

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
2 Carlucci and Boylan and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community
3 Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2023-489-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COUNCIL RULES;
8 AMENDING COUNCIL RULE 1.103 (ANNUAL DECLARATION
9 OF LEADERSHIP INTEREST AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF
10 OFFICERS), CHAPTER 1 (ORGANIZATION OF THE
11 COUNCIL), *COUNCIL RULES*, TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL
12 MEMBERS SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM PLEDGING THEIR
13 ENDORSEMENT TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL
14 LEADERSHIP PRIOR TO MARCH 10 OR THE FIRST
15 BUSINESS DAY THEREAFTER; PROVISIO REGARDING
16 WAIVER OF COUNCIL RULES TO ACCEPT NEW CANDIDATES
17 FOR CONSIDERATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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19 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

20 **Section 1. Amending Council Rule 1.103 (Annual Declaration**
21 **of Leadership Interest and Method of Election of Officers), Chapter**
22 **1 (Organization of the Council), *Council Rules*.** Rule 1.103 (Annual
23 Declaration of Leadership Interest and Method of Election of
24 Officers), Chapter 1 (Organization of the Council), *Council Rules*,
25 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 **CHAPTER 1. ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL**

27 **PART 1. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

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29 **RULE 1.103 ANNUAL DECLARATION OF LEADERSHIP INTEREST AND METHOD OF**
30 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

31 (a) Annual declaration of leadership interest. Candidates for

1 City Council offices to be filled by election pursuant to Council
2 Rule 1.102 and 1.103 shall express their interest for Council
3 consideration for President or Vice President for such election by
4 filing his or her intent to be considered and any supporting material,
5 no more than 2 pages, with the Office of the Council Secretary /
6 Director no earlier than March 1 and no later than March 30. The
7 Council may consider these Council Members for future leadership
8 positions and hold noticed meetings to discuss qualifications.
9 Council Members may hold noticed meetings to discuss qualifications
10 but shall not pledge their endorsement to any candidate for Council
11 leadership prior to March 10 or the first business day thereafter.

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13 **Section 2. Proviso.** Nothing herein prevents the City
14 Council from entertaining a suspension of the Council Rules pursuant
15 to Rule 5.104 to accept new candidates for consideration. Suspension
16 of the Council Rules requires 2/3 of all Council Members (13).

17 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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