

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-243

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Dennis

Date of Introduction: May 12, 2020

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

Date of Analysis: May 11, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$5,000,000.00, of Cares Act funds previously appropriated in Ordinance 2020-235-E to reimburse the city for the cost of the Building Inspection Fee Moratorium, instituted for six months; repeals the portion of Section 3 (Purpose) of Ordinance 2020-235-E regarding the appropriated \$5,000,000.00; amends Section 6 of Ordinance 2020-235-E regarding the Mayor's transfer powers of the \$25,000,000.00 of COVID-19 response funds; and requests a one cycle emergency.

Background Information: The City received grant funding from the Federal CARES Act for the COVID-19 Economic Impact – City. The appropriation transfers \$5,000,000.00 of the CARES Act funds to Council Contingency fund for future consideration of use by the City Council for a specific designation. The legislation repeals the portion of Section 3(Purpose) of Ordinance 2020-235-E regarding the six-month Building Inspections Fee moratorium to allow the use of CARES Act funds to be redirected to a Council Contingency Fund. Thus, fee moratoriums that impact the Building Inspection fund will be covered by the available fund balance. Section 6 of Ordinance of 2020-235-E will reduce the Mayor's transfer power over \$25,000,000.00 designated to fund the costs of the fee moratoriums and other economic stimulus measures to transfer authority for \$20,000,000.00. The one cycle emergency is necessary to assist with the viability of businesses and ease the financial needs of the citizens of Duval County that are impacted by the adverse ongoing and critical economic impacts of COVID-19.

Policy Impact Area: Federal CARES Act funds, building inspection fee moratorium

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$5,000,000.00 from a federal grant.

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