

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2026-474

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carrico

Date of Introduction: May 26, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2026

Type of Action: Providing contingency plan for special election and emergency passage upon introduction

Bill Summary: This bill provides for a contingency plan for a special election should a vacancy of a City Council seat occur. Emergency passage upon introduction of this legislation is requested to ensure the Duval County Supervisor of Elections sufficient has sufficient time to properly assess petitions and meet the ballot printing deadlines.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to specify the qualifying period and dates of a special election, should one be needed. If a council vacancy occurs, a special election will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, for the purpose of electing a City Council Member for an open Council seat, to serve the unexpired term of the previous City Council District or At-Large seat. The qualifying period for that special election shall begin at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, and close at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2026. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Special First Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals in the Special First Election shall participate in a Special General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Policy Impact Area: Special Elections

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined cost to the Supervisor of Elections

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