



## Legislation Text

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### **TEXT CHANGE - TERM LIMIT ELIMINATION FOR DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD, CITY PLAN BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD. (B)**

Ordinance No. 130106; PB-Petition No. 13-52 TCH

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.

The City Commission (1) adopt the proposed ordinance, and (2) direct staff to prepare revisions to the rules of procedure for the subject quasi-judicial boards.

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

This petition/ordinance eliminates term limits for the Board of Adjustment, City Plan Board, Development Review Board and Historic Preservation Board. This item was referred to the Community Development Committee (CDC) and discussed at the January 14, 2013 CDC meeting. The rationale for the referral cited the need to support the retention of qualified volunteers to serve on the subject quasi-judicial boards. Eliminating the term limits for the boards will allow the City Commission to reappoint members who wish to continue to serve but would have been ineligible due to the existing term limits. Retention of qualified members enhances the ability of these quasi-judicial boards to meet quorum requirements and fulfill the various functions of the boards.

As stated in Article X, Division 2 of the Land Development Code, each quasi-judicial board adopts rules of procedure. All rules must conform to Land Development Code, Article X, the Code of Ordinances and state law. Revisions to the rules of procedure must be approved by the individual boards and adopted by the City Commission. The second part of the staff recommendation is to direct staff to prepare revisions to the rules of procedure for the subject quasi-judicial boards.

After public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on June 11, 2013, the City Plan Board held a public hearing on June 27, 2013, and recommended approval of this petition by a vote of 4-1.

#### CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two readings and shall become effective immediately upon final adoption.