

Petition PB-12-169 TCH. City of Gainesville. Amend the Land Development Code to allow scooter sales in the MU-2 (12-30 units/acre mixed-use medium intensity) and UMU-2 (10-100 units/acre; and up to an additional 25 units/acre by special use permit urban mixed-use district) zoning districts.

Planning Manager Ralph Hilliard gave the staff presentation, and noted that the staff recommendation had changed by deleting the MU-2 (12-30 units/acre mixed-use medium intensity) district from the petition. Mr. Hilliard reviewed the proposed definition which includes a maximum engine size of 151 cubic centimeters (cc), a maximum of three wheels, and mopeds as defined in the Florida Statutes. He concluded by stating the proposal is limited to retail sales only and that all repairs must be in an enclosed building.

Mr. Justin Jackrel, owner of Road Rat Motors, spoke in favor of the petition, and pointed out that the UMU-2 (10-100 units/acre; and up to an additional 25 units/acre by special use permit urban mixed-use) zoning district has the advantage of being close to the UF campus, where scooter use has surged in recent years. He added that most scooters have either a 49 or 150 cc engine.

Gainesville resident Donald Shepard cautioned that a scooter shop could potentially “morph into a motorcycle shop.”

Motion By: Erin Condon	Seconded By: Seth Lane
Moved To: Approve Petition PB-12-169 TCH as recommended the staff presentation.	Upon Vote: 6-0