

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-934**

5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.105 (POSTAGE  
6 AND COMMUNICATION EXPENSES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS),  
7 CHAPTER 10 (ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL),  
8 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY CELLULAR  
9 PHONE SERVICE AND CONVERGED DATA DEVICE SERVICE  
10 ALLOWANCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM \$100 TO \$150  
11 PER MONTH AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ALLOWANCE FOR  
12 EACH COUNCIL MEMBER MAY BE SHARED WITH THEIR  
13 RESPECTIVE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ASSISTANT AT THE  
14 DISCRETION OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER; APPROPRIATING  
15 \$22,405.80 FROM THE COUNCIL OPERATING  
16 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE COUNCIL DIRECT  
17 EXPENDITURES ALLOWANCE, COMMUNICATIONS -  
18 COUNCIL ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE  
19 INCREASED MONTHLY CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE AND  
20 CONVERGED DATA DEVICE SERVICE ALLOWANCE  
21 AUTHORIZED HEREIN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025;  
22 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS;  
23 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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25 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

26 **Section 1. Amending Section 10.105 (Postage and**  
27 **communication expenses of Council members), Chapter 10 (Organization**  
28 **of the Council), *Ordinance Code*.** Section 10.105 (Postage and  
29 communication expenses of Council members), Chapter 10 (Organization  
30 of the Council), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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**CHAPTER 10 - ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL**

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2 **Sec. 10.105. - Postage and communication expenses of Council members.**

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4 (c) ~~Emergency, mobile or converged communication device. Emergency,~~  
5 ~~mobile or converged communication device. Effective July 1, 2005,~~  
6 ~~and notwithstanding~~ Notwithstanding anything in Chapter 10 to the  
7 contrary, City cellular phones shall not be issued to any elected  
8 or appointed official or employee in the legislative branch except  
9 as provided herein. Based on an annual request for an emergency  
10 mobile communications allowance, City Council Members may receive  
11 a monthly allowance not to exceed \$150 for cellular phone service  
12 and converged data device service. Each City Council Member, at  
13 his or her sole discretion, may share the monthly allowance  
14 authorized herein with their respective Executive Council  
15 Assistant so long as the total monthly allowance for cellular  
16 phone service and converged data device service does not exceed  
17 \$150 per Council Member office. Appointed and appointed officials  
18 or employees of the legislative branch, as authorized by their  
19 Director, may receive a monthly allowance not to exceed \$100 for  
20 cellular phone service and converged data device service. The use  
21 shall be requested and verified. The Personnel Committee is  
22 authorized to promulgate the policy and rules for this subsection.

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24 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,  
25 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
26 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
27 listed in subsection (b):

28 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and  
29 incorporated herein by this reference)

30 (a) Appropriated from:

31 See **Exhibit 1**

\$22,405.80

1 (b) Appropriated to:

2 See **Exhibit 1** \$22,405.80

3 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

4 The funding above is an appropriation of \$22,405.80 from  
5 the Council Operating Contingency account to the Council  
6 Direct Expenditures - Allowance, Communications - Council  
7 account to provide funds for an increase to the monthly  
8 cellular phone service and converged data device service  
9 allowance for Council Members and certain appointed  
10 officials or employees of the legislative branch as  
11 authorized herein.

12 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
13 Section 1 is to provide funds to cover an increase to the cellular  
14 phone service and converged data device service allowance for Council  
15 Members (who may share said allowance with their respective Executive  
16 Council Assistant), and appointed officials or employees of the  
17 legislative branch as authorized by the Council Director to receive  
18 such allowance, from \$100 to \$150 per month in accordance with Section  
19 10.105 (Postage and communication expenses of Council members),  
20 *Ordinance Code*, as amended herein, for fiscal year 2024-2025.

21 **Section 4. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the  
22 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and  
23 division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth  
24 herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the  
25 *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are  
26 approved and directed herein, and changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall  
27 be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

28 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
30 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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