

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Sheriff and
2 amended by the Rules Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2023-334-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 106.216
7 (REPLACEMENT OF FLEET VEHICLES), PART 2
8 (BUDGETS), CHAPTER 106 (BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING
9 CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO EXCLUDE THE
10 JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE
11 JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT FROM THE
12 REQUIREMENT THAT A SPECIAL EXCEPTION BE
13 REQUESTED AND APPROVED FOR AUTHORIZATION TO
14 PURCHASE AN SUV OR LARGE SEDAN; PROVIDING FOR
15 CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN
16 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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18 **WHEREAS**, the needs of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
19 pertaining to its fleet have evolved over the years; and

20 **WHEREAS**, a sedan was once the standard patrol vehicle for the
21 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, but now the sport utility vehicle
22 ("SUV") is becoming the standard patrol vehicle; and

23 **WHEREAS**, SUVs provide more space for transporting law
24 enforcement officers' equipment (which has continued to increase over
25 time), SUVs provide a higher ride height which allows for better
26 visibility for officers to see over other vehicles and obstacles, and
27 SUVs are more durable vehicles able to withstand high speed chases
28 and rough terrain; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Chrysler is now the only manufacturer of a police
30 pursuit sedan, and City of Jacksonville mechanics are not certified
31 to maintain or repair Chrysler vehicles; and

1 **WHEREAS,** the needs of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
2 Department pertaining to its fleet are ever evolving and require
3 specialty vehicles; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department has
5 operational needs that require maneuverability and off-road
6 capability of a SUV when responding to wildfires and other off-road
7 incidents; and

8 **WHEREAS,** in order for the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
9 Department to transport certain prescriptions (controlled substances)
10 and high-value equipment, SUVs provide a more secure interior space
11 than a pick-up truck with a topper, which is part of Jacksonville
12 Fire and Rescue Department's current fleet; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the *Ordinance Code* provision at issue, as it currently
14 exists, has become obsolete as it pertains to the Jacksonville
15 Sheriff's Office and the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; now
16 therefore

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

18 **Section 1. Amending Section 106.216 (Replacement of Fleet**
19 **Vehicles), Part 2 (Budgets), Chapter 106 (Budget and Accounting Code),**
20 **Ordinance Code.** Section 106.216 (Replacement of Fleet Vehicles),
21 Part 2 (Budgets), Chapter 106 (Budget and Accounting Code), *Ordinance*
22 *Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 **CHAPTER 106 - BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING CODE**

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25 **PART 2. - BUDGETS**

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27 **Sec. 106.216 - Replacement of Fleet Vehicles.**

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29 (e) The Chief of Fleet Management shall purchase vehicles
30 according to the final list described herein as funds are
31 budgeted for the same. With the exception of the

1 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Jacksonville Fire and
2 Rescue Department, noNo SUV or large sedans shall be
3 authorized for purchase within the City Fleet, unless
4 special exceptions have been requested in writing by the
5 requested party and approved by the Chief of Fleet
6 Management and the director of the Department, overseeing
7 the Fleet Management Division. The Chief of Fleet
8 Management shall provide a list of all special exceptions
9 and written requests annually with the Fleet budget to City
10 Council.

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12 **Section 2. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the
13 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and
14 division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth
15 herein. Such editorial changes and any other necessary to make the
16 *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are
17 approved and directed herein, and the changes to the *Ordinance Code*
18 shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

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

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation Prepared By: Gaby Young

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