

**DEFOOR FLOOR AMENDMENT**

Council Member DeFoor offers the following floor amendment to File No. 2019-894:

(1) On **page 1, line 14**, after "2019-894;" **insert** "STRONGLY ENCOURAGING THE JEA BOARD TO REFUND AND WAIVE ANY FUTURE CHARGES FOR THE COST RELATED TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTED BY ANY MEDIA OUTLET FROM THE JEA FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 TO JULY 1, 2020 REGARDING RECORDS RELATED TO SALE OF JEA INCLUDING THE INVITATION TO NEGOTIATE AND THE PERFORMANCE UNIT PLAN;"

(2) On **page 4, line 22½**, **insert** a new Section 5 to read as follows:

**"Section 5. Strongly Encouraging the JEA Board to Refund and Waive any Future Charges for the Cost related to Public Records Requested by any Media Outlet from JEA From January 1, 2018 to July 1, 2020 Regarding Records Related to the Sale of JEA including the Invitation To Negotiate and the Performance Unit Plan.** Florida law authorizes the City to charge for the production of documents deemed to be public records. Providing more than a few documents for free, however, places a financial burden on the City that necessitates charging statutorily-authorized fees. In light of the extremely high volume of requests, and due to current budget restraints, a standardized policy regarding the processing of public records and the related statutory fees is necessary. The JEA policy is to charge a per page amount for any hard copies and a special service charge

if the request involves the extensive use of technology or labor. In accordance with the permissible statutory fees, JEA has charged the media outlets for public records requested related to the potential sale of JEA and related documents. In light of the public service that the media outlets have provided the citizens of Jacksonville regarding the potential sale of the JEA and concerns, the requests of which have led to further investigations by the Office of General Counsel, the City Council, the State Attorney's Office and Federal Authorities, the Council hereby strongly encourages the JEA board to refund the media outlets for any charges for public records requests from January 1, 2018 to present and to waive all future public records request to media outlets on the potential sale of JEA and related requests through July 1, 2020. The Council further suggests that the funds budgeted for the 2019-2020 year for outside public relations consultants and marketing firms could be used to cover these costs.”;

- (3) Renumber remaining Sections accordingly;
- (4) On **page 1, line 1**, amend the introductory sentence to add that the bill was amended as reflected herein.

Form Approved:

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