

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Sheriff:

**ORDINANCE 2025-288-E**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 116.706  
(DISPOSITION OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES'  
BADGES AND SERVICE SIDEARM UPON RETIREMENT OR  
DEATH), PART 7 (MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT  
REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 116 (EMPLOYEES AND  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW  
JUDICIAL OFFICERS TO RETAIN THEIR ASSIGNED  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE BADGE(S) AND SERVICE SIDEARM  
SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR  
CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Amending Section 116.706 (Disposition of Sheriff's Office employees' badges and service sidearm upon retirement or death), Part 7 (Miscellaneous Employee Benefit Regulations), Chapter 116 (Employees and Employee Benefits), *Ordinance Code*.** Section 116.706 (Disposition of Sheriff's Office employees' badges and service sidearm upon retirement or death), Part 7 (Miscellaneous Employee Benefit Regulations), Chapter 116 (Employees and Employee Benefits), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 116 - EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

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**PART 7. - MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT REGULATIONS**

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**Sec. 116.706. - Disposition of Sheriff's Office employees' badges and**

1 **service sidearm upon retirement or death.**

2 (a) Upon certification by the Sheriff that an employee of the  
3 Sheriff's Office is retiring from the City in good standing, or  
4 if the employee is not retiring under threat of separation, such  
5 employee retiring after completion of 20 or more years of service  
6 with the City, or upon medical retirement due to a job related  
7 injury shall be entitled to keep and retain:

8 (1) The employee's Sheriff Office badge or badges having been  
9 assigned to the employee; and

10 (2) The service sidearm then assigned to the police, judicial  
11 or correctional officer, if:

12 (i) The service sidearm was issued to and used by the  
13 police, judicial or correctional officer for at least  
14 the two-year period immediately preceding the  
15 officer's retirement, or

16 (ii) The sidearm was purchased by the City more than two  
17 years before the officer's date of retirement.

18 (iii) The sidearm was issued to the officer during the two  
19 year period immediately preceding the officer's  
20 retirement and the issuance of the sidearm was  
21 initiated by and for the benefit of the Sheriff's  
22 office.

23 (b) Upon the death of any employee of the Sheriff's Office, the  
24 following shall be entitled to keep and retain the employee's  
25 Sheriff's Office badge or badges and, with the consent of the  
26 Sheriff, the service sidearm then assigned to the police,  
27 judicial or correctional officer:

28 (1) The surviving spouse; or

29 (2) If there is no surviving spouse, the oldest surviving lineal  
30 descendant of the officer.

31 (c) All items provided in this Section to a former employee are

1 subject to the perpetual responsibility and obligation that they  
2 be properly used and displayed, and are subject to forfeiture  
3 and return to the Sheriff's Office, upon reasonable proof that  
4 a former employee, surviving spouse or lineal descendent  
5 improperly displayed or used the item.

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

13 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Gaby Young

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