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DATE: March 21, 2012
TO: Community Development Committee
VIA: Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager *FM*
FROM: Christopher Cooper, Interim Code Enforcement Manager *CC*
RE: University of Florida Football Game Day Parking

The Community Development Committee requested information on Code Enforcement issues related to football game day activity in the residential neighborhoods adjacent to the University of Florida. This request is related to agenda item #110282 Game Day Parking Regulation Issue, which will be discussed by the Community Development Committee on March 27, 2012.

The Code Enforcement Division provides service to the residential neighborhoods adjacent to the University of Florida during football game days to ensure that property owners abide by the city's requirement to obtain a business license to operate a parking service at a residential property. During the course of this patrol, staff may advise property owners, or the responsible person on site, that they are violating a city ordinance and direct them to correct the violation. Instances are generally minor and are resolved quickly while some violations exist until the following Monday when staff conducts a follow up sweep of the neighborhood. Most violations that occur are related to garbage strewn about the property and vehicles that remain parked in the yard. In addition to the neighborhood patrol, Code Enforcement officers patrol areas immediately adjacent to the University of Florida to ensure vendors and peddlers have obtained the appropriate special event permit and peddler's permit.

The focus for Code Enforcement on game days is to enforce the city's business tax requirement for game day parking. The benefit to requiring a permit, regardless of the conditions that are attached to the permit, is that it is possible to immediately cite a property for failure to comply rather than give a lengthy time for compliance as is the case with the business license requirement. Including a permit requirement, would allow the officers in the field to take immediate action in the field by issuing a warning notice to the violator with a short time frame to comply to correct the violation. Enforcement of the current business tax requirement only is cumbersome and requires that the officer send a notice to the property owner and provide a longer time frame to comply. Additionally, if a game day parking permit functions in a similar manner to the current special event permit process departments such as GPD, GFR, Planning, Building, and Traffic Operations will review each application and be aware of the scope of the operation. If a site plan is required with the application issues such as using the right-of-way as

parking, providing adequate access to the parking area, placement of garbage receptacles and port-a-potties, and the number of vehicles parked can be identified and addressed during the application process rather than in the field.

Over the last three years, the City of Gainesville has issued an average of 200 business licenses annually for game day parking operations. If a permit process is implemented that involves a multi-department review and approval, a minimum review timeframe will need to be determined by staff involved in permit review to ensure the volume of permits can be adequately managed with regard to the needs of the customer.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at cooperce@cityofgainesville.org or 352-334-5030.

CC: Russ Blackburn, City Manager