CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Memorandum

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TO:

Mayor and City Commission

DATE: November 9, 1998

FROM:

City Attorney

SUBJECT:

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RECOMMENDATION: The City Commission authorize the City Attorney to draft, and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise, an ordinance removing outdated language and precinct information from Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to elections.

Chapters 97 through 106 of the Florida Statutes constitute the Florida Election Code. Section 100.3605 provides that the Florida Election Code applies to municipal elections, in the absence of conflicting special act, charter provision or ordinance. Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances contains the City's election code. Several of the provisions of the City's election code are duplicates of the state code, or refer to state code that has been changed. Additionally, section 9-1.1 contains the list of precincts in each City election district. The list contains precincts that are no longer in the City due to the Supervisor of Elections realignment of precincts.

The proposed ordinance will streamline the City's election code to contain only those provisions which differ from state code, and will correct the list of district precincts. No substantive change will be made to the election process.

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