

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-278

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 11, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 10, 2021

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Christopher Walker, a St. Johns Resident with Substantial Business Interest in Duval County, as a member of the Jacksonville Housing Authority, filling a seat formerly held by Jonathan McGowan, for a partial term ending September 16, 2021.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Housing Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 51A, Ordinance Code, and charged to within its area of operation, prepare, carry out, acquire, lease, and operate housing projects; and provide for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration, or repair of any housing project or any part thereof. Section 51A.103, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the seven members of the board shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation of the Council.

Mr. Christopher Walker is a Partner in Charge at Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP and has been in that role since November 2017. Mr. Walker has a Juris Doctor from the Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law. Mr. Walker lives in St. Johns County.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Housing Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated to be minimal

Analyst: Distel