

Gainesville Downtown Owners and Tenants, Inc.

GDOT Trespass Group Program

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Purpose: The Gainesville Downtown Owners and Tenants, Inc. (GDOT), wants to participate in partnership with the Gainesville Police Department (GPD), to maintain a safe environment for citizens patronizing Downtown and University Park businesses. Occasionally, patrons of businesses commit criminal acts that cause innocent bystanders and employees to suffer unnecessary risks of physical harm. These crimes include, but are not limited to, criminal mischief, prostitution, burglary and crimes of violence such as battery. Additionally, GPD encounters individuals who are known to be actively involved in recent criminal behavior who may also be brought to a GDOT member's attention for consideration.

GDOT recognizes that public safety is at risk and that crimes of violence, vice, and property are often committed by the same people who repeatedly commit crimes. Prostitutes, drug dealers and other criminals simply move from one establishment to another as they are trespassed from the original property with the assistance of GPD. All these behaviors may be aggravated by the introduction of alcoholic beverages. The Downtown and University Park areas have many businesses with alcoholic beverage licenses which depend largely upon walk-in customers. These businesses may encounter individuals who commit crimes on a recurring basis. The members of GDOT desire to break the cycle of continued criminal behavior and make such criminals unwelcome in businesses in the Downtown and University Park areas.

Membership in GDOT is open to all individual residents, property owners, businesses, commercial and governmental entities in Alachua County, Florida. Voting is limited to members located in the CCD. Annual business membership dues are \$50.

GDOT Trespass Group: Members of GDOT located in the Downtown and University Park areas of Gainesville (see attached map labeled "Exhibit A"), who operate parking facilities or serve and/or sell alcoholic beverages, may sign up to be members of the GDOT Trespass Group. A trespass warning issued in the name of the GDOT Trespass Group will be valid at all other GDOT Trespass Group member locations; however, the following must occur before a trespass warning will be issued:

- The business or parking facility must display a notice or sign in a conspicuous location on or near the main entrance to the business or parking facility, clearly identifying the business or parking facility as a member of the GDOT Trespass Group;
- The subject has been arrested for/charged with one of the following crimes contemporaneously with the issuance of the trespass warning:
 - Affray
 - Assault
 - Aggravated Assault
 - Aggravated Battery
 - Battery
 - Prostitution
 - Robbery
 - Sexual Battery
 - Carrying a Concealed Weapon or Firearm
 - Resisting Arrest with Violence
 - Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell
 - Trafficking in a Controlled Substance;
- The charge must not be related solely to the exercise of First Amendment rights;

- The individual has not been issued a previous trespass warning under the GDOT Trespass Group.
- The qualifying incident occurred in the Downtown and/or University Park Hospitality Areas. (see attached maps)

A person issued the Trespass Warning shall be prohibited from entering and/or remaining in a GDOT Trespass Group member's establishment for a period of one year from the date the warning was issued.

If a GDOT Trespass Group member wants to allow an individual on its property that has received the "GDOT Trespass Group Warning," that member shall provide written authorization to that individual. Said authorization is good for that location only.

GDOT Trespass Group Member Procedures: The GDOT Trespass Group member shall maintain a Trespass Log Book at the front desk of its business. The book will contain a file of subjects that have been trespassed under the GDOT Trespass Group name. It will also contain a copy of a current list of GDOT Trespass Group members and any additional paperwork required by GPD.

When a GDOT Trespass Group member witnesses a patron behaving in such a manner that warrants a Trespass Warning, the member may call GPD to respond. Upon the arrival of a police officer, the member may give the offender a Trespass Warning. If the requirements specified above have been met, the Trespass Warning may be issued in the name of the GDOT Trespass Group.

This program is voluntary and enforcement of the procedures is the responsibility of each GDOT Trespass Group member. GDOT and its officers, directors and members assume NO liability or responsibility for enforcement of this program. GDOT's involvement is given to facilitate an efficient and effective procedure for GPD and participating businesses.

Not all responding police officers will be familiar with the trespass procedures and may need to review the Trespass Log Book. A police officer with the Downtown Unit will follow-up later with a copy of the Trespass Warning / Photo Sheet of the offender to be placed in the Log Book. An electronic copy of the Trespass Warning/Photo Sheet will also be forwarded within 7 days.

Application to Join the GDOT Trespass Group

Business Name: _____

Business Location: _____

Business Owner: _____

Business Contact: _____

Location Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Effective Date: From _____ Until Withdrawn in Writing or _____

I hereby agree to be a member of the GDOT Trespass Group. I authorize the GPD to issue GDOT Trespass Group Warnings against persons committing crimes in my business that will be applicable both to my business and to other businesses who are members of the GDOT Trespass Group. I authorize the GPD to arrest persons who have been issued valid GDOT Trespass Group Warnings in other businesses when found in my business.

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Witness _____

Roughly the Boundaries of Restaurant Bar/Club Locations Downtown Hospitality Area



Exhibit A

**Roughly the Boundaries of Restaurant Bar/Club Locations
Univ. Park Hospitality Area**

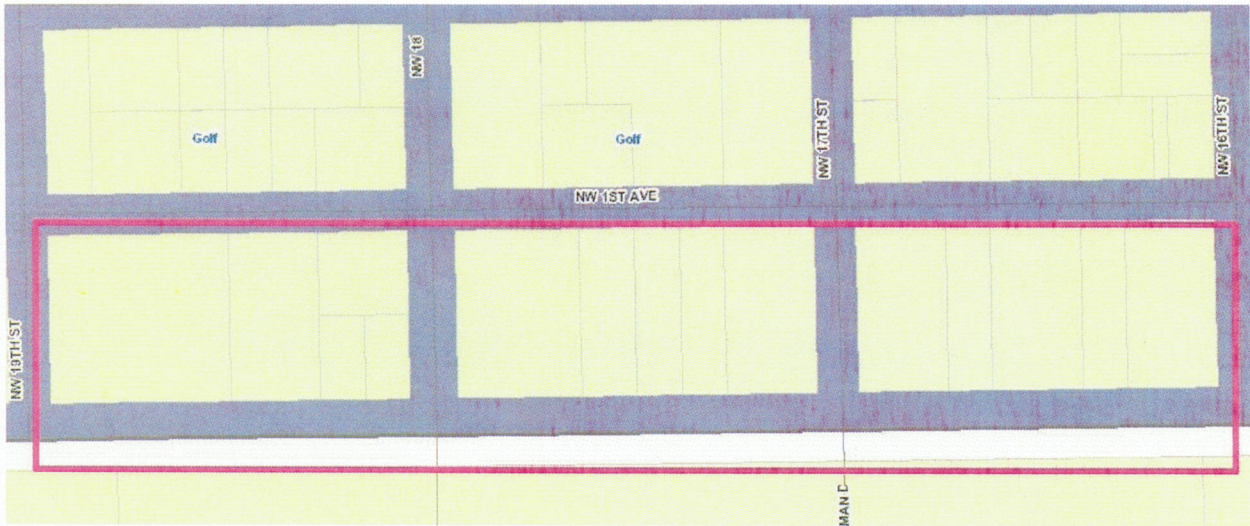


Exhibit B