

Introduced by Council Member Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Peluso, Boylan, Clark-Murray, Pittman and Johnson and amended by the Finance Committee:

ORDINANCE 2025-2-E

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTIONS 382.504 (COUNCIL APPROVAL OF SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT REDUCTIONS), 382.505 (CITY'S OBLIGATION TO FUND SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT REDUCTIONS) AND 382.506 (EFFECTIVE DATE), PART 5 (SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEE), CHAPTER 382 (WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE BY CONTRACTORS AND CITY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ESTABLISH REDUCTIONS FOR SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENTS; REQUESTING COORDINATION WITH THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH, THE CITY OF NEPTUNE BEACH, THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH AND THE TOWN OF BALDWIN; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Creating new Sections 382.504 (Council Approval of Solid Waste Assessment Reductions), 382.505 (City's Obligation to Fund Solid Waste Assessment Reductions) and 382.506 (Effective Date), Part 5 (Solid Waste Service Fee), Chapter 382 (Waste Collection and Disposal Service by Contractors and City), *Ordinance Code*. Section 382.504 (Council Approval of Solid Waste Assessment Reductions), Section 382.505 (City's Obligation to Fund Solid Waste Assessment Reductions), and Section 506 (Effective Date), Part 5 (Solid Waste Service Fee), Chapter 382 (Waste Collection and Disposal Service by Contractors and City), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby created to read as

1 follows:

2 **CHAPTER 382 - WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE BY CONTRACTORS**
3 **AND CITY**

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5 **PART 5. - SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEE**

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7 **Sec. 382.504. - Council Approval of Solid Waste Assessment**
8 **Reductions.**

9 The City Council hereby authorizes the following reductions, and
10 application and reporting requirements, and the use of the Adjustment
11 and Credit Manual, as set forth in this Section.

12 (a) The following reductions shall be applied as follows:

13 (1) *Low Income in Accordance with Federal Guidelines.* If
14 the dwelling unit on which the solid waste assessment
15 is assessed is owned by an individual or family with
16 an income level within 150 percent of the Federal
17 poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal
18 Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human
19 Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2),
20 then a solid waste assessment reduction shall be
21 granted for all fee increases above the solid waste
22 monthly assessment of \$12.65, with the applicable
23 individual or family continuing to pay the 2024
24 monthly assessment of \$12.65.

25 (2) *Baymeadows Community Improvement District.* If a
26 dwelling unit located within the Baymeadows Community
27 Improvement District as set forth in Ordinance
28 2021-838-E, as amended by Ordinance 2024-69-E, on
29 which the solid waste assessment is assessed is
30 subject to the homestead exemption under the Florida
31 Constitution, then the monthly solid waste assessment

1 schedule as set forth in Ordinance 2025-1-E, shall be
2 reduced by \$7.00 or annually by \$84.00 in calendar
3 year 2025, and the monthly solid waste assessment
4 shall be reduced by \$4.50 or annually by \$54.00 in
5 calendar year 2026. No applications shall be required
6 for the reductions set forth in this subsection (2).

7 (b) *Applications and Reports.* Applications for reductions and
8 self reporting under subsection (a)(1) of this Section
9 shall be submitted, reviewed and processed consistent with
10 Section 754.109, *Ordinance Code*, the City's Stormwater Fee
11 Low Income Exemption Program.

12 (c) *Record keeping and reporting.* On a City fiscal year basis,
13 the Department of Public Works shall maintain records to
14 show how the solid waste assessment reductions have been
15 applied, and the Director of Public Works shall annually
16 prepare a report to be presented to the Council and the
17 Council Auditor each April 1 commencing in 2026.

18 **Sec. 382.505 - City's Obligation to Fund Solid Waste Assessment**
19 **Reductions.**

20 Annually, the City shall determine the total amount of those
21 solid waste assessment reductions authorized by this Part and shall,
22 in the annual budget, appropriate said total reductions within
23 the Solid Waste Fund.

24 **Sec. 382.506 - Effective Date.**

25 The reductions set forth in Section 382.504 above shall become
26 effective and begin with the 2025 calendar year assessment.

27 **Section 2. Coordination with the City of Atlantic Beach,**
28 **the City of Neptune Beach, the City of Jacksonville Beach, and the**
29 **Town of Baldwin.** The Council requests that the Mayor and the Office
30 of General Counsel coordinate with the City of Atlantic Beach, the
31 City of Neptune Beach, the City of Jacksonville Beach, and the Town

1 of Baldwin to create a process for offering a similar or substantially
2 similar discount, reduction or reimbursement for residential garbage
3 collection fees for low-income households in these municipalities
4 meeting the same criteria as set forth in Section 382.504, *Ordinance*
5 *Code*. Each program would be subject to City Council approval and then
6 would be funded by the City as part of the annual budget process.

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

14 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

21 Office of General Counsel

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