ORDINANCE NO. 130106

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Land Development Code by eliminating term limits for board members serving on the Development Review Board, City Plan Board, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Board; by amending Section 30-353. — City plan board; by amending Section 30-354. — Board of adjustment; by amending Section 30-355. — Historic preservation board; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.		
10 11	WHEREAS, the Community Development Committee on January 14, 2013, discussed		
12	the City Commission referral regarding the elimination of term limits for quasi-judicial board		
13	members; and		
14	WHEREAS, the City Commission on April 18, 2013, received input from the		
15	Community Development Committee and directed staff to initiate a petition to eliminate term		
16	limits for the Development Review Board, City Plan Board, Board of Adjustment and Historic		
17	Preservation Board; and		
18	WHEREAS, The City Plan Board on June 27, 2013, discussed the issue and		
19	recommended approval of the petition; and		
20	WHEREAS, at least ten (10) days' notice has been given once by publication in a		
21	newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of public		
22	hearings in the City Hall Auditorium located on the first floor of City Hall in the City of		
23	Gainesville; and		
24	WHEREAS, the public hearings were held pursuant to the notice described above at		
25	which hearings the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact,		

heard.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE

CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

- Section 1. Subsection 30-353(a) of the Land Development Code is amended to read as
- 4 follows. Except as amended herein, the remainder of Section 30-353 remains in full force and
- 5 effect.

- 6 Sec. 30-353. City plan board.
- 7 (a) Membership.
 - (1) The city plan board shall have seven regular members, representing a cross section of the city, appointed by the city commission. Regular members of the city plan board shall be and remain bona fide residents of the city. If at any time any member of the city plan board fails to be and remain a resident of the city the person shall be automatically disqualified and removed from the board.
 - (2) The city plan board shall have an additional member (hereinafter, the "school board representative") that represents and is appointed by the School Board of Alachua County. The duties of the school board representative are limited to attending city plan board meetings at which the city plan board considers comprehensive plan amendments and rezonings that would, if approved, increase residential density on the property that is the subject of the proposed plan amendment or rezoning. The school board representative shall be a non-voting member.
 - (3) Each member shall be appointed to a three-year term commencing on November 1 of the year appointed., except that, initially, two regular members shall be appointed for terms of one year, three regular members shall be appointed for terms of two years, and two regular members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Members may be reappointed for consecutive terms and may hold office after expiration of their term until a successor has been appointed and qualified. No person may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Persons disqualified by this provision may be reappointed after one year elapses after the expiration of the second term of service.

- (4) When a regular member position becomes vacant before the end of the term, the city commission shall appoint a substitute member to fill the vacancy for the duration of the vacated term. When the school board representative position becomes vacant before the end of the term, the School Board of Alachua County shall appoint a substitute member to fill the vacancy for the duration of the vacated term. A member whose term expires may continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.
- (5) Probationary period for regular members.

- a. New appointees to the city plan board shall complete a 60-day probationary period prior to commencement of the term of office. During this period appointees meet the same attendance requirements as other board members, but shall not have the power to vote or be counted for the purpose of constituting a quorum.
- b. Any appointee who fails to successfully complete the probationary period, except as provided in subsection (a)(5)c. of this section, shall be automatically disqualified for membership on the city plan board, upon the filing with the clerk of the commission of appropriate proof that the appointee has failed to successfully complete the probationary period.
- c. Exception. The city commission may waive the required probationary period for any appointee to the city plan board upon good cause shown and entered in the record of the minutes of the city commission.
- Section 2. Subsection 30-354(a) of the Land Development Code is amended to read as follows. Except as amended herein, the remainder of Section 30-354 remains in full force and effect.
- 23 Sec. 30-354. Board of adjustment.
- 24 (a) Created. The board of adjustment is hereby created and shall consist of five members
 25 appointed by the city commission. After the initial appointments, eEach member shall be
 26 appointed to a three-year term commencing on November 1 of the year appointed.
 27 Members may be reappointed for consecutive terms and may hold office after expiration
 28 of their term until a successor has been appointed and qualified. for up to two

1	consecutive terms of three years each, and shall hold office until a successor has been
2	appointed and qualified. Service on the board may not exceed six consecutive years;
3	however, reappointment may occur after one year of absence from the board. Vacancies
4	shall be filled for the unexpired term of any member whose office becomes vacant.
5	Terms shall expire November 1 of the year the term expires.

- **Section 3.** Subsection 30-355(c)(2) of the Land Development Code is amended to read as follows. Except as amended herein, the remainder of Section 30-355 remains in full force and effect.
- 9 Sec. 30-355. Historic preservation board.
- 10 (c) Composition; terms; vacancies.

- (2) After initial appointment, all appointments shall be made for a term of three (3) years. Each member shall be appointed to a three-year term. Members may be reappointed for consecutive terms and may hold office after expiration of their term until a successor has been appointed and qualified., but service on the board may not exceed six (6) consecutive years. Reappointment may then occur after one (1) year of absence from the board.
- **Section 4.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Sections 1 through 3 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 5.** 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 effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.
- **Section 6.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.
 - Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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3	PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2013.		
4 5 6 7 8	MAYO	ARD B. BRADDY OR	
9	Attest: Appro	ved as to form and legality:	
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	KURT M. LANNON SCLERK OF THE COMMISSION CITY	colle MShalley LLE M. SHALLEY ATTORNEY	
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19 20	This ordinance passed on second reading this 19th day of December, 2013.		