

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2026-351

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** April 28, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** April 27, 2026

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Ernest Smith to the Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission (JHCDC), as a representative of the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing, replacing David L. Wakefield, for a first full term to expire November 30, 2028.

**Background Information:** The JHCDC is established pursuant to Chapter 30, *Ordinance Code*, in accordance with Section 420.9076, *Florida Statutes*, and charged to act as an advisory committee, conduct any required public hearings, undertake the review, take any and all required actions for compliance, and make recommendations to the Council for adoption (and authorize the transmittal) as required by Section 420.9076, *Florida Statutes*, regarding local affordable housing incentives.

Section 30.703(a), *Ordinance Code*, provides that six of the eleven members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council, in various categories, including a representative of the banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing.

Mr. Smith holds a bachelor's degree from UNF. He is a fraud policy manager for Citigroup and a licensed realtor. Mr. Smith resides in Duval County in council district 7.

**Policy Impact Area:** Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission operations

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct cost to the City

**Analyst:** Hampsey