

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-688

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Finance Committee

Date of Introduction: September 13, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: September 15, 2022

Type of Action: Appropriation; request for one cycle emergency passage; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$150,000 from the Special Council Contingency fund to provide funding for Jacksonville's contribution to the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council. One cycle emergency passage on second reading is requested in order for the bill to be taken up for final approval on September 27th in conjunction with the other budget bills. The City's Office of Grants and Compliance is designated as the oversight agency for the funds.

Background Information: The bill appropriates a portion of the funds remaining in the Special Council Contingency fund at the end of the Finance Committee budget hearing process as the City's contribution to Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council, a regional veterans' suicide prevention program. The funding is being appropriated via stand-alone legislation rather than in the FY22-23 budget so that a council member employed by Fire Watch can abstain from voting on this bill while voting on the budget ordinance.

Policy Impact Area: Veterans' suicide prevention

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$150,000 from the Special Council Contingency fund.

Analyst: Clements