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HOUSE BILL 7207 - PERMIT EXTENSIONS PROVISIONS - EFFECT ON AND IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE (B)

Ordinance No. 110106

An Ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, establishing administrative procedures, fees, requirements and limitations to carry out the development order and building permit extensions authorized by House Bill 7207, now known as Chapter 2011-139, Laws of Florida; providing a severability clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

On June 2, 2011, the Governor signed House Bill 7207 entitled the "Community Planning Act" (now Chapter 2011-139, Laws of Florida) ("HB 7207") into law and it became effective on that date. While HB 7207 covers many community development issues, this ordinance is limited to the sections of HB 7207 that provide for additional 2-year extensions to local permits, in addition to the extensions granted by 2009's Senate Bill 360 ("SB 360") and 2010's Senate Bill 1752 ("SB 1752"). Under HB 7207, holders of permits who received a SB 360 extension and holders of permits with an expiration date of January 1, 2012 through January 1, 2014, have until December 31, 2011, to extend and renew their permit for a period of 2 years from its current date of expiration. Provided, however, that the total of all extensions granted under SB 360, SB 1752 or this HB 7207 do not exceed four years.

On August 4, 2011, the City Commission directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to establish procedures and fees to provide clarity in the processing, administration and documentation of the HB 7207 permit extensions, just as the City did previously with SB 360 and SB 1752. On August 1, 2011 litigation challenging the constitutionality of HB 7207 was filed and is pending so this ordinance also attempts to address the effect of subsequent invalidation of HB 7207.

Should the City Commission pass this ordinance on first reading, second and final reading will be held on October 20, 2011.