



## Legislation Text

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### CIVIL CITATION/MUNICIPAL PROSECUTION - URINATING IN PUBLIC (B)

Ordinance No. 0-07-05

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville amending Chapter 17, Article I, Section 17-8(c) relating to enforcement of urinating in public violations by either civil citation or by municipal ordinance prosecution; adding Section 17-8(d) designating the act of urinating or defecating in public as a serious threat to public health, safety, or welfare and declaring the action irreversible; amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 6, Section 2-339 by adding the above-referenced violation to the list of those violations that can be enforced by civil citation; 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.

The City Commission on November 27, 2006 authorized the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance amending sections 17-8 and 2-339 relating to civil citations and municipal ordinance prosecution. This ordinance provides enforcement of public urinating violations by civil citation or municipal ordinance prosecution.

The Public Safety Committee, on August 17, 2006 and October 19, 2006, discussed the enforcement issues and differences between civil citation violations and municipal ordinance violations regarding open alcohol containers and urinating in public.

The Public Safety Committee, on October 19, 2006, referred to the City Commission a recommendation of using the civil citation process for some of the municipal ordinance violations.