



# MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor and City Commissioners

June 14, 1999  
DATE: ~~May 24, 1999~~

FROM: City Attorney

SECOND READING

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 0-99-51  
**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT;  
AMENDING CHAPTER 27 OF THE GAINESVILLE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 27-96, DEFINITIONS; 27-  
180, PRETREATMENT PROGRAM; CREATING SECTIONS 27-180.1  
THROUGH 27-180.7 INCLUSIVE, RELATING TO PROHIBITED  
SUBSTANCES, CONDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC  
DISCHARGES, PERMITTING, MONITORING, ACCIDENTAL  
DISCHARGE/SLUG PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING  
SECTION 27-181 RELATING TO GRAYWATER DISPOSAL  
FACILITIES; AMENDING SECTION 27-182, PRIVATE WASTEWATER  
DISPOSAL SYSTEMS; CREATING SECTIONS 27-182.1 AND 27-182.2  
REQUIRING PERMITS FOR PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL  
SYSTEMS AND REGULATING DISCHARGES THEREFROM;  
PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE  
AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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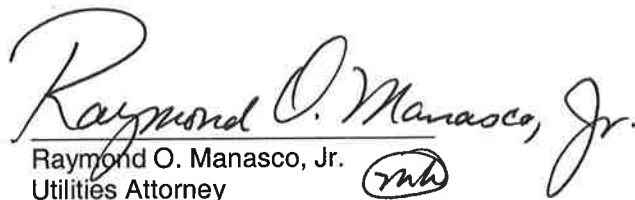

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Explanation: The City Commission on December 14, 1998 authorized the City Attorney to prepare and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance amending Chapter 27, UTILITIES, Article IV, Water and Sewerage of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances. In the interim, staff has obtained approval for this draft from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Additionally, staff has met with the City of Gainesville Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC), the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, and the Alachua County Environmental Protection Advisory Committee specifically to explain revisions to the Instantaneous Maximum Discharge Limits included in this ordinance and to receive comments and feedback from these interested parties. The WMAC has since issued a letter to the City Commission expressing support for the limits revisions.

This revision to Chapter 27, Article IV incorporates changes necessary to ensure continued compliance by the City of Gainesville with federal and state pretreatment program requirements. Also, all of the pretreatment program related components have been reorganized under one section of this ordinance for clarity and ease of understanding.

Background: Federal and State Law require the City of Gainesville to operate and enforce a pretreatment program with the objective of preventing discharges that may cause interference or harm to wastewater treatment facilities. Gainesville Regional Utilities is responsible for implementing this program under the authority of Chapter 27, Article IV, Sections 27-180 through 182 and Sections 184 through 186 of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has been delegated the authority by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to administer pretreatment program requirements. At this time, revisions are necessary to maintain program approval by the FDEP.

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Passed on first reading by a vote of 4-0.