



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-407

Agenda Date: May 4, 2023

Department: City Attorney

Title: 2023-407 Text Change – Tree Mitigation Funds (B)

Department: Office of the City Attorney

Description: Ordinance No. 2023-407: An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Section 30-8.7 – *Permits for Tree Removal; Mitigation* of the Land Development Code (Chapter 30 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances) regarding tree mitigation payment, as more specifically described in this ordinance; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Explanation: The purpose of these revisions is to allow a wider use of the City's Tree Mitigation Fund in the protection, expansion and preservation of the City's Urban Forest. There are diminishing areas to plant new trees within City ROW and on City property and there have been funding constraints that have limited the purchase of conservation lands. With approval of the code revisions, areas can be modified to plant trees, additional lands can be purchased to preserve or expand canopy, trees can be provided to expand canopy and there will be additional resources to preserve canopy.

This ordinance requires two hearings and will become effective immediately upon adoption at second reading.

Strategic Connection: N/A

Recommendation: The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.