



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-410

Agenda Date: May 23, 2024

Department: Department of Sustainable Development

Title: 2024-410 Outdoor Lighting Requirements in Nature Parks LD24-000051
20240523 (B)

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Description: This is a city-initiated text amendment Land Development Code Section 30-6.12 – Outdoor Lighting, to amend certain requirements surrounding lighting in nature parks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Explanation: This text amendment proposes to exempt nature parks, centers, and conservation areas as listed in Section 18-18 from certain requirements of the outdoor lighting code, Sec. 30-6.12 The scope of these requirements revolve around ensuring sufficient lighting throughout regulated facilities, preventing pockets of darkness, and maintaining light trespass standards between properties. However, measures are taken to ensure access to City nature parks is restricted past dusk, including through the use of gates. Providing exemptions to the outdoor lighting code grants greater flexibility for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, and to Wild Spaces, Public Places programs in balancing safety, energy efficiency, timely maintenance and development.

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: Staff to City Plan Board – Approve Petition LD24-000051.