

DRAFT PREAMBLE

We the people of the City of Gainesville, under the constitution and laws of the State of Florida, in order to secure the benefits of local self-government and to provide for an honest and accountable commission-manager government do hereby adopt this charter and confer upon the city the following powers, subject to the following restrictions, and prescribed by the following procedures and governmental structure. By this action, we secure the benefits of home rule, increase citizen participation, proactively foster equal opportunity of the broad cultural diversity of the city, and inclusiveness that focuses on justice and equality. Further, we affirm the values of representative democracy, professional management, and environmental stewardship.

Three parts of a preamble:

Source of Authority – state constitution or statutory law

Action Taken – the adoption of the charter

Intent – comprise subjective statements (not enforceable by law) that underscore or illuminate the characteristics of a municipality.