



Legislation Text

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STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FENCES (B)

Ordinance No. 0-08-41

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Chapter 13, Housing and Commercial Building Codes, by creating a new Article I, Division 1, relating to the general requirements for fences and walls; by creating a new section 13-1 to add definitions; by creating a new section 13-2 to provide standards for the construction and maintenance of fences and walls; by creating a new section 13-3 to prohibit certain fences and walls; by creating a new section 13-4 to provide for non-conforming fences and walls; by creating a new section 13-5 to provide for administration and enforcement; by amending sections 13-204 and 13-209 to delete redundant language; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date and enforcement in accordance with the schedule provided herein.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION STAFF REPORT

Beginning in 2006, a working group of City staff developed a multi-pronged approach to improving the appearance of the major corridors and neighborhoods in the City. The City Beautification Board discussed staff's proposal on October 11, 2006 and supported the proposal. One area of the proposal stated that more specific regulations would be helpful regarding the appearance and maintenance of fences on private property. Staff recommended that regulations be adopted requiring that fences be maintained in upright and good condition, without excessive weedy vegetation, and with surfaces maintained in good condition.

On February 12, 2007, the City Commission discussed the staff proposal and referred the issue of standards for installation and maintenance of fencing to the Community Development Committee. On June 19, 2007, the Community Development Committee discussed the proposal and recommended to the City Commission that the housing and commercial property sections of Chapter 13 be revised to implement the staff proposal.

On June 9, 2008, the City Commission approved the Community Development Committee's recommendation and authorized the City Attorney to draft, and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise, an ordinance to implement construction and maintenance standards for fences and walls.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two hearings. Should the City Commission pass this ordinance on first reading, second and final reading will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008.