

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2020-374**

5 A RESOLUTION URGING THE SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
6 PREPAREDNESS PLANNING COUNCIL (SEPPC) TO
7 DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING ESSENTIAL
8 PERSONNEL BASED ON THE NATURE OF AN EMERGENCY;
9 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has and will from time to
12 time declare emergencies; and

13 **WHEREAS**, hurricanes and storms are not unusual to Floridians
14 and numerous emergencies have been declared by the Governor and
15 Mayor for these events; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the world pandemic of COVID-19 has been the nature of
17 the most recent emergency declaration; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Municipal code provides that the
19 City be prepared for these events and has set forth an emergency
20 preparedness plan; and

21 **WHEREAS**, due to the nature of the most recent unprecedented
22 Pandemic, there was uncertainty among the workforce as to essential
23 and non-essential workers; and

24 **WHEREAS**, each emergency dictates essential personal, which can
25 differ depending on the emergency; and

26 **WHEREAS**, at the height of the emergency is not the time to
27 establish who is essential personnel; now therefore

28 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

29 **Section 1. Encouraging Development of Guidelines.** The
30 Council hereby urges the Security and Emergency Preparedness
31 Council to develop clear guidelines on which personnel are

1 essential personnel for specific emergencies. Furthermore, the
2 Council encourages SEPPC to consider language to be included in the
3 Ordinance Code specific to determining required personnel for
4 designated emergencies. Clear guidance will provide expectations to
5 the workforce and departments, and allow for prudent expenditure of
6 funds and formulation of budgets.

7 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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