

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-117

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Vice President White and Council Member Pittman

Date of Introduction: February 13, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F, TEU

Date of Analysis: February 15, 2024

Type of Action: Declaration of a property as being surplus to the needs of the City; authorizing the conveyance of the property to a nonprofit organization; waiver of the Ordinance Code; providing for reentry for failure to use the property for emergency housing; designation of an oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill declares the property at 330 24th Street West between Perry Street and Pearl Street in Council District 10 to be surplus to the needs of the City and authorizes the conveyance of the property to the Jacksonville Brotherhood of Firefighters, Inc. ("JBOF"), at no cost. It waives three sections of the Ordinance Code to allow for the conveyance of the property to JBOF at no cost. It establishes that the property is being conveyed to JBOF "as is" and affirms the right of the City to reenter the property if it is used for anything other than the agreed-upon use: emergency housing for community members displaced by fire or other casualty.

It states that JBOF shall submit an annual affidavit to the Public Works Real Estate Division affirming that the property is being used for the agreed-upon use on or before March 1st, with the City gaining the right of reentry if JBOF fails to provide the annual affidavit within 60 days of this date. It establishes the Department of Public Works, Real Estate Division, as the oversight department for this project, and the Real Estate Division, through the Office of the General Counsel, may initiate action for reentry in the case where the agreed-upon conditions are not met.

Background Information: The City of Jacksonville owns the property located at 330 24th Street West, in Council District 10, on which a residential structure of approximately 1,123 square feet is located. JBOF operates its primary office across the street and has expressed interest in receiving the property to use the residential structure as emergency housing for those who have been displaced by fire and other casualties. The City has determined that there is no public need for retaining the Property and has deemed it surplus to the needs of the City, with the conveyance of the property to JBOF to be in the best interest of the public.

For this conveyance to proceed, Sections 122.423, 122.424, and 122.425 must be waived to allow the property to be conveyed to JBOF at no cost. Section 122.423 outlines the affordable housing disposition process. Section 122.424 outlines the process of disposition through negotiated sale to adjacent landowners. Section 122.425 outlines the auction process in which the City seeks sealed bids for the disposition of property.

Policy Impact Area: Disposition of property; emergency housing

Fiscal Impact: no immediate financial cost to City; disposition of property

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