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LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS (B)

Ordinance No. 0-03-17; Petition No. 113TCH-02 PB

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending subsection 30-350(b) of the Land Development Code, modifying which development applications require a neighborhood workshop; 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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT
The Land Development Code was amended on May 29, 2001 to include a citizen participation procedure that would enhance neighborhood input in the planning process by requiring development applicants to meet with neighborhood groups by holding a neighborhood workshop prior to submitting an application for a rezoning, land use change, special use permit or development plan that requires a public hearing. Although the required, noticed and advertised neighborhood workshops have provided a pre-public hearing forum for neighboring property owners and other interested parties to learn about the proposed rezoning, land use change, or special use permit or development plan, attendance is often limited to the applicant and members of the applicant's team.

On January 27, 2003 the City Commission approved Petition 113 TCH-02 PB and asked staff to consider amending some of the exception language to allow more flexibility. Staff revised the language to provide an exception for environmental remediation and safety projects, added a provision that addresses single family neighborhoods, and requires a neighborhood workshop for all large scale annexation amendment.

None

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM
This ordinance requires two public hearings. If the Commission adopts the ordinance on first reading, the second and final reading will be held on Monday, March 17, 2003.