

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-425

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

Date of Introduction: May 28, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: May 30, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation of funds; authorization of one full-time position

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$26,111.83 from the Information Technologies Fund to fund salary and benefits within the Radio Communication Fund. It authorizes one full-time, Radio Systems Engineer position, whose purpose will be to support system reliability and maintenance; enhance resilience for emergency response with quicker, more effective communication; and reduce the risk of service disruption.

Background Information: Information Technologies Division Radio Communications is responsible for maintaining and supporting the First Coast Radio System ("FCRS"). FCRS consists of over 11,000 radio units, 15 tower sites, and 15 dispatch centers across 874.3 square miles, and enables crucial communication for police and fire services coordination and public safety. This request is based on the needs of the Radio Shop within the Information Technologies Division.

This appropriation amount is for the four months remaining in the year and deletes a software developer position.

Policy Impact Area: Radio communications

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$26,111.83 from the Information Technologies Fund to fund the salary and benefits of one new full-time radio systems engineer position.

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