

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Sheriff:

ORDINANCE 2025-288

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 116.706
(DISPOSITION OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES'
BADGES AND SERVICE SIDEARM UPON RETIREMENT OR
DEATH), PART 7 (MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT
REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 116 (EMPLOYEES AND
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW
JUDICIAL OFFICERS TO RETAIN THEIR ASSIGNED
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BADGE(S) AND SERVICE SIDEARM
SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR
CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Amending Section 116.706 (Disposition of Sheriff's Office employees' badges and service sidearm upon retirement or death), Part 7 (Miscellaneous Employee Benefit Regulations), Chapter 116 (Employees and Employee Benefits), *Ordinance Code*. Section 116.706 (Disposition of Sheriff's Office employees' badges and service sidearm upon retirement or death), Part 7 (Miscellaneous Employee Benefit Regulations), Chapter 116 (Employee and Employee Benefits), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 116 - EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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PART 7. - MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT REGULATIONS

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Sec. 116.706. - Disposition of Sheriff's Office employees' badges and

1 **service sidearm upon retirement or death.**

2 (a) Upon certification by the Sheriff that an employee of the
3 Sheriff's Office is retiring from the City in good standing, or
4 if the employee is not retiring under threat of separation, such
5 employee retiring after completion of 20 or more years of service
6 with the City, or upon medical retirement due to a job related
7 injury shall be entitled to keep and retain:

8 (1) The employee's Sheriff Office badge or badges having been
9 assigned to the employee; and

10 (2) The service sidearm then assigned to the police, judicial
11 or correctional officer, if:

12 (i) The service sidearm was issued to and used by the
13 police, judicial or correctional officer for at least
14 the two-year period immediately preceding the
15 officer's retirement, or

16 (ii) The sidearm was purchased by the City more than two
17 years before the officer's date of retirement.

18 (iii) The sidearm was issued to the officer during the two
19 year period immediately preceding the officer's
20 retirement and the issuance of the sidearm was
21 initiated by and for the benefit of the Sheriff's
22 office.

23 (b) Upon the death of any employee of the Sheriff's Office, the
24 following shall be entitled to keep and retain the employee's
25 Sheriff's Office badge or badges and, with the consent of the
26 Sheriff, the service sidearm then assigned to the police,
27 judicial or correctional officer:

28 (1) The surviving spouse; or

29 (2) If there is no surviving spouse, the oldest surviving lineal
30 descendant of the officer.

31 (c) All items provided in this Section to a former employee are

1 subject to the perpetual responsibility and obligation that they
2 be properly used and displayed, and are subject to forfeiture
3 and return to the Sheriff's Office, upon reasonable proof that
4 a former employee, surviving spouse or lineal descendent
5 improperly displayed or used the item.

6 **Section 2. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the
7 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and
8 division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth
9 herein. Such editorial changes and any other changes necessary to
10 make the *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation
11 are approved and directed herein, and the changes to the *Ordinance*
12 *Code* shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

13 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Gaby Young

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