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Small-Box Discount Retailer Restrictions (B)

Efforts to expand healthy food options within communities have led to cities around the country exploring regulatory options to reduce the proliferation of "small-box discount retailers" (e.g. dollar stores) which tend to lack fresh food choices and can negatively impact rural and low-income communities that may struggle to support full service grocery stores. Regulations such as minimum distance separation standards between small-box discount retailers are an example of relatively simple regulations that may help mitigate the negative impacts from an overconcentration of stores in low-income communities. A more detailed analysis of policy options is included in the backup along with a map of existing small-box discount retailers. Additionally, the USDA has identified geographical areas with a substantial number or share of residents with low levels of access to retail outlets selling healthy and affordable foods (see backup 2015 USDA map for identified areas within the City of Gainesville).

None

The City Commission provide direction to the City Manager to begin drafting regulations establishing a minimum separation distance between small-box discount retailers for Plan Board and City Commission consideration.