

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-874

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Salem

**Date of Introduction:** December 12, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R, F

**Date of Analysis:** December 14, 2023

**Type of Action:** Ordinance Code amendment

**Bill Summary:** The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 106 – Budget and Accounting Code – to clarify the definition of “reserve/contingency” funds and to clarify the application of the requirement for a super-majority vote to appropriate funds from various reserve and contingency funds.

**Background Information:** The amendment adds the word “contingency” to the definition of “reserve”, making the terms effectively synonymous for the purpose of the Budget and Accounting Code except where specifically differentiated. It changes the names of several “reserve” funds to “contingency” funds (Federal Matching Grant, Continuation Grant Match, F.I.N.D. Grant Match, and Executive Operating). The amendment clarifies that the 2/3 majority vote required to appropriate reserve/contingency funds (except for several specifically named funds) means 2/3 of the number of Council Members present and counted for purposes of determining a quorum, regardless of any voting abstentions.

**Policy Impact Area:** Clarification of definitions regarding reserve/contingency funds

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Analyst:** Clements