

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-0701

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Hazouri

Date of Introduction: September 24, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: September 24, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation of funds; Ord Code Amendment; Naming Council Member Liaison; Establishing oversight, codification instructions, and contingency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates funds in the sum of \$70,000.00 from the General Fund/General Services District Fund Balance to The Fire Watch – Northeast Florida Veterans’ Suicide Prevention Special Revenue Fund to fund programs and activities authorized by the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council to prevent veterans’ suicide in Northeast Florida, subject to the Interlocal Agreement terms. The transfer of these funds is as follows:

• **From:**

- **Subfund Title:** General Fund/General Services District
- **Activity/Grant Title:** General Fund/General Services District
- **Line Item:** Transfers from Fund Balance
- **Amount:** \$70,000.00

• **To:**

- **Subfund Title:** General Trust & Agency
- **Activity/Grant Title:** Fire Watch NE Florida Vet Suicide Prevention
- **Line Items:** Trust Fund Authorized Expenditures
- **Total Amount:** \$70,000.00

The bill creates a new Section 111.260 (The Fire Watch - Northeast 15 Florida Veterans’ Suicide Prevention Special Revenue Fund), Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), of the Ordinance Code. Council Member Diamond is designated as the City Council liaison to the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council. The Office of Grants Management and Compliance will provide oversight. The Codifier and the OGC are authorized to make all changes to the Ordinance Code consistent with the intent of this legislation. This ordinance is conditioned upon the participating Counties and the COJ executing the Interlocal Agreement (see Exhibit 1).

Background Information: It is in the best interest of the City to participate in the membership of the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council, and it is necessary for the City to authorize, execute, and deliver the Interlocal Agreement Regarding Veterans’ Suicide Prevention (see Exhibit 1). It is in the best interest of the City to be included in a collaborative effort among the Counties of Baker, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns to prevent suicide in Northeast Florida veterans.

Policy Impact Area: Veterans’ Affairs

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$70,000.00 from General Fund balance

Analyst: Baltiero