



## Legislation Text

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### **TEXT CHANGE - ADD ARMOR SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING & ASSEMBLY AS A PERMITTED USE BY RIGHT TO MU-1 ZONING DISTRICT (B)**

Ordinance No. 160124, Petition PB-16-76 TCH

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Section 30-64 - Mixed-Use Low-Intensity District (MU-1) of the Land Development Code (Chapter 30 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances) to add Armor Systems Manufacturing and Assembly as a permitted use by right with Indoor Gun Range as an accessory use; 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.

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

This ordinance will add Armor systems manufacturing and assembly as a permitted use, with conditions, in the Mixed-Use Low-Intensity (MU-1) zoning district. Armor systems include armor safety products and personal protective equipment such as body armor, bullet proof vests and similar products. The conditions for the proposed use include that all manufacturing and assembly be within completely enclosed structures that are at least 100 feet from properties with residential land use, that there is no outdoor storage, that loading docks and mechanical equipment be screened, and that sound attenuation be provided. An indoor gun range will be allowed as an accessory use, but shall be limited to product testing and demonstration and shall have sound attenuation.

The similarly named use of Hard armor systems manufacturing and assembly was added in 2012 by Ordinance no. 140392 to the Airport Facility District (AF) at Gainesville Regional Airport to enable a high-tech, local start-up company to operate in the AF zoning district. That company designs and manufactures body armor and related safety equipment for public safety workers (e.g., fire, police, and the U.S. military). This ordinance will allow such businesses to operate within the MU-1 zoning district.

At a public hearing on June 30, 2016, the City Plan Board voted to recommend that the City Commission approve this amendment to the list of permitted uses within the MU-1 zoning district.

#### CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two hearings and shall become effective immediately upon adoption at second reading.