



Legislation Text

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OUTDOOR LIGHTING - TEXT CHANGE (B)

Ordinance No. 120023; Petition No. PB-12-40 TCH

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Land Development Code relating to outdoor lighting; by adding new definitions to Section 30-23 Definitions; by deleting a subsection of Section 30-93 Gasoline and alternative fuel service stations (GN-554), and food stores (MG-54) with accessory gasoline and alternative fuel pumps; by amending Section 30-114 Off-site parking facilities for uses in MU-1 or MU-2 districts; by deleting a subsection of Section 30-160 Submittal requirements; by amending a subsection of Section 30-307 Nature park district; by deleting a subsection of Section 30-330 Design requirements for vehicle parking; by adding a new Section 30-344 Outdoor lighting; by deleting subsections of Section 30-345 General performance standards; by deleting Section 30-345.1 Nonconforming luminaires; by deleting a subsection of Appendix A. - Special Area Plans, Section 4. - Special Area Plan For Traditional City; by amending a subsection of Appendix A. - Special Area Plans, Section 8. - Special Area Plan Southeast Gainesville Renaissance Initiative Area; 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

This ordinance updates, clarifies, and reorganizes the outdoor lighting provisions of the Land Development Code. The intent is to promote safety and security with outdoor lighting that is energy and resource efficient and that protects neighbors, the environment, and the night sky from light pollution. This ordinance regulates illumination levels and luminaire design and operation (including pole heights) in accordance with lighting standards and practices published by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA). In addition, this ordinance provides protections against light trespass to adjacent property and provides regulations for parking lots, parking structures, and canopy lighting. Finally, this ordinance adds a provision that allows the appropriate reviewing board, city manager or designee to permit a waiver to one or more of the outdoor lighting requirements.

Public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on April 10, 2012. On April 26, 2012, the City Plan Board held a public hearing and, by a vote of 5-0, recommended approval of the petition. The City Commission approved the petition on June 7, 2012.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

This ordinance requires two readings.

