

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-80-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PARKING RATES FOR
6 EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
7 FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; AMENDING SUB-
8 PARAGRAPH (D) TO SECTION 122.202 (PARKING
9 RATES AT MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS), *ORDINANCE*
10 *CODE*, TO EXTEND A MONTHLY DISCOUNT RATE TO
11 EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
12 PARKING IN CITY OWNED PARKING FACILITIES FOR
13 THE PERIOD MARCH 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021;
14 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
15 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Office of the Public Defender for the Fourth
18 Judicial Circuit has been utilizing the Duval Street (Library)
19 Parking Garage and has enjoyed discounted rates; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Public Defender received a letter from the DIA,
21 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, regarding the recently approved DIA
22 Parking Rates for the Duval Street Parking Garage and Off-Street
23 Parking and notification of an increase to the Public Defender's
24 Office and its employees regarding same; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2020-568-E extended an afforded 50%
26 discounted parking rate for City Employees who park in city garages
27 and lots for an additional year; and

28 **WHEREAS**, although the Office of the Public Defender had been
29 receiving a discounted rate for parking, neither the Public
30 Defender's office nor the DIA can produce any documentation of the
31 discounted rate; and

1 **WHEREAS**, employees of the Office of the Public Defender,
2 although state employees, are public servants; and

3 **WHEREAS**, these government employees handle many criminal
4 matters, including municipal ordinance violations and first
5 appearance court (J1), and need to have secure parking; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Council deliberated the same security
7 consideration when building the crossover between the new Duval
8 County Fourth Judicial Circuit Courthouse and the State Attorney's
9 Office; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1. Amending sub-paragraph (d) to Section 122.202**
12 **(Parking Rates at Municipal Parking Lots), Ordinance Code.** Chapter
13 122 (Public Property), Part 2 (Municipal Parking Lots), Section
14 122.202 (Parking rates at municipal parking lots), *Ordinance Code*,
15 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **CHAPTER 122 PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

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18 **PART 2. MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS**

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20 **Sec. 122.202 (Parking rates at municipal parking lots).**

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22 (d) Effective October 1, 2014, all City employees (which term
23 shall include all City of Jacksonville employees and employees of
24 the Duval County Supervisor of Elections, Duval County Property
25 Appraiser, Duval County Tax Collector, and Duval County Clerk of
26 Court~~7~~) and to employees of the Office of the Public Defender of
27 the Fourth Judicial Circuit, who are monthly parkers at municipal
28 owned parking facilities operated by the Office of Public Parking,
29 shall be entitled to a reduced monthly parking rate, which shall be
30 fifty percent (50%) of the established, monthly parking rate for
31 the given facility ~~for a seven (7) year duration and end as of~~

1 through September 30, 2021. The ~~Economic Development Officer~~
2 Downtown Investment Authority shall file the employee rate schedule
3 and any subsequent change to the employee rate schedule with the
4 Council Secretary, and such rates shall become effective upon such
5 filing unless and until the Council enacts an ordinance to the
6 contrary.

7 **Section 2. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
8 **pursuant to Council Rules 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage
9 upon introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of
10 the emergency is that according to the letter from the DIA, the
11 Public Defender's Office and its employees' parking rate increase
12 will be effective March 1, 2021.

13 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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