

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and amended on the Floor of
2 Council:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2024-934-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.105 (POSTAGE
7 AND COMMUNICATION EXPENSES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS),
8 CHAPTER 10 (ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL),
9 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MONTHLY
10 CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE AND CONVERGED DATA DEVICE
11 SERVICE ALLOWANCE FOR EACH COUNCIL MEMBER MAY BE
12 SHARED WITH, OR ALLOCATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART
13 TO, THEIR RESPECTIVE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ASSISTANT
14 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER;
15 APPROPRIATING \$12,500 FROM THE COUNCIL OPERATING
16 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE COUNCIL DIRECT
17 EXPENDITURES ALLOWANCE, COMMUNICATIONS -
18 COUNCIL ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE
19 EXPANDED MONTHLY CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE AND
20 CONVERGED DATA DEVICE SERVICE ALLOWANCE
21 AUTHORIZED HEREIN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025;
22 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS;
23 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

26 **Section 1. Amending Section 10.105 (Postage and**
27 **communication expenses of Council members), Chapter 10 (Organization**
28 **of the Council), *Ordinance Code*.** Section 10.105 (Postage and
29 communication expenses of Council members), Chapter 10 (Organization
30 of the Council), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 **CHAPTER 10 - ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL**

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Sec. 10.105. - Postage and communication expenses of Council members.

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(c) ~~Emergency, mobile or converged communication device. Emergency, mobile or converged communication device. Effective July 1, 2005, and notwithstanding~~ Notwithstanding anything in Chapter 10 to the contrary, City cellular phones shall not be issued to any elected or appointed official or employee in the legislative branch except as provided herein. Based on an annual request for an emergency mobile communications allowance, City Council Members may receive a monthly allowance not to exceed \$100 for cellular phone service and converged data device service. Each City Council Member, at his or her sole discretion, may share or allocate in whole or in part, the monthly allowance authorized herein with their respective Executive Council Assistant so long as the total monthly allowance for cellular phone service and converged data device service does not exceed \$100 per Council Member office. Appointed and appointed officials or employees of the legislative branch, as authorized by their Director, may receive a monthly allowance not to exceed \$100 for cellular phone service and converged data device service. The use shall be requested and verified. The Personnel Committee is authorized to promulgate the policy and rules for this subsection.

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Section 2. Appropriation. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

(The account information is attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev B.T., January 14, 2025 - Floor" and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See **Revised Exhibit 1** \$12,500

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Revised Exhibit 1** \$12,500

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$12,500 from the Council Operating Contingency account to the Council Direct Expenditures - Allowance, Communications - Council account to provide funding for the \$100 monthly cellular phone service and converged data device service allowance for each Council Member's office for the remainder of the fiscal year as authorized herein.

Section 3. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide funds for the cellular phone service and converged data device service allowance for Council Members (who may share said allowance with their respective Executive Council Assistant), in accordance with Section 10.105 (Postage and communication expenses of Council members), *Ordinance Code*, as amended herein, for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Section 4. Codification Instructions. The Codifier and the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are approved and directed herein, and changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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