



Legislation Text

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PROHIBITING SYNTHETIC DRUGS (B)

Ordinance No. 130769

An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Florida to prohibit synthetic drugs; by creating Section 17-6 relating to the sale of synthetic drugs and drug paraphernalia and providing for enforcement and penalties; by amending Section 2-339 to specify a penalty class and amount; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

The City Commission, at its meeting of August 21, 2014, directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to combat the rise in the sale and use of dangerous synthetic drugs, including substances commonly known as "spice" and "bath salts" by prohibiting the possession with intent to sell, display for sale, or manufacture of synthetic drugs in Gainesville.

This ordinance provides for civil penalties of a fine for each package of synthetic drugs and a possible lien on the offender's property, as well as other forms of legal action or enforcement methods.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.