

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Member Peluso and twice amended on the Floor of Council:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2025-869-D**

6 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION 10.110  
7 (ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL; INSTALLATION),  
8 CHAPTER 10 (ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL),  
9 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF  
10 THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL BE HELD  
11 IN A FACILITY OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE CITY OF  
12 JACKSONVILLE OR ANY INDEPENDENT AGENCY OR  
13 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER OF THE CONSOLIDATED  
14 GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, SUBJECT  
15 TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR  
16 CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN  
17 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council bears the significant  
20 responsibility to serve as the legislative body of the consolidated  
21 government of the City of Jacksonville/Duval County and is responsible  
22 for making the laws that govern the way of life for the residents,  
23 businesses and visitors of the City of Jacksonville/Duval County; and

24 **WHEREAS**, those elected to serve as leaders of the City Council  
25 are entrusted with the additional responsibility to guide the Council  
26 in making sound policy decisions and to act in a manner that is  
27 reflective of good governance and that places the needs of the City  
28 of Jacksonville above any personal or political desires or agendas;  
29 and

30 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has a long-standing tradition of  
31 celebrating the annual election of its Council President and Vice

1 President by hosting an installation ceremony during which the newly-  
2 elected leaders will take the Oath of Office, pledging to support the  
3 Constitution of the United States, the State of Florida and the  
4 Charter of the City of Jacksonville, before sharing their goals and  
5 objectives for the upcoming Council year; and

6 **WHEREAS**, public access to this annual event is tantamount to  
7 ensuring the constituency's accessibility to their City's leaders and  
8 fosters both transparency and a deeper connection to those serving  
9 in some of the most significant and important roles in City  
10 government; and

11 **WHEREAS**, hosting the installation of Council officers in a  
12 publicly-owned or operated facility reduces the appearance of  
13 exclusivity and ensures maximum opportunity for public access and  
14 attendance as these facilities are traditionally designed to be more  
15 accessible and are considered by many to be "neutral" sites that  
16 welcome persons of all creeds, faiths and ideals; now therefore

17 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

18 **Section 1. Creating a new Section 10.110 (Elected officers**  
19 **of the Council; installation), Chapter 10 (Organization of the**  
20 **Council), Ordinance Code.** Section 10.110 (Elected officers of the  
21 Council; installation), Chapter 10 (Organization of the Council),  
22 *Ordinance Code*, is hereby created to read as follows:

23 **CHAPTER 10 - ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL**

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25 **Sec. 10.110. - Elected officers of the Council; installation.**

26 (a) The installation of elected officers of the City Council shall  
27 be open to the general public and held in a facility owned or  
28 operated by the City of Jacksonville, including facilities  
29 owned or operated by any independent agency or constitutional  
30 officer of the consolidated government of the City of  
31 Jacksonville, subject to the following:

1 (1) The facility shall have an appropriate space in which  
2 to host an event open to the general public.

3 (2) The facility and event space shall comply with the  
4 Americans With Disabilities Act, as applicable.

5 (3) The facility and event space shall be outfitted to allow  
6 for media accessibility and live streaming of the  
7 installation.

8 (b) The Council Director/Secretary shall maintain a list of  
9 public facilities owned or operated by the City, its  
10 independent agencies and constitutional officers, which  
11 provide an appropriate event space to host the installation.  
12 This list shall include information regarding capacity of the  
13 facility, accessibility of the facility and event space,  
14 security at the facility, and other information the Council  
15 Director/Secretary deems appropriate and relevant to hosting  
16 an event open to the general public.

17 (c) Waiver of this Section shall require a 2/3 vote of the full  
18 Council. A request to waive this Section shall be accompanied  
19 by a justification which shall, at a minimum, indicate why a  
20 public facility owned or operated by the City or one of its  
21 independent agencies or constitutional officers is not  
22 sufficient or available to host the installation. In the  
23 event a waiver pursuant to this subsection is approved by  
24 Council, the individual requesting said waiver shall  
25 advertise the time, date and location of the installation at  
26 least one week in advance of the event in a newspaper of  
27 general circulation in Duval County and shall forward said  
28 advertisement/information to at least two local news media  
29 outlets with a request that said information be published to  
30 the public. Documentation evidencing placement of the  
31 advertisement and submittal of same to at least two news media

1 outlets shall be provided to the Legislative Services  
2 Division to be placed on file.

3 **Section 2. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the  
4 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and  
5 division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth  
6 herein. Such editorial changes and any other changes necessary to  
7 make the *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation  
8 are approved and directed herein, and the changes to the *Ordinance*  
9 *Code* shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

10 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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