

1 basis whether to fund a program of hardship assistance to City residents who are
2 living below or close to the poverty level and are at risk of losing title to their homes
3 as a result of the imposition of the Fire Services Special Assessment.

4 (b) On an annual basis the City Commission shall designate the funds available to
5 provide any hardship assistance. The provision of hardship assistance in any one year
6 shall in no way establish a right or entitlement to such assistance in any subsequent
7 year and the provision of funds in any year may be limited to the extent funds are
8 available and appropriated by the City Commission. Any funds designated for
9 hardship assistance shall be paid by the City from funds other than those generated by
10 the Fire Services Special Assessment.

11 (c) The City Manager shall establish guidelines and administer the hardship program.

12 **Section 2.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Section 1 of
13 this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of
14 Gainesville, Florida, and that the Sections and Paragraphs of this Ordinance may be renumbered
15 or relettered in order to accomplish such intentions.

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

21 **Section 4.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the extent of
22 such conflict hereby repealed.

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