

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-221**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT  
6 OF SHANNON NAZWORTH, A ST. JOHNS COUNTY  
7 RESIDENT, TO THE JACKSONVILLE HOUSING FINANCE  
8 AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 52.106  
9 (MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; REMOVAL; VACANCY; ETC),  
10 CHAPTER 52 (JACKSONVILLE HOUSING FINANCE  
11 AUTHORITY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, REPLACING BERNARD E.  
12 SMITH, FOR A PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30,  
13 2027, FOLLOWED BY A FIRST FULL TERM EXPIRING ON  
14 JUNE 30, 2031; ESTABLISHING SUBSTANTIAL BUSINESS  
15 OR PHILANTHROPIC INTEREST IN DUVAL COUNTY,  
16 PURSUANT TO SECTION 50.102 (B) (MEMBERS OF BOARDS  
17 AND COMMISSIONS), PART 1 (ORGANIZATION), CHAPTER  
18 50 (ORGANIZATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS),  
19 *ORDINANCE CODE*; WAIVING SUBSECTION  
20 52.106(1) (AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP), SECTION 52.106  
21 (MEMBERSHIP, TERMS; REMOVAL; VACANCY; ETC.),  
22 CHAPTER 52 (JACKSONVILLE HOUSING FINANCE  
23 AUTHORITY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, AS TO THE  
24 REQUIREMENT THAT JHFA BOARD MEMBERS RESIDE IN  
25 DUVAL COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

28 **Section 1. Confirmation.** The Council hereby confirms the  
29 Mayor’s appointment of Shannon Nazworth, a St. Johns County resident,  
30 to the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority, replacing Bernard E.  
31 Smith, in accordance with Section 52.106 (Membership; terms; removal;

1 vacancy; etc.), Chapter 52 (Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority),  
2 *Ordinance Code*, for a partial term to expire on June 30, 2027,  
3 followed by a first full term expiring on June 30, 2031.

4       **Section 2.       Establishing       Substantial       Business       or**  
5 **Philanthropic Interest in Duval County.** Section 50.102(b) (Members  
6 of boards and commissions), Part 1 (Organization), Chapter 50  
7 (Organization of Boards and Commissions), *Ordinance Code*, requires  
8 Board and Commission members be either permanent residents of Duval  
9 County or maintain substantial economic business or philanthropic  
10 interest as determined by the City Council within Duval County. In  
11 this instance, although the appointee does not reside within Duval  
12 County, Ms. Nazworth has held a variety of significant leadership  
13 roles for Jacksonville businesses and organizations over the past  
14 three decades, including most recently serving as President and CEO  
15 of Ability Housing, Inc., a non-profit Jacksonville-based developer  
16 of affordable housing, from 2003 until 2025.

17       **Section 3.       Waiver of Subsection 52.106(a), *Ordinance Code*.**  
18 Subsection 52.106(a) (Authority Membership), Section 52.106  
19 (Membership; terms; removal; vacancy; etc.), Chapter 52 (Jacksonville  
20 Housing Finance Authority), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby waived as to  
21 the requirement that JHFA board members reside in Duval County. As  
22 noted above, Ms. Nazworth maintains substantial economic business  
23 interests within Duval County.

24       **Section 4.       Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
26 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV          

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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