

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-221

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: March 24, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: March 24, 2026

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation, waiver, Establishing Substantial Business or Philanthropic Interest

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Shannon Nazworth to the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority, replacing Bernard E. Smith, for a partial term to expire on June 30, 2027, followed by a first full term expiring on June 30, 2031. The bill establishes substantial business interest in Duval County, and waives the residency requirement in Section 52.106(a), *Ordinance Code*.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority is established pursuant to Chapter 52, *Ordinance Code*, and charged to ensure compliance with Sec. 159.601, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the encouragement of investment by private enterprise and the stimulation of construction and rehabilitation of housing through the use of public financing and the provision of low-cost loans to purchase affordable housing.

Section 52.106(1), *Ordinance Code*, provides that there are seven members of the board representing the areas of labor, finance or commerce, and four members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

Ms. Nazworth holds a bachelor's degree from Boston College. She was the president and CEO of Ability Housing from 2003-2025. Ms. Nazworth resides in St. Johns County.

Policy Impact Area: Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey