



Legislation Text

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Fraternity and Sorority Banners

On September 14, 1998, the City Commission asked staff to review the banner policy of the University of Florida. The University has an official banner policy which regulates the hanging and draping of banners on the interior or exterior of campus buildings and/or from trees or poles. Generally, the organization requesting a banner permit must be an officially registered University organization. Banners for these organizations must be no more than 100 square feet in size and constructed of heavy vinyl or heavy plastic. The policy also includes provisions for how to mount the signs.

The City's code allows fraternities and sororities and any nonprofit institutions, so long as they are located in nonresidential zoning districts, to have one on-site sign not to exceed 16 square feet, and 10 feet in overall height. In residential zoning districts, only garage sale signs are allowed. The Plan Board, as part of Petition 155TCH-98PB that was reviewed by the City Commission on September 14, 1998, recommended that only 16 square feet be allowed. Planning staff recommended 32 square feet. It is staff's recommendation that signage for nonprofits in the City should be consistent throughout. The City Commission could, however, make a determination that fraternities and sororities should be treated differently than other non-profit organizations. If such a determination is made, the City could establish a policy that requires off-campus organizations to get a permit from the University.

None

The City Commission hear a presentation from staff.