



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-1118

Agenda Date: November 16, 2023

Department: Gainesville Police Department

Title: 2023-1118 Chapter 15 Noise Ordinance (B)

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Description: Chapter 15 Noise Ordinance Evaluation

Fiscal Note: Should the City Commission direct staff to hire an outside acoustics expert to evaluate noise levels, there will a fiscal impact to be determined at a later date along with a funding source.

Explanation: At the October 3, 2023 Sunshine Meeting and the November 2, 2023 City Commission meeting, Commissioners discussed the desire to have the City's current noise ordinance reviewed for consistency with best practices and standards using outside assistance from acoustic experts.

The City of Gainesville is committed to enhancing local ordinances to stay current with quality of life issues that are impacting our community. Staff is seeking City Commission direction to solicit assistance from an acoustic expert to review and if needed, develop amendments to the noise ordinance for future commission consideration.

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission direct staff on next steps to update the noise ordinance.