



Legislation Text

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Ordinance Enacting Comprehensive Changes to the Solid Waste Code (B)

Ordinance No. 210129

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Article III titled "Solid Waste" of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances by revising definitions; adding requirements for commercial generators of solid waste, commercially-collected residential property, and recovered material registrants; requiring commercially-collected properties of a certain size to have a lease transition plan; requiring retail prescription drug distributors to provide take back programs for prescription drugs; requiring commercial establishments to have additional recycling containers; requiring property owners to provide commercial tenants with adequate space for solid waste and recycling; creating a new division regulating single-use plastic and polystyrene products; providing for civil citations, general penalties in section 1-9, injunctive relief, and code enforcement; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date and an enforcement date.

The Zero Waste Subcommittee has met regularly since September 2020 to recommend new ordinances related to solid waste. The subcommittee, community builders and the City Attorney's Office have worked together to draft 3 ordinances that contain changes and additions to Article III, Solid Waste of Chapter 27, Code of Ordinances. The attached ordinance amends Article III by adding requirements for commercial generators of solid waste, multi-family properties a/k/a commercially-collected residential properties, and recovered materials registrants. Among other things, new regulations include requirements for larger multi-family properties to have lease transition plans to encourage reuse of household goods; requirements for retail prescription drug distributors to provide a take back program for prescription drugs; and new regulations relating to single-use plastic and polystyrene products. This ordinance also includes new definitions related to food waste. As such, this ordinance should be passed prior to Ordinances 200381 and 210626.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

There will be additional administrative costs associated with enforcing the new regulations.