

Petition PB-13-52 TCH. City of Gainesville. Amend the Land Development Code to eliminate term limits for board members serving on the Development Review Board, City Plan Board, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Board.

Senior Planner Andrew Persons gave the staff presentation. Vice-Chair Bob Ackerman explained that he initiated the concept of eliminating board member term limits after repeatedly hearing from members of the Community Development Review Committee (which was sunset in 2012) that members of quasi-judicial boards need to be better educated (i.e., better trained as to their role as board members). Mr. Ackerman said that he recommended elimination of term limits as an inexpensive way to address the issue, and that the change will allow longer serving members the option of continuing to volunteer if they so desire.

Board member Erin Condon expressed concern about unlimited term limits. Mr. Ackerman replied that the terms are not unlimited because board members have to be reappointed. The other Plan Board members expressed general approval of the proposal.

Motion By: Seth Lane	Seconded By: Stephanie Sims
Moved To: Approve Petition PB-13-52 TCH, and recommend that staff prepare changes to the board rules.	Upon Vote: 4-1 (Nay, Condon)