

Introduced by Council Member Freeman:

ORDINANCE 2025-236

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 55.107 (DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD), PART 1 (DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY), CHAPTER 55 (DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS RESIDE IN DUVAL COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 50.102(b), *Ordinance Code*, states that unless specifically provided otherwise, board and commission members subject to the provisions of Chapter 50 of the Ordinance Code whose appointments are confirmed by the City Council must either be permanent residents of Duval County, or maintain a substantial economic business interest or philanthropic interest as determined by the City Council within Duval County; and

WHEREAS, Section 55.107(b)(1), *Ordinance Code*, specifically requires that Downtown Investment Authority ("DIA") Board members reside in Duval County; and

WHEREAS, to further the interest of securing the most qualified individuals to serve on the DIA Board, the City Council desires to remove the requirement that DIA Board members reside in Duval County, so long as they maintain a substantial economic business interest or philanthropic interest as determined by the City Council within Duval County, as required by Section 50.102(b), *Ordinance Code*; now therefore

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

2 **Section 1. Amending Section 55.107 (Downtown investment**
3 **authority board), Part 1 (Downtown Investment**
4 **Authority), Chapter 55 (Downtown Investment Authority), Ordinance**
5 **Code.** Section 55.107 (Downtown investment authority board), Part 1
6 (Downtown Investment Authority), Chapter 55 (Downtown Investment
7 Authority), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 **CHAPTER 55 - DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY**

9 **PART 1. - DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY**

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11 **Sec. 55.107. - Downtown investment authority board.**

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13 (b) *Board membership; term of office and appointment; removal;*
14 *vacancies; office-holding.*

15 (1) Board membership. The Board shall consist of nine members,
16 five to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council
17 and four to be appointed by the Council President and
18 confirmed by Council. Of the four appointed by Council,
19 one shall be a resident or have substantial business
20 interests in the Southbank CRA; and one shall be a resident
21 or have substantial business interests in the Northbank
22 CRA. Of the five to be appointed by the Mayor one shall be
23 a resident or have substantial business interests in the
24 Southbank CRA; and one shall be a resident or have
25 substantial business in the Northbank CRA. The remaining
26 five members shall fulfill one of the following categories
27 without duplication: downtown resident (a minimum of two
28 years); a downtown retail operator; a downtown real
29 property owner, a member of the banking or finance
30 industry, a person with business management expertise, a
31 practicing attorney, a person with commercial real estate

1 experience, an architect, or an urban planner. The Board
2 Members requiring downtown affiliation shall mean downtown
3 as defined by Section 656.361.2, Ordinance Code, as may be
4 amended from time to time. ~~The Board Members shall be Duval~~
5 ~~County residents.~~ Notwithstanding anything contained
6 herein to the contrary, in the event that a Board Member's
7 category changes for any reason during their term, said
8 Board Member shall continue to be a qualified Board Member
9 for purposes of their category for the duration of their
10 term so long as they continue to meet one of the other
11 listed qualifying categories set forth herein. Said Board
12 Member shall, immediately upon or prior to such change in
13 qualifying category provide written notice stating the
14 change in category (and effective date of same) and
15 identify the listed category with which they will continue
16 to qualify and serve by providing such written notice to:
17 (i) the Chair and the CEO of the DIA; (ii) the Mayor and
18 the Council President; and (iii) the Legislative Services
19 Division (for filing in that Board Member's resolution
20 file). Nothing stated herein shall limit or restrict the
21 removal, vacancy or other qualification requirements as
22 set forth in the Ordinance Code.

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24 **Section 2. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the
25 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and
26 division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth
27 herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the
28 *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are
29 approved and directed herein, and changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall
30 be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

31 **Section 3. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**

1 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
2 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is to effectuate
3 the change provided herein as soon as possible to allow individuals
4 who maintain a substantial business or philanthropic interest in
5 Duval County to be eligible for appointment to the DIA Board without
6 the necessity for a waiver of the Ordinance Code.

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

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Carla A. Lopera

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