



## Legislation Text

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### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - RECREATION ELEMENT (B)

Ordinance No. 0-01-02; Petition No. 145CPA-00PB

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Recreation Element of the City of Gainesville 1991-2001 Comprehensive Plan; adding criteria for land acquisition; adding criteria for prioritizing improvements; adding a policy concerning use of proceeds from the sale of recreation land; adding a policy concerning joint use of recreation facilities with other public providers; adding an objective and related policies concerning funding; making minor modifications throughout; providing directions to the City Manager; stating intent to adopt the amended element as part of the City of Gainesville 2000-2010 Comprehensive Plan; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

#### STAFF REPORT

An update of the Recreation Element has been prepared. The proposed, revised Recreation Element includes a data and analysis section that has been updated to reflect changes in conditions and in pertinent Florida statutes and administrative rules since adoption of the current comprehensive plan in 1991. The updated Goals, Objectives and Policies, which are proposed for transmittal (and subsequent adoption) to the state planning agency, reflect recommendations from the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) adopted in 1998, and considerable public input over the past year.

Workshops on the proposed updated Recreation Element were held by the City Plan Board on March 16, 2000 and the Public Recreation Board on April 19th, at Westside Park on July 19th, and at the Northeast Liaison Center on July 26, 2000. The proposed updated element was discussed by the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee on June 27th, and was the subject of a public hearing by the City Plan Board on October 19, 2000, at which time the Plan Board recommended approval, with changes, by a vote of 5-0. The City Commission heard a workshop presentation from staff on this proposed, updated comprehensive plan element on December 11, 2000. In response to a concern expressed at the December 11th workshop, staff has verified that the proposed Goals, Objectives and Policies include language that was added several years ago in order to strengthen future Florida Communities Trust applications of the City.

The proposed level of service for recreation reflects a "status quo" policy. Because recreational funding remains limited, no substantive changes to the existing adopted level of service are proposed. This subject may merit reconsideration based upon the results and recommendations of the County's Recreation Master Plan. Proposed Objective 1.8 and Policies 1.8.2 and 1.8.3 pertain to funding.

Proposed Policy 1.3.4 calls for the City to seek joint use of recreational facilities with other providers (e.g., School Board of Alachua County) wherever possible, in order to minimize public investments needed to provide such facilities.

#### CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

The above-referenced ordinance has been prepared pursuant to City Commission action requesting the City

Attorney's Office to prepare the appropriate ordinance amending the City of Gainesville 1991-2001 Comprehensive Plan.

Florida Statutes set forth the procedure for adoption of an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The second hearing will be held at the adoption stage of the ordinance and must be advertised approximately five (5) days after the day that the second advertisement is published.

The Plan amendment will not become effective until the State Department of Community Affairs issues a final order determining the adopted amendment to be in compliance in accordance with the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, or until the Administration Commission (Governor and Cabinet) issues a final order determining the adopted amendment to be in compliance.

None