

Introduced by Council Member Boylan:

ORDINANCE 2025-276-W

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COUNCIL RULES;
AMENDING COUNCIL RULE 1.101 (OFFICERS), PART 1
(OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES), CHAPTER 1
(ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL), *COUNCIL RULES*, TO
PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN MAY 2031, ONLY
AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO
SERVE AS PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND TO
PROVIDE THAT ELIGIBLE AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS
SHALL SERVE ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, At-Large Council Members are elected by all citizens
of Jacksonville and therefore ostensibly serve the interests of the
entirety of the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, District Council Members are elected by the
constituents within their respective districts with the primary role
of serving the needs and interests of those constituents; and

WHEREAS, because At-Large Council Members are removed from the
daily issues that may arise within the individual Council Districts,
they are at liberty to focus their attention on policy development
and matters that affect the City of Jacksonville/Duval County as a
whole; and

WHEREAS, this legislation provides a greater opportunity for
experienced At-Large Members to take a more active role in guiding
the City through meaningful policy development that carries an impact
beyond District boundaries while also signaling to Duval County voters

1 that when they elect the At-Large Members to office, they do so
2 purposefully, recognizing they are also casting a vote for those
3 Members who will serve as Council leadership while in office; now
4 therefore

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

6 **Section 1. Amending Council Rule 1.101 (Officers), Part 1**
7 **(Officers and Employees), Chapter 1 (Organization of the Council),**
8 **Council Rules.** Council Rule 1.101 (Officers), Part 1 (Officers and
9 Employees), Chapter 1 (Organization of the Council), *Council Rules*,
10 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 **CHAPTER 1. ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL**

12 **PART 1. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

13 **RULE 1.101 OFFICERS**

14 (a) ~~Elected~~ Officers. The ~~elected~~ officers of the Council shall
15 be a President of the Council and a Vice President of the Council.
16 These officers shall be recognized ~~elected~~ as designate officers at
17 the second regular meeting of the Council in May of each year as set
18 forth in Rule 1.102 and shall assume office as of July 1 of each
19 year, to serve until their successors are recognized ~~chosen~~ and
20 qualified or until the expiration of their terms as Council Members,
21 whichever first occurs. They shall take or sign an oath, prior to
22 assuming office, to support the Constitution of the United States and
23 of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City, and to truly and
24 faithfully discharge the duties of their respective offices to the
25 best of their knowledge and ability.

26 (b) Effective May 2031, only At-Large Council Members shall be
27 eligible to serve as President of the Council and the Vice President
28 of the Council which service shall occur on a rotational basis as
29 follows:

30 (1) Beginning July 1, 2031, the Group 1 At-Large Council
31 Member will assume the role of President of the Council and the

1 Group 2 At-Large Council Member will assume the role of Vice
2 President of the Council.

3 (2) Beginning the following July 1, the Vice President of
4 the Council shall accede to the office of President of the
5 Council, leaving the office of the Vice President vacant.

6 (3) The vacant Vice President office shall be filled by
7 the next numerically successive At-Large Council Member.

8 (c) Exception: in order that the Council is assured of
9 experienced leadership, any At-Large Council Member serving as
10 President of the Council shall have served for at least one year as
11 a Member of the City Council. Should the At-Large Council Member
12 scheduled to assume the position of President of the Council not meet
13 this qualification, the next qualified At-Large Council Member shall
14 serve as President of the Council. The rotation will be adjusted
15 accordingly.

16 (d) ~~(b)~~ Appointed Officers. The appointed officers of the
17 Council shall be those as established by Chapter 10 of the Ordinance
18 Code.

19 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
20 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
21 without the Mayor's signature.

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

26 Office of General Counsel

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