



## City of Gainesville Agenda Report

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**File #:** 2022-566

**Agenda Date:** January 5, 2023

**Department:** Sustainable Development

**Title:** 2022-566 Petition LD22-000089 City of Gainesville, (Applicant) Requests to Amend the City of Gainesville Outdoor Lighting to Include FDOT Lighting Standards (B)

**Department:** Sustainable Development

**Description:** The proposed amendment to Section 30-2.1 and Section 30-6.12 of the Land Development Code (Chapter 30 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances) will update the City's lighting standards for consistency with FDOT lighting standards.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Explanation:**

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Section 30-2.1 and Section 30-6.12 of the Land Development Code (Chapter 30 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances) relating to lighting standards; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

This ordinance amends the lighting regulations in the City of Gainesville Land Development Code to improve lighting standards in pedestrian areas. Lighting is a proven safety countermeasure and has been documented to significantly reduce the number of crashes. There are a number of safety benefits that may arise from improving lighting, but if not carefully implemented the benefits of increased lighting may raise environmental concerns. Accordingly, the Land Development Code's lighting regulations seek to strike this balance.

The City Plan Board held a public hearing on September 22, 2022, where it voted to recommend approval of this amendment to the Land Development Code. This ordinance requires two hearings and will become effective immediately upon adoption at the second reading.

**Strategic Connection:**

Goal 3: A Great Place to Live & Experience

**Recommendation:** The City Commission adopt the proposed Ordinance.