

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-0334

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Sheriff

Date of Introduction: May 23, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: Rules, Finance, TEU

Date of Analysis: May 25, 2023

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: This bill seeks to amend *Ordinance Code* Section 106.216, proposing an exception for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO). It would allow the Chief of Fleet Management to purchase SUVs and large sedans for JSO without the requirement for a special exception request.

Background Information: Currently, Ordinance Code Section 106.216 mandates that all city departments submit a special exception request when intending to purchase SUVs and large sedans. However, SUVs have increasingly become the standard patrol vehicle across the industry, and Chrysler remains the sole manufacturer of police pursuit sedans. Additionally, the City of Jacksonville's mechanics lack certification to maintain or repair Chrysler vehicles.

Policy Impact Area: JSO vehicle fleet

Fiscal Impact: No direct impact to the City

Analyst: Armstrong