

1 Introduced by the Rules Committee:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-108**

5 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COUNCIL RULES;
6 AMENDING COUNCIL RULE 3.106 (WITHDRAWAL OF
7 BILLS), CHAPTER 3 (LEGISLATION), *COUNCIL*
8 *RULES*, TO ALLOW FOR AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL OF
9 UNSPONSORED BILLS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
10 DATE.
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12 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

13 **Section 1. Amending Council Rule 3.106 (Withdrawal of**
14 **Bills), Chapter 3 (Legislation), *Council Rules*.**

15 Rule 3.106 (Withdrawal of Bills), Chapter 3 (Legislation),
16 *Council Rules*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 **CHAPTER 3. LEGISLATION**

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19 **PART 1. GENERAL RULES**

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21 **RULE 3.106 Withdrawal of Bills.**

22 (1) Any bill may be withdrawn by the introducer at any time
23 before amendment or putting to a vote, with the consent of a
24 majority of the Council Members present. Thereafter, except as
25 provided in subsection (2), a bill may be withdrawn only upon
26 recommendation of a committee of reference, and with the agreement
27 of a majority of the Council Members present.

28 (2) Notwithstanding Rule 3.108, any bill for which there is a
29 sponsor presently serving on the Council that has been pending for
30 two years since its date of introduction shall be administratively
31 withdrawn and removed from all agendas by the Chief of Legislative

1 Services, unless the Council, by two-thirds vote of the full
2 council prior to the conclusion of the two year period, determines
3 to allow the bill to remain pending after the two year period, and
4 postpones or re-refers the bill. In that event, the bill may remain
5 pending for an additional sixty (60) day period, after which the
6 bill shall be administratively withdrawn and removed from the
7 agendas by the Chief of Legislative Services if no final action on
8 the bill has occurred.

9 (3) Any bill for which there is no sponsor, the Chair of the
10 Council Committee to which it is assigned may, at their discretion,
11 request that the bill be added to on the Council agenda for
12 automatic withdrawal in accordance with Council Rule 3.106(2), with
13 the exception of the length of time since introduction.

14 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

22 Office of General Counsel

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