

Introduced by Council Member Salem and amended on the Floor of  
Council:

**ORDINANCE 2025-612-E**

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CITY'S GIFT POLICY;  
AMENDING SECTIONS 113.401 (SCOPE), 113.402  
(ACCEPTANCE) AND 113.403 (DISTRIBUTION), PART 4  
(DONATIONS OF TICKETS TO EVENTS AND TRAVEL),  
CHAPTER 113 (GIFTS TO CITY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO  
CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION  
OF EVENT-RELATED GIFTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE  
AND TO REQUIRE THAT ALL TICKETS, PASSES AND  
ASSOCIATED PARKING, TRANSPORTATION, VOUCHERS OR  
OTHER AFFILIATED ACCESS OR SERVICES RECEIVED BY  
THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY  
INTENDED FOR OR DESIGNATED TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
OR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED  
EQUALLY TO THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL;  
PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS;  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to various agreements and relationships the  
City of Jacksonville has with tenants, managers, promoters, occupants  
and others, the City is gifted admission in the form of tickets and  
passes, along with associated parking, transportation, vouchers or  
other affiliated access or services, to events and activities held  
at City-owned or controlled facilities, including but not limited to  
VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, VyStar Ballpark, Daily's Place  
amphitheater, and EverBank Stadium; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has customarily received the tickets and

1 passes on behalf of the City and has had exclusive discretion to  
 2 allocate the tickets and passes however he or she deems appropriate;  
 3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, because of recent changes to the Mayor's distribution  
 5 procedure, the City Council, as a co-equal branch of the Consolidated  
 6 Government, has identified a need to employ a ticket distribution  
 7 program to ensure equitable and fair distribution of all tickets and  
 8 passes gifted to the City as described above between both the  
 9 Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of the City and to serve the  
 10 same services and purposes; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1. Amending Sections 113.401 (Scope), 113.402**  
 13 **(Acceptance), and 113.403 (Distribution), Part 4 (Donations of**  
 14 **Tickets to Events and Travel), Chapter 113 (Gifts to City), Ordinance**  
 15 **Code.** Sections 113.401 (Scope), 113.402 (Acceptance), and 113.403  
 16 (Distribution), Part 4 (Donations of Tickets to Events and Travel),  
 17 Chapter 113 (Gifts to City), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby amended to  
 18 read as follows:

#### 19 **CHAPTER 113 - GIFTS TO CITY**

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#### 21 **PART 4. RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION ~~DONATIONS OF TICKETS OR PASSES TO~~** 22 **~~EVENTS AND TRAVEL~~**

#### 23 **Sec. 113.401. - Scope.**

24 This Part establishes procedures for the receipt and  
 25 distribution of gifts to the City in the nature of admission to events  
 26 and associated parking, transportation, vouchers or other affiliated  
 27 access or services. In addition, the City has negotiated or entered  
 28 into certain agreements or other arrangements or there are other  
 29 situations where the City is generically provided a number of tickets  
 30 or passes to events as a result of those agreements, arrangements or  
 31 situations. Furthermore, the The City recognizes that there are

1 circumstances when persons or corporations desire City representation  
2 at events and presentations. In all such circumstances, the  
3 determination of the appropriate representative shall be the decision  
4 of the City.

5 **Sec. 113.402. - Acceptance.**

6 All gifts received and designated exclusively to the Executive  
7 Branch of the City, in the nature of admission to events, shall be  
8 accepted by the Mayor or designee. All gifts received and designated  
9 exclusively to the Legislative Branch of the City, in the nature of  
10 admission to events, shall be accepted by the Council President or  
11 designee. All gifts received and designated to the City of  
12 Jacksonville generally shall be accepted by the Mayor or designee on  
13 behalf of the City and distributed as stated in this Part.

14 **Sec. 113.403. - Distribution.**

15 ~~All~~The distribution of all gifts of admissions to events and  
16 associated parking, transportation, vouchers or other affiliated  
17 access or services accepted by the Mayor or designee on behalf of the  
18 City in general shall be distributed equally between the Executive  
19 Branch and the Legislative Branch~~made at the discretion of the Mayor~~  
20 ~~or designee.~~ The distribution of all gifts of admissions to events  
21 and associated parking, transportation, vouchers or other affiliated  
22 access or services designated exclusively to the Executive or  
23 Legislative Branch ~~accepted by the Council President or designee on~~  
24 ~~behalf of the City~~ shall be made at the discretion of the Mayor or  
25 designee or the Council President or designee, respectively. However,  
26 in no event shall gifts of admissions to events received by the City  
27 be used for personal consumption by any elected official of the City  
28 or the spouse or child(ren) of any elected official of the City. The  
29 Mayor and Council President or their designee shall ensure that  
30 procedures are in place to document the receipt and distribution of  
31 all gifts covered by this Part, in accordance with Section

1 ~~602.702602.701(e)~~, Ordinance Code. The Sports and Entertainment  
2 Officer shall provide the Council Secretary/Director with a report  
3 on or before the fifth day of every month detailing the total number  
4 of tickets, passes, vouchers or other event gifts for each event  
5 occurring within the next six months and the number of each ticket,  
6 etc. that the Council will receive or has received.

7       **Section 2. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the  
8 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and  
9 division "table 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 the changes to the Ordinance  
13 Code shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

14       **Section 3. 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

22 Legislation Prepared By: Jason R. Teal

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