

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-869**

5 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION 10.110
6 (ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL; INSTALLATION),
7 CHAPTER 10 (ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL),
8 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF
9 THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND
10 EVENTS RELATED THERETO BE HELD IN A FACILITY
11 OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE OR
12 ANY INDEPENDENT AGENCY OR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER
13 OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF
14 JACKSONVILLE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS;
15 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS;
16 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council bears the significant
19 responsibility to serve as the legislative body of the consolidated
20 government of the City of Jacksonville/Duval County and is responsible
21 for making the laws that govern the way of life for the residents,
22 businesses and visitors of the City of Jacksonville/Duval County; and

23 **WHEREAS**, those elected to serve as leaders of the City Council
24 are entrusted with the additional responsibility to guide the Council
25 in making sound policy decisions and to act in a manner that is
26 reflective of good governance and that places the needs of the City
27 of Jacksonville above any personal or political desires or agendas;
28 and

29 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has a long-standing tradition of
30 celebrating the annual election of its Council President and Vice
31 President by hosting an installation ceremony during which the newly-

1 elected leaders will take the Oath of Office, pledging to support the
2 Constitution of the United States, the State of Florida and the
3 Charter of the City of Jacksonville, before sharing their goals and
4 objectives for the upcoming Council year; and

5 **WHEREAS**, public access to this annual event is tantamount to
6 ensuring the constituency's accessibility to their City's leaders and
7 fosters both transparency and a deeper connection to those serving
8 in some of the most significant and important roles in City
9 government; and

10 **WHEREAS**, hosting the installation of Council officers or related
11 events in a publicly-owned or operated facility reduces the appearance
12 of exclusivity and ensures maximum opportunity for public access and
13 attendance as these facilities are traditionally designed to be more
14 accessible and are considered by many to be "neutral" sites that
15 welcome persons of all creeds, faiths and ideals; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1. Creating a new Section 10.110 (Elected officers**
18 **of the Council; installation), Chapter 10 (Organization of the**
19 **Council), Ordinance Code.** Section 10.110 (Elected officers of the
20 Council; installation), Chapter 10 (Organization of the Council),
21 *Ordinance Code*, is hereby created to read as follows:

22 **CHAPTER 10 - ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL**

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24 **Sec. 10.110. - Elected officers of the Council; installation.**

- 25 (a) The installation of elected officers of the City Council, or
26 any event related thereto occurring 60 days prior or 60 days
27 after the date such officers assume office, shall be open to
28 the general public and held in a facility owned or operated
29 by the City of Jacksonville, including facilities owned or
30 operated by any independent agency or constitutional officer
31 of the consolidated government of the City of Jacksonville,

subject to the following:

(1) The facility shall have an appropriate space in which to host an event open to the general public.

(2) The facility and event space shall comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, as applicable.

(3) The facility and event space shall be outfitted to allow for media accessibility and live streaming of the installation and/or related event(s).

(b) The Council Director/Secretary shall maintain a list of public facilities owned or operated by the City, its independent agencies and constitutional officers, which provide an appropriate event space to host the installation or related events. This list shall include information regarding capacity of the facility, accessibility of the facility and event space, security at the facility, and other information the Council Director/Secretary deems appropriate and relevant to hosting an event open to the general public.

(c) Waiver of this Section shall require a 2/3 vote of the full Council. A request to waive this Section shall be accompanied by a justification which shall, at a minimum, indicate why a public facility owned or operated by the City or one of its independent agencies or constitutional officers is not sufficient or available to host the installation or related event.

Section 2. Codification Instructions. The Codifier and the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth herein. Such editorial changes and any other changes necessary to make the *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are approved and directed herein, and the changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

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

Form Approved:

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Office of General Counsel

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