

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2020-224

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Introduced by Council Member Dennis and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Morgan, Pittman and Gaffney

Date of Introduction: April 14, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: April 15, 2020

Type of Action: Resolution concerning public safety and welfare of the City of Jacksonville during the COVID-19 pandemic; requesting emergency passage

Bill Summary: The bill lists four specific areas that the City Council feels needs to be addressed to provide effective public safety, health and welfare during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The areas include:

- Strongly Encouraging action by Financial Institutions
- Strongly encouraging additional State and Federal Action
- Encouraging the Florida Supreme Court to continue to extend its administrative order advising the State's Clerks of the Court to stop issuing writs of possession
- Encouraging the Sheriff to stay enforcement of eviction orders while Jacksonville is under a state of emergency due to COVID-19

Background Information: On March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, Mayor Curry issued Emergency Proclamation 2020-001, which proclaimed and declared a public emergency in the City of Jacksonville posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Emergency passage upon introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the spread of COVID-19 has concurrently increased business closures, the loss of wages, or layoffs for employees, and immediate action by the Council is required to offset the exponential economic impact and stress upon Jacksonville's citizens and small businesses that has resulted from the pandemic.

Policy Impact Area: Public safety, health and welfare

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact anticipated

Analyst: Baltiero