

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-456

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

Date of Introduction: May 26, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2026

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation and *Ordinance Code* waiver

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Ivy Henderson to the Downtown Development Review Board, as a landscape architect representative, replacing Joseph P. Loretta, for a partial term to expire June 30, 2026, followed by a first full term ending June 30, 2028.

The bill also waives Section 626.361.9 (A)(1)(b), *Ordinance Code* because the appointee has a degree in landscape architecture but is not licensed as such in the state of Florida.

Background Information: The Downtown Development Review Board is established pursuant to Section 656.361.9, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to review and make decisions with respect to all applications for development and redevelopment within the Downtown Overlay Zone.

The nine voting members of the Downtown Development Review Board are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, in various categories including one landscape architect.

Ms. Henderson holds a bachelor's degree from UF in landscape architecture. She is the Director of Housing and Real Estate Development for Lift Jax. Ms. Henderson resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: Downtown Development Review Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey