

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-316**

5 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COUNCIL RULES;
6 AMENDING COUNCIL RULE 1.101 (OFFICERS),
7 CHAPTER 1 (ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL),
8 *COUNCIL RULES*, TO ALLOW ONLY AT-LARGE COUNCIL
9 MEMBERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE
10 COUNCIL AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
11 AND TO SERVE ON A ROTATION BASIS; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, At-Large Council members are elected by all of the
15 citizens of Jacksonville and therefore ostensibly serve the
16 interests of all the citizens of Jacksonville; and

17 **WHEREAS**, District Council members are elected by the
18 constituents within their respective districts with the primary
19 role of serving the needs and interests of those constituents; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the present Council Rules which call for an "open"
21 election of its officers consistently results in creating
22 disharmony among the body as whole; now therefore

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

24 **Section 1. Amending Council Rule 1.101 (Officers),**
25 **Chapter 1 (Organization of the Council), *Council Rules*.**

26 Rule 1.101 (Officers), Chapter 1 (Organization of the
27 Council), *Council Rules*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 **CHAPTER 1. OFFICERS**

29 **PART 1. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

30 **RULE 1.101 OFFICERS**

31 (a) ~~Elected~~ Officers. The ~~elected~~ officers of the Council

1 shall be a President of the Council and a Vice President of the
2 Council. These officers shall be ~~elected~~ recognized as designate
3 officers at the second regular meeting of the Council in May of
4 each year as set forth in Rule 1.102 and shall assume office as of
5 July 1 of each year, to serve until their successors are ~~chosen~~
6 recognized and qualified or until the expiration of their terms as
7 Council Members, whichever first occurs. They shall take or sign an
8 oath, prior to assuming office, to support the Constitution of the
9 United States and of the State of Florida and the Charter of the
10 City, and to truly and faithfully discharge the duties of their
11 respective offices to the best of their knowledge and ability.

12 (b) Effective May 2027, only At-Large Council Members are
13 eligible to be President of the Council and the Vice President of
14 the of the Council. Beginning July 1, 2027, the Group 1 At-Large
15 Council Member will assume the role of Council President and the
16 Group 2 At-Large Council Member will assume the role of the Council
17 Vice President.

18 (c) The Council Vice President, beginning the following July
19 1, shall accede to the Council President office, leaving the
20 Council Vice President office vacant.

21 (d) The vacant Council Vice President office shall be filled
22 by the next numerically successive At-Large Group Council Member.

23 (e) Exception: In order that the Body is assured of
24 experienced leadership, the only other condition for Council
25 President qualification is that the At Large member have least one
26 year's experience as a Member of the City Council. Should the
27 Council President not qualify, the next qualified At Large Council
28 Member shall serve as the Council President. The rotation will be
29 adjusted accordingly.

30 ~~(b)~~ (f) Appointed Officers. The appointed officers of the
31 Council shall be those as established by Chapter 10 of the

1 Ordinance Code.

2 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
3 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
4 without the Mayor's signature.

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6 Form Approved:

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8 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

9 Office of General Counsel

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