

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-418

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Howland

Date of Introduction: May 12, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2026

Type of Action: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver an Amended and Restated Restrictive Covenants and Parking Rights Agreement (Amended Parking Agreement); provide for oversight

Bill Summary: This bill approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver an Amended Parking Agreement between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc. (BCBS) and the City to, in part, remove the nighttime and weekend parking rights of the general public and instead provide 24/7 parking availability to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) for its use in connection with the City's lease with BCBS for JSO's headquarters, and eliminate any obligation of BCBS to repay the \$3,500,000 parking garage grant to the City. The bill provides for oversight by the Office of the Mayor.

Background Information: The City, the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA), and BCBS previously entered into a Redevelopment Agreement on November 26, 2019, and the City and BCBS subsequently entered into a Parking Agreement on July 1, 2021, in each case, as authorized by Ordinance 2019-626-E. These agreements, in part, provided a \$3,500,000 parking garage grant to BCBS to support the construction of a 750-space parking garage, which provided public parking on nights and weekends pursuant to the Parking Agreement upon the project's substantial completion. The City, on behalf of the JSO, has entered into an Amended and Restated Lease Agreement dated September 21, 2023, for the lease of certain office and garage space to serve as the JSO headquarters. BCBS and the City desire to amend and restate the Parking Agreement to, in part, remove the public parking access rights and provide 24/7 parking availability to JSO, eliminate any repayment obligations related to the Parking Garage Grant, and make additional revisions as set forth in the Amended and Restated Restrictive Covenants and Parking Agreement.

Policy Impact Area: JSO, Parking Agreement

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City.

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