

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-612**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CITY'S GIFT POLICY;
6 AMENDING SECTIONS 113.401 (SCOPE), 113.402
7 (ACCEPTANCE) AND 113.403 (DISTRIBUTION), PART 4
8 (DONATIONS OF TICKETS TO EVENTS AND TRAVEL),
9 CHAPTER 113 (GIFTS TO CITY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
10 CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION
11 OF EVENT-RELATED GIFTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
12 AND TO REQUIRE THAT ALL TICKETS, PASSES AND
13 ASSOCIATED PARKING, TRANSPORTATION, VOUCHERS OR
14 OTHER AFFILIATED ACCESS OR SERVICES RECEIVED BY
15 THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY
16 INTENDED FOR OR DESIGNATED TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
17 OR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED
18 EQUALLY TO THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL;
19 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS;
20 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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22 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to various agreements and relationships the
23 City of Jacksonville has with tenants, managers, promoters, occupants
24 and others, the City is gifted admission in the form of tickets and
25 passes, along with associated parking, transportation, vouchers or
26 other affiliated access or services, to events and activities held
27 at City-owned or controlled facilities, including but not limited to
28 VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena, VyStar Ballpark, Daily's Place
29 amphitheater, and EverBank Stadium; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor has customarily received the tickets and
31 passes on behalf of the City and has had exclusive discretion to

1 allocate the tickets and passes however he or she deems appropriate;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, because of recent changes to the Mayor's distribution
4 procedure, the City Council, as a co-equal branch of the Consolidated
5 Government, has identified a need to employ a ticket distribution
6 program to ensure equitable and fair distribution of all tickets and
7 passes gifted to the City as described above between both the
8 Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of the City and to serve the
9 same services and purposes; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1. Amending Sections 113.401 (Scope), 113.402**
12 **(Acceptance), and 113.403 (Distribution), Part 4 (Donations of**
13 **Tickets to Events and Travel), Chapter 113 (Gifts to City), Ordinance**
14 **Code.** Sections 113.401 (Scope), 113.402 (Acceptance), and 113.403
15 (Distribution), Part 4 (Donations of Tickets to Events and Travel),
16 Chapter 113 (Gifts to City), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby amended to
17 read as follows:

18 **CHAPTER 113 - GIFTS TO CITY**

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20 **PART 4. RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION ~~DONATIONS OF TICKETS OR PASSES TO~~**
21 **~~EVENTS AND TRAVEL~~**

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23 **Sec. 113.401. Scope.**

24 This Part establishes procedures for the receipt and
25 distribution of gifts to the City in the nature of admission to events
26 and associated parking, transportation, vouchers or other affiliated
27 access or services. In addition, the City has negotiated or entered
28 into certain agreements or other arrangements or there are other
29 situations where the City is generically provided a number of tickets
30 or passes to events as a result of those agreements, arrangements or
31 situations. Furthermore, the The City recognizes that there are

1 circumstances when persons or corporations desire City representation
2 at events and presentations. In all such circumstances, the
3 determination of the appropriate representative shall be the decision
4 of the City.

5 **Sec. 113.402. Acceptance.**

6 All gifts received and designated exclusively to the Executive
7 Branch of the City, in the nature of admission to events, shall be
8 accepted by the Mayor or designee. All gifts received and designated
9 exclusively to the Legislative Branch of the City, in the nature of
10 admission to events, shall be accepted by the Council President or
11 designee. All gifts received and designated to the City of
12 Jacksonville generally shall be accepted by the Mayor or designee on
13 behalf of the City and distributed as stated in this Part.

14 **Sec. 113.403. Distribution.**

15 The distribution of all gifts of admissions to events and
16 associated parking, transportation, vouchers or other affiliated
17 access or services accepted by the Mayor or designee on behalf of the
18 City in general shall be distributed equally between the Executive
19 Branch and the Legislative Branch ~~made at the discretion of the Mayor~~
20 ~~or designee.~~ The distribution of all gifts of admissions to events
21 and associated parking, transportation, vouchers or other affiliated
22 access or services designated exclusively to the Executive or
23 Legislative Branch ~~accepted by the Council President or designee on~~
24 ~~behalf of the City~~ shall be made at the discretion of the Mayor or
25 designee or the Council President or designee, respectively. The
26 Mayor and Council President or their designee shall ensure that
27 procedures are in place to document the receipt and distribution of
28 all gifts covered by this Part, in accordance with Section
29 602.702602.701(e), Ordinance Code. The Executive Director of the
30 Office of Sports and Entertainment shall provide the Council
31 Secretary/Director with a report on or before the fifth day of every

1 month detailing the total number of tickets, passes, vouchers or
2 other event gifts for each event occurring within the next six months
3 and the number of each ticket, etc. that the Council will receive or
4 has received.

5 **Section 3. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the
6 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and
7 division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth
8 herein. Such editorial changes and any other changes necessary to
9 make the Ordinance Code consistent with the intent of this legislation
10 are approved and directed herein, and the changes to the Ordinance
11 Code shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

12 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
13 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
14 without the Mayor's signature.

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

19 Office of General Counsel

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