



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Residential Rental Unit Permit and Inspection Program

Presenter:

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Description:

Request to advertise a public hearing to consider an ordinance to implement a Residential Rental Unit Permit and Inspection Program

Recommended Action:

Approve the request to advertise and provide direction to staff on timing, amendments to the draft ordinance and the stakeholder engagement process.

Prior Board Motions:

1. Ask staff to create a draft Countywide Ordinance similar to or the same as the City of Gainesville and return to the Board for a policy discussion prior to advertisement.
2. Begin implementation of the program in March 2022.
3. The service is to be provided in house with the exception of any energy modeling and ratings which would be contracted out or use a community organization.
4. Make an option for larger complexes to opt in.
5. Create a local recognition for properties that are especially energy efficient.

By consensus, the Board requested to add the Residential Rental Unit Permit and Inspection Program to the Joint Meetings with the municipalities.

Fiscal Consideration:

For unincorporated County only, begin with 4FTE Codes Officers and 1 licensing clerk/staff assistant. First year budget \$454,000, 2nd year \$345,000. This does not include the cost of energy ratings if handled by outsourcing. Could be done by trained Codes Officers.

This is part of the FY22 budget development process- Budget proposal PSC-CE3. Costs associated with this program will be funded from 008.65.6510.524, if approved with the budget
Costs for advertising the public hearing will be funded from the budget in 008.65.6510.524.49.00.

Background:

In March the County Commission, after hearing a presentation of the City of Gainesville's Rental Unit Permitting Program, asked staff to proceed with drafting an ordinance similar to the City of Gainesville's and to make the presentation to all of the cities in the County except Gainesville. This

program is aimed at improving energy efficiency in rental units in order to reduce energy consumption and costs, especially for cost-burdened households. The presentations to the cities have all occurred and the cities have all opted to observe the County's implementation of the ordinance prior to being included.