internal Auditor; providing for duties of internal auditor; providing for authority as to subordinates; providing for a committee to assist the internal auditor and commission in selection of external auditor; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, the City Charter was amended by a special act of the legislature to establish the Office of the City Auditor and broadly define the duties and responsibilities of the Office; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that the duties and responsibilities of the Office should be more specifically described to include financial audits, performance audits, attestation engagements and inspector general duties; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance includes authorization to designate a committee as having responsibility to assist the city commission in the selection of external auditors pursuant to Section 218.391, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, at least ten (10) days’ notice has been given once by publication in a newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of public hearings in the City Hall Auditorium located on the first floor of City Hall in the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held pursuant to the notice described above at which hearings the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. A new Division 3 titled “City Internal Auditor” is created within Chapter 2 of

1 the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances to read as follows.

2 DIVISION 3. CITY INTERNAL AUDITOR.

3 **Sec. 2-176. Duties.**

4 In addition to the duties stated in Section 3.05 of the city charter, the city internal auditor shall:

5 (a) Perform financial and performance audits as well as attestation engagements in
6 accordance with Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards (GAGAS).

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8 (b) Perform or cause to be performed investigations of fraud, waste, and abuse allegations.

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10 (c) Perform all other duties, including GAGAS defined “nonaudit services” or “professional
11 services other than audits or attestation engagements” assigned by the city commission.

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13 (d) Assist the audit and finance committee in establishing factors to use for the evaluation of
14 external auditors, issuing request for qualifications, evaluating and ranking external
15 auditor candidates.

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17 (e) Perform the duties of inspector general.

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19 **Sec. 2-177. Authority to appoint and remove subordinate employees.**

20 The internal auditor shall appoint and remove all subordinate employees in the internal auditor’s
21 office.

22 **Sec. 2-178. Audit committee; selection of external auditor.**

23 Pursuant to Section 218.391, Florida Statutes, the city commission shall appoint a committee
24 who shall establish factors to use to evaluate external auditor candidates, cause a notice of
25 issuance of request for proposals to be issued when the city seeks to contract with an external
26 auditor, evaluate and rank the external auditor proposals and make recommendations to the City
27 Commission on the ranking of proposals.

28 **Section 2.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Section 1 of
29 this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of
30 Gainesville, Florida, and that the sections and paragraphs of this ordinance may be renumbered

1 or relettered in order to accomplish such intentions.

2 **Section 3.** If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section, or provision of this ordinance
3 or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such
4 finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given
5 effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the
6 provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

7 **Section 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of
8 such conflict hereby repealed.

9 **Section 5.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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11 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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24 This ordinance passed on first reading this _____ day of _____, 2016.

25 This ordinance passed on second reading this _____ day of _____, 2016.

EDWARD B. BRADDY
MAYOR

Attest:

Approved as to form and legality:

KURT M. LANNON
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

NICOLLE M. SHALLEY
CITY ATTORNEY