ORDINANCE NO. 110658

2 3 4 5 6 7	An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Florida, relating to attendance requirements for members of quasi-judicial, administrative, and advisory boards; by amending Section 2-247 Removal from office; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.	
8 9	WHEREAS, the City Commission on February 2, 2012, referred to the Audit, Finance	
10	and Legislative Committee the issue of attendance policy for members of quasi-judicial,	
11	administrative, and advisory boards; and	
12	WHEREAS, the City Commission on December 20, 2012, received input from the	
13	Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee and directed the City Attorney's Office to draft this	
14	ordinance; and	
15	WHEREAS, at least ten (10) days' notice has been given once by publication in a	
16	newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of public	
17	hearings in the City Hall Auditorium, First Floor, City Hall, City of Gainesville; and	
18	WHEREAS, the public hearings were held pursuant to the notice described above at	
19	which hearings the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact,	
20	heard.	
21	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE	
22	CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:	
23	Section 1. Section 2-247 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville is	
24	amended to read as follows.	
25	Sec. 2-247. – Removal from office.	

(a) For purposes of this section:

Advisory board means any board, commission, committee, or council whose powers, jurisdiction, and authority are solely advisory and do not include the final determination or adjudication of any personal or property rights, duties, or obligations.

Attend or attendance means presence at a meeting for a duration of at least 50 percent of the entire meeting time as verified by the board secretary on the attendance record.

<u>Quasi-judicial</u> or <u>administrative board</u> means any board, commission, committee, or council whose powers, jurisdiction, and authority include the final determination, or adjudication of any personal or property rights, duties, or obligations.

(b)(a) The city commission may remove from office any appointee of the city commission as provided by law.

(c)(b) Any appointee of the city commission to any board, commission, committee, authority, or council except the eCommunity #Redevelopment aAgency, the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority, the Board of Trustees for the City of Gainesville Police Officers and Firefighters Consolidated Retirement Plan Consolidated Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement Plan, the governing board of the Alachua County Library District, the Gainesville Housing Authority, and the Gainesville Enterprise Zone Development Agency, shall be is automatically removed from office under the following circumstances: the board, commission or committee upon filing with the clerk of the commission, the attendance record that indicates:

(1) As to qQuasi-judicial and administrative boards: The board member has failed to attend four or more consecutive meetings, or that the board member's overall attendance record of the member is less than 662/3 66 2/3 percent for any six month period the 6 most recent board meetings at which voting occurred. As used in this paragraph, attendance means presence at the meeting no later than 15 after the meeting is called to order as verified by the secretary on the attendance record; Board members may be granted one excused absence per calendar year for a medical reason or professional/educational obligation. Board members shall notify the board secretary of an excused absence prior to the meeting, if practicable.

As to aAdvisory boards: The board member's overall attendance record of the board member is less than 50 percent for the 6 most recent board meetings at which voting occurred. 12 month period commencing January 1 and ending on December 31 of any year. As used in this paragraph, attendance means presence at a meeting as may be defined in the rules of the board and approved by the city commission. Additionally, this attendance requirement will not apply to any board member who serves less than the full 12 month period. The automatic removal of any board member under this paragraph may be stayed by the filing of an appeal with the clerk of the commission between January 2 and January 15 of any year.

The form of the appeal shall be available at the office of the clerk of the commission which shall include the requirement that the appellant state with particularity the grounds for such appeal that are limited to: 1) professional obligations: 2) sabbatical leave; 3) health or medical reasons; or 4) extenuating circumstances. The city commission shall hear the appeal within 15 days of the filing of any appeal. The decision of the city commission shall be final. Board members may be granted two excused absences per calendar year for a medical reason or professional/educational obligation. Board members shall notify the board secretary of an excused absence prior to the meeting, if practicable.

(d) The city commission shall consider the attendance record of any current or former board member being considered for appointment or reappointment. For purposes of this subsection, an advisory board means any board, commission, committee, council, or authority whose powers, jurisdiction, and authority are solely advisory and do not include the final determination or adjudication of any personal or property rights, duties, or obligations. All other boards, commissions, committees, councils or authorities are deemed to be quasi-judicial or administrative boards.

(e) Reserved.

(f) (e) Any resident member appointed by the city commission to the Board of Trustees for the City of Gainesville Police Officers and Firefighters Consolidated Retirement Plan may be removed from office by the city commission without cause and without prior notice. The resident members of the consolidated police officer and firefighters pension plan board of trustees, appointed by the city commission, may be removed without prior notice and without cause, such removal to be effective upon the resident members' receipt of written notice of the commission's action.

- **Section 2.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Florida, and that the sections and paragraphs of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered in order to accomplish such intention.
- **Section 3.** If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this ordinance or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given

1	effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the		
2	provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.		
3	Section 4. All ordinances or parts of or	rdinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of	
4	such conflict hereby repealed.		
5	Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.		
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7	PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2013.		
8 9 10 11 12		ELL B. Braddy EDWARD B. BRADDY MAYOR	
13		APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:	
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	KURTM. TAMNON CLERK OF THE COMMISSION	Micolle M Shalley NICOLLE M. SHALLEY CITY ATTORNEY	
22 23	This ordinance passed on first reading this 15th day of August, 2013.		
24	This ordinance passed on second reading this 5th day of September, 2013.		