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DATE: August 30, 2010  
TO: Commissioner Randy Wells  
CC: Honorable Mayor and City Commission  
VIA: Russ Blackburn, City Manager  
Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager  
FROM: Christopher Cooper, Interim Code Enforcement Manager  
RE: Community Development Committee – Dog Sitting Referral #100057

This memo is in response to Commissioner Wells' request for an update on Community Development Committee referral #100057 titled "Dog sitting businesses in single-family neighborhoods."

The referral was generated after a resident in a single-family neighborhood was cited by the City of Gainesville for operating an illegal business which involved the resident providing dog sitting services at his home. Since being cited by the city, the resident/business owner has altered their business model and now provides dog walking services by visiting the dog owner's home. This is a legal activity and a home occupation permit has been issued for the business in its current state. This referral will be discussed at the September 15, 2010 Community Development Committee meeting. Attached is a white paper on this issue that was previously provided to the City Commission.

If I can provide further information, please contact me, 352-334-5030 or [cooperce@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:cooperce@cityofgainesville.org).

Attachment