



Legislation Text

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TEXT AMENDMENT - FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION CODE (B)

Ordinance No. 140495

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to fire prevention and protection; amending Section 2-339 related to civil citations for fire prevention and protection; amending Sections 10-9 through 10-13 to provide for local amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code; amending Sections 10-15 through 10-18 to update provisions related to emergency access to gated developments and restricted access occupancies; amending Sections 10-36, 10-38, 10-40, and 10-41 to update provisions related to false fire alarms; amending Sections 10-50 and 10-51 to update provisions related to assembly occupancy safety; amending Sections 10-61, 10-63, 10-64, 10-66, and 10-68 to update provisions related to open and outdoor burning; amending Appendix A. Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges related to Fire/Rescue; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

FIRE OFFICIAL STAFF REPORT

The draft ordinance was amended after first reading as follows: (1) on page 15 line 31, removed the strike-through for "Failure to respond when requested by the fire department (section 10-36)61.00" and (2) on page 15 line 32 and page 16 line 1, amended the revision to read "Resetting of an activated fire alarm prior to receiving approval from the fire department....152.00."

The Fire Chief, City of Gainesville, requests to amend the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances to supplement the State Fire Marshal's adoption of the latest edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code. The State of Florida engages in triennial adoption of the latest edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, which encompasses NFPA Fire Code 1 and NFPA Life Safety 101. Associated with this process is the opportunity for the City to memorialize any desired amendments that afford a greater level of fire and life safety protection. Historically, the City of Gainesville has maintained an elevated standard related to ensuring an adequate water supply for critical firefighting, fire alarm reduction, open burning and assembly occupancy safety. Due to the sunseting of the City's current ordinances when the State of Florida adopted the revised Florida Fire Prevention Code, the City's Code requires revisions to ensure the inclusion of such components.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

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