

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-543

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

Date of Introduction: July 22, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: July 22, 2025

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Molesha D. Cooke as Chief of the Rescue Division of the Fire and Rescue Department of the City of Jacksonville.

Background Information: Section 31.302, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Chief of the Rescue Division shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council, and shall have at least five years' experience in the administration or management of firefighting, emergency medical or rescue personnel, equipment, and apparatus.

Chief Cooke holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from UCF, a master's degree in nursing from South University, and Doctor of Nursing Practice from UCF. Chief Cooke has served with JFRD since 2009 and is currently the Fire Rescue Captain.

Policy Impact Area: Fire & Rescue Department / Rescue Division operations

Fiscal Impact: The salary range for this position is \$112,696.80 - \$183,994.70 annually

Analyst: Hampsey