



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2023-527

**Agenda Date:** September 7, 2023

**Department:** City Attorney

**Title:** 2023-527 – Land Development Code Amendment To Outdoor Lighting (B)

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**Description:** Ordinance No. 2023-527: An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending 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.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Explanation:** This ordinance amends the lighting standards previously adopted in the City of Gainesville Land Development Code under Ordinance No. 2022-566 which included lighting levels based on Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requirements. There are factors that impact the achievability of lighting standards including interaction with trees, capability of light fixtures, and location of fixtures relative to the area being lit. City staff partnered with a lighting professional consultant to determine lighting levels that are achievable considering the City's tree requirements, using lighting fixtures available from the City's utilities department, and positioning of fixtures based on typical sections representative of the Transect Zones.

The City Plan Board held a public hearing on May 25, 2023, 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 second reading.

**Strategic Connection:** N/A

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