



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-754

Agenda Date: September 21, 2023

Department: City Attorney

Title: 2023-754 Deleting Residential Rental Unit Permit Program (B)

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Description: Ordinance No. 2023-754: An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, deleting the Residential Rental Unit Permits program by amending Section 2-339 – *Applicable Codes and Ordinances* and by deleting Chapter 14.5, Article I titled “Residential Rental Unit Permits”; 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 will delete the Residential Rental Unit Permit Program from Chapter 14.5 of the Code of Ordinances. On September 17, 2020, the City Commission adopted the Residential Rental Unit Permit Program, as since amended, to eliminate substandard residential rental units by creating a permit and inspection program that requires all regulated residential rental units within the City to meet certain minimum property maintenance and energy efficiency standards. However, the State of Florida in 2023 enacted HB 1417 which created a new Section 83.425, *Florida Statutes*, to preempt the authority of local governments from regulating in this capacity.

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.