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2 **ORDINANCE NO. 001835**  
3 **0-02-05**  
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6 **An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, creating a new Section in**  
7 **Chapter 6, consisting of sections 6-5 through 6-15 inclusive; and adding said**  
8 **sections to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, relating to the**  
9 **“Gainesville Green Building Program;” providing for definitions; providing**  
10 **for the intent and purpose of the Program; providing for designation of**  
11 **responsibility for the administration and implementation of the Program;**  
12 **providing for voluntary and mandatory participation in the Program;**  
13 **providing for scope of the program; providing for Program standards;**  
14 **providing for incentives to use the Program; providing for certification;**  
15 **providing for training; providing for review of the Program; providing for**  
16 **resolution of disputes; providing directions to the codifier; providing a**  
17 **severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective**  
18 **date.**  
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20 **WHEREAS**, at least 10 days notice has been given once by publication in a newspaper of  
21 general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of a Public Hearing in the  
22 Auditorium of City Hall in the City of Gainesville; and

23 **WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held pursuant to the published notice described at  
24 which hearing the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact,  
25 heard; and  
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**  
28 **CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**  
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30 **Section 1.** A new Section in Chapter 6, consisting of subsections 6-5 through 6-15, inclusive, is  
31 created and added to the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

32 **Sec. 6-5. Gainesville Green Building Program**

1 Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the  
2 meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different  
3 meaning.

4 (a) “City” means the City of Gainesville, Florida;

5 (b) “City Commission” means the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida;

6 (c) “City-owned civic or office construction project” means City owned buildings  
7 providing a public gathering place or office facilities.

8 (d) “construction” means any project associated with the creation, development, or  
9 erection of any building eligible for the Program;

10 (e) “FGBC” means the Florida Green Building Coalition;

11 (f) “green building” means generally the resource efficient design, construction, and  
12 operation of buildings by employing environmentally sensible construction practices,  
13 systems, and materials;

14 (g) “GHDS” means the Green Home Designation Standard of the Florida Green Building  
15 Coalition;

16 (h) “independent” or “independent of the City” means not employed by, or acting as  
17 agents of, the City of Gainesville, Florida;

18 (i) “L.E.E.D. 2.0” means the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Rating  
19 System, Version 2.0, of the U.S. Green Building Council;

20 (j) “municipal” means owned by the City of Gainesville, Florida;

21 (k) “private” means property not owned by the City of Gainesville, Florida;

22 (l) “Program” means the Gainesville Green Building Program;

1 (m) “program certification” means the final designation awarded to a program participant  
2 for satisfying all requirements associated with the Program for a particular project;

3 (n) “program participant” means any person or entity seeking program certification for a  
4 particular project;

5 (o) “project” means any construction associated with the creation, development, or  
6 erection of any building eligible for the Program;

7 (p) “Project Application Form” means the form submitted to the Building Inspection  
8 Department indicating that a program participant is interested in participating in the  
9 Program for a particular project.

10 (q) “sub-program” means any area of construction covered by the Program;

11 (r) “USGBC” means the U.S. Green Building Council.

12 **Sec. 6-6. Intent and Purpose.**

13 The purpose of the Program shall be to provide the City of Gainesville community with a  
14 certification-based “green building” program. It is expected that City owned civic or office  
15 construction projects will follow the program guidelines, upon review by the City Commission.  
16 This Program will be voluntary for all others. This program will promote sustainable and  
17 environmentally-friendly practices of construction and design.

18 **Sec. 6-7. Designation of Responsibility for Administration and Implementation.**

19 The Program shall be jointly administered by the Building Inspection Department and  
20 Gainesville Regional Utilities, which shall be responsible for:

21 (a) funding the Program through annual funds budgeted and appropriated by the City  
22 Commission;

1 (b) marketing the Program to the Gainesville community by any reasonably effective  
2 means, including but not limited to print advertising, press releases, television  
3 advertising, or advertising in monthly mailers;

4 (c) developing any appropriate or necessary application procedures, including but not  
5 limited to, the Program Application Form;

6 (d) providing an incentive award to any program participant who has successfully  
7 satisfied the requirements associated with that incentive; and

8 (e) resolving disputes that may arise from implementing the Program.

9 **Sec. 6-8. Program.**

10 (a) For all non-city projects, the Program shall be voluntary.

11 (b) For any city-owned civic or office construction project, the City is expected to  
12 participate in the Program unless the City Commission determines that the cost (e.g.,  
13 time, function, or funding) associated with participating in the Program significantly  
14 outweighs the benefits of participating in the program to the City.

15 (c) The City Manager and the General Manager for Utilities or their designees shall  
16 develop policies and procedures to implement the Green Building Program.

17 **Sec. 6-9. Scope.**

18 The Program shall be administered on a per-unit basis. For the purpose of this section of  
19 the Program, “per-unit” means each unit built, except that any multi-family dwelling or similarly  
20 clustered structure may count as one unit, as determined by the City Manager or General  
21 Manager for Utilities or their designee(s).

22 **Sec. 6-10. Coverage.**

23 The Program shall be comprised of the following sub-programs:

1 (a) new residential construction;

2 (b) residential retrofitting/remodeling;

3 (c) new commercial/non- city construction, not including any expansions or remodeling;

4 and

5 (d) City-owned civic or office construction, not including any expansions or remodeling.

6 **Sec. 6-11. Standards.**

7 The Program shall be administered using standards developed by the City of Gainesville  
8 for certification of retrofitting/remodeling of existing residential units and standards developed  
9 by 1) the Florida Green Building Coalition and 2) the U.S. Green Building Council for  
10 certification of all other building certifications. These standards shall apply to each sub-program  
11 as follows:

12 (a) GHDS. For any program participant seeking program certification for new residential  
13 construction the program participant must satisfy all of the requirements associated with  
14 the current Green Home Designation Standard of the FGBC, including but not limited to,  
15 any monetary or certification requirements. For the purpose of this section of the  
16 Program, “current” means at the time a program participant submits a Project Application  
17 Form with the Building Inspection Department. A set of standards developed by the City  
18 of Gainesville will be used for certification of residential retrofitting/remodeling.

19 (b) L.E.E.D. 2.0. For any program participant seeking program certification for new  
20 commercial/non- city construction or new municipal civic or office construction, the  
21 program participant must satisfy all of the requirements associated with the L.E.E.D. 2.0,  
22 including but not limited to any monetary or certification requirements.

1 (c) Review. For the purpose of this section of the Program, a program participant shall  
2 be bound by the standard designated for a particular sub-program unless the program  
3 participant both requests to be certified under a more current version of a designated  
4 standard and the request is approved by the City department responsible for administering  
5 the particular program.

6 **Sec. 6-12. Incentives.**

7 The Program shall consist of incentives designed to encourage the use of the Program.

8 (a) All sub-programs. For any program participant seeking program certification for new  
9 residential construction, residential retrofitting/remodeling, new commercial/non- city  
10 construction, or new city owned civic or office construction, the City's General  
11 Government shall provide the following incentives:

- 12 1. fast-track permitting for building permits;
- 13 2. reduced permitting fee, which shall equal fifty (50) % of the fee required for a  
14 non-program participant, subject to availability of funds; if program participant is  
15 building in a designated Enterprise Zone, then the reduced permitting fee shall be  
16 fifty (50) % off the usual permitting fee in the Enterprise Zone.
- 17 3. final project designation by the City.

18 (b) Sub-program of retrofitting/remodeling. Any program participant meeting program  
19 certification criteria for multi-family residential retrofitting/remodeling, shall be eligible  
20 for the following incentives provided by GRU.

- 21 1. a cash renovation incentive, subject to availability of funds; and
- 22 2. a solar water heater incentive, subject to availability of funds and meeting  
23 other solar rebate program requirements.

1 (c) Marketing for all sub-programs. For any program participant seeking program  
2 certification for new residential construction, residential retrofitting/remodeling, new  
3 commercial/non-municipal construction, or new city owned civic or office construction  
4 projects, the City's General Government shall provide the following marketing  
5 incentives, including but not limited to:

6 1. the erection of building site signs designating a project under the Program;

7 2. the inclusion of program participants on a City webpage dedicated to the  
8 Program;

9 3. the creation of promotional packages such as a program logo for a program  
10 participant's advertisements or brochures;

11 4. press releases; and

12 5. information about available financial programs, including but not limited to,  
13 those associated with Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac.

14 (d) Green Building Award. For the purpose of publicly recognizing outstanding  
15 commitment to "green building," the Program shall provide for an award called the  
16 "Green Building Award" to be awarded annually by the City's General Government to  
17 one program participant in each sub-program.

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19 **Sec. 6-13. Certification.**

20 The Program shall be subject to certification by a qualified third party who has been  
21 trained and certified as a Green Building rater. For the purpose of this section of the Program,  
22 "third party" means any person or entity authorized by the FGBC or the USGBC to verify that a

1 program participant has satisfied any or all of the requirements associated with the standard  
2 designated for a particular project.

3 **Sec. 6-14. Training.**

4 The Building Inspection Department in conjunction with FGBC shall conduct at least one  
5 training workshop per year for the purpose of educating potential or current program participants  
6 about the Program.

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8 **Sec. 6-15. Program review.**

9 (a) Staff review The Building Inspection Department shall initiate a review of the  
10 Program with the assistance of GRU as necessary to determine the need for changes in  
11 the program to increase its effectiveness.

12 (b) Frequency. The Program shall be subject to review one year after the effective date  
13 of this ordinance and thereafter at a frequency of no more than once per year.

14 (c) Purpose. The purpose of reviewing the Program includes but is not limited to  
15 updating program incentives, recommending program or marketing changes to the City,  
16 reviewing suggestions made by program participants, and annually awarding the Green  
17 Building Award in accordance with section 6-12(d) of the Program.

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19 **Section 2.** It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Section 1 of this  
20 Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville,  
21 Florida, and that the Sections and Paragraphs of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered  
22 in order to accomplish such intentions.

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24 **Section 3.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or



1 unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect  
2 the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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4 **Section 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such  
5 conflict hereby repealed.

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7 **Section 5.** This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2003.

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9 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

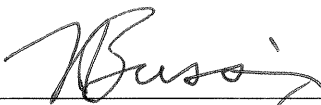
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THOMAS D. BUSSING, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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KURT M. LANNON  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

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Approved as to form and legality  
  
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MARION J. RADSON, CITY ATTORNEY

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21 This Ordinance passed on first reading this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2002.

22 This Ordinance passed on second reading this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.