

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-542

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: July 22, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: July 22, 2025

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Jacob W. Blanton as Deputy Chief of the Fire and Rescue Department of the City of Jacksonville.

Background Information: Section 31.102, *Ordinance Code*, provides that Deputy Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council. The Deputy Fire Chief shall act for and exercise the functions of the Director during the absence or inability of the Director or in the event that the office of the Director is vacant. The Deputy Fire Chief shall have at least five years' experience in the administration or management of firefighting, emergency medical or rescue personnel, equipment and apparatus or other commensurate training and experience.

Chief Blanton holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State College of Jacksonville. He began his career with JFRD as a 911 dispatcher in 1994, was promoted through the ranks and currently serves as the Chief of the Rescue Division.

Policy Impact Area: Fire & Rescue Department operations

Fiscal Impact: The salary range for this position is \$112,696.80 - \$183,994.70 annually

Analyst: Hampsey