



# MEMORANDUM

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September 25, 2000

TO: Mayor and City Commission

DATE: ~~September 14, 2000~~

FROM: City Attorney

~~FIRST READING~~  
SECOND READING

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 0-99-30

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending section 6-20 of the Code of Ordinances relating to boarded buildings by providing that the city manager or designee shall inspect all buildings being boarded and sealed to determine if they should be ordered demolished and providing for a fee for a board and seal permit; amending section 16-17 of the Code of Ordinances creating and adding definitions; amending section 16-20 of the Code of Ordinances relating to standards for repair of dangerous buildings, clarifying that boarding and sealing a building is temporary, providing for an order to demolish buildings that are not reasonable to repair, and providing that buildings ordered to be vacated may be ordered demolished if construction work does not begin within six months or ceases for two years and providing that buildings that are not reasonable to repair shall be ordered demolished; amending Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances specifying a fee for a board and seal permit; providing that a copy of this ordinance be provided to current holders of board and seal permits; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

The City Commission at its meeting of November 9, 1998, authorized the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance amending the Dangerous Building and Hazardous Lands and Housing Codes. The City Attorney's Office has been working with the Community Development Department to draft an ordinance that both allows the City to take action on deteriorating boarded buildings and meets constitutional requirements.

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PASSED ON FIRST READING BY A VOTE 3-0.