



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor and City Commission

June 27, 2005

DATE: ~~June 13, 2005~~
~~FIRST READING~~

FROM: City Attorney

SECOND READING

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 0-05-51

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to user fees; amending Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances to include under Building and Building Regulation a fee for special inspection services for certain single family, multi-family, and mixed use development projects; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

The City's Building Division has had several requests, with increasing frequency in recent years, for special inspections and/or the assignment of an inspector to a specific job site on a full-time basis for the purpose of inspection. To date the City has not had the mechanism in place to provide this service.

On April 25, 2005, the City Commission authorized the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to allow the City to have full cost recovery for providing this special inspection service. The draft ordinance proposes to amend Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances to allow for recovery of the expenditures necessary for special inspections. In order for a building or project to qualify for special inspections it must meet the following criteria:

1. Contract price of \$10,000,000 or greater, or
2. 50,000 or greater total gross square feet, or
3. Meets the definition of a Threshold Building as defined in s. 553.71(7), Fla. Stat.

Additionally, large single-family dwelling developments (in excess of 75 dwelling units) may request special inspections of the Building Official.

This ordinance requires two public hearings. Should the Commission adopt the ordinance on first reading; the second and final reading will be held on Monday, June 27, 2005.

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PASSED ON FIRST READING BY A VOTE OF 7-0.

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May 10, 2005

Ordinance No. _____
0-05-51

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4 An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to user fees;
5 amending Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances to include under
6 Building and Building Regulation a fee for special inspection services
7 for certain single family, multi-family, and mixed use development
8 projects; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability
9 clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate
10 effective date.
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12 **WHEREAS**, at least 10 days notice has been given once by publication in a
13 newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a
14 Public Hearing in the City Commission Auditorium in City Hall, City of Gainesville; and

15 **WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held pursuant to the published notice described at
16 which hearing the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact,
17 heard;

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**
19 **CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

20 **Section 1.** Subsection (10), Buildings and Building Regulation, Appendix A, City of
21 Gainesville Code of Ordinances (Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges), is amended to add a
22 new paragraph d. as follows:

23 (10) Special Services

24 d. Special Inspection Service Charge for on-site, full-time inspector

25 \$9100.00 per 30 day period

26 1. Multi-Family and Mixed Use Buildings:

27 Buildings or projects that meet one of the following criteria are eligible for special
28 inspections:

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- 2 (i) The proposed project has a contract price of \$10,000,000 or greater; or
- 3 (ii) The proposed project is 50,000 feet or greater in total gross square footage; or
- 4 (iii) The proposed project structure meets the definition of a Threshold Building as
- 5 defined in section 553.71(7), Florida Statutes.

6 2. Single Family Dwelling Developments:

7 Upon the written request of a Developer or Contractor of a single-family dwelling
8 development in excess of 75 dwelling units and upon written approval by the Building
9 Official, special inspections shall be provided to the developer or contractor of said single-
10 family dwelling development at the service charge stated above.

11 Requests for special inspections must be completed by the Developer/Contractor in
12 writing and will be approved by the Building Official in writing prior to Developer or
13 Contractor filing the first application for permitting. The fees shall be due and payable on the
14 date the first application for permitting is filed with the City. Subsequent requests to continue
15 the special inspection service for additional 30-day periods must be received by the City in
16 written form two weeks prior to the expiration of the current 30 day period and shall be
17 submitted along with the special service monthly fee. All fees are non-refundable.

18 The City reserves the right to suspend such special inspections in the event of
19 impossibility or in times of natural disaster. Any fees previously paid to the City will be held
20 in abeyance pending resumption of special inspections.

21 **Section 2.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Section 1 of this
22 Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of

1 Gainesville, Florida, and that the Sections and Paragraphs of this Ordinance may be
2 renumbered or relettered in order to accomplish such intentions.

3 **Section 3.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or
4 unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way
5 affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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

8 **Section 5.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

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10 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2005.

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14 PEGEEN HANRAHAN
15 MAYOR

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18 ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality

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22 KURT M. LANNON
23 CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

MARION J. RADSON
CITY ATTORNEY

24 This Ordinance passed on first reading this _____ day of _____, 2005.

25 This Ordinance passed on second reading this _____ day of _____, 2005.