

# City of Gainesville

*City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



## **Meeting Agenda**

**November 29, 2012**

**1:00 PM**

**City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 16**

## **Public Safety Committee**

*Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Chair  
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member  
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member*

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**CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[120582.](#)**Approval of October 25, 2012 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

*The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting as submitted.*

[120582\\_PSCMinutesOct2012\\_20121129](#)**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**[120206.](#)**Roam Towing and the Appeals Process (B)**

*Explanation: This item was brought forward by Commissioner Thomas Hawkins at the July 19, 2012 City Commission Meeting during the ordinance reading of File #110209.*

*Chapter 14.5, Article III of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances includes the regulation of the towing and immobilization of vehicles improperly parked on private property. The City Commission originally referred the issue of a trespass tow company transferring ownership of the company to a relative to avoid penalties imposed on the company due to its unlawful operation. During the amendment process, it was determined that Chapter 14.5, Article III should be amended to address not only the original issue referred to the Committee, but also to address other issues related to the regulation and operation of trespass towing and immobilization services. The proposed amendments will make the ordinance internally consistent, update and revise the regulations and protect the public whose valuable personal property is affected by tow operators and companies.*

*The proposed amendments include: 1) Requiring a trespass tow service to make application and obtain a permit issued by the towing administrator prior to engaging in the trespass tow business; 2) Setting forth requirements and conditions for the issuance and revocation of a trespass towing service permit and tow operator permit; 3) Allowing for the revocation of a trespass towing service permit and tow operator's permit if the person/entity does not maintain the same qualifications as those required to obtain or renew a permit; 4) Requiring an annual fee for a trespass towing service permit equal in amount to that of the*

annual immobilization permit; 5) Defining "roam towing" and "tow operator"; 6) Amending the definition of "towing administrator", "trespass towing" and "trespass towing service"; 7) Requiring all permits under the Chapter to expire on September 31st of each year; and 8) Prohibiting a purchaser of a trespass towing service from obtaining a trespass towing service permit until all fines and penalties have been paid or resolved.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Safety Committee discuss, and approve as appropriate, the proposed amendments to Chapter 14.5, of the Code of Ordinances.

**Legislative History**

7/19/12	City Commission	Referred to the Public Safety Committee
9/27/12	Public Safety Committee	Discussed

[120206a\\_DraftTowOrdnPart1\\_20120927.pdf](#)

[120206a\\_DraftTowOrdnPart2\\_20120927.pdf](#)

[120206b\\_ProposedTowChangesPPT\\_20120927.pdf](#)

[120206c\\_ProposedAmendIOC\\_20120927.pdf](#)

[120206d\\_DraftTowOrdPart210812\\_20121129](#)

[120206e\\_TowCompanyCourtJudgement\\_20121129](#)

[120206f\\_TallahasseeTrespassTowFees\\_20121129](#)

[120206h\\_WeaverOct22MtgIOC\\_20121129](#)

[120206g\\_SummaryCity&TowCompanyMtg\\_20121129](#)

**MEMBER COMMENT****CITIZEN COMMENT****NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next scheduled meeting is December 11, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**