

Introduced by Council Member Miller:

ORDINANCE 2025-658

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15.108 (ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING), CHAPTER 15 (JACKSONVILLE SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE ACT), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL TRAINING FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ASSISTANTS ON GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE, OPEN MEETINGS LAWS AND ETHICS LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Amending Section 15.108 (Annual continuing education and training), Chapter 15 (Jacksonville Sunshine Law Compliance Act), Ordinance Code. Section 15.108 (Annual continuing education and training), Chapter 15 (Jacksonville Sunshine Law Compliance Act), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 15 - JACKSONVILLE SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE ACT

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Sec. 15.108. - Annual continuing education and training.

(a) Council Members and Executive Council Assistants shall receive, ~~and the Office of the General Counsel, with the assistance of the City Ethics Director, the Director/Council Secretary and other supporting agencies,~~ shall provide annual training on Government in the Sunshine, open meetings laws and ethics laws. The Office of General Counsel, with the assistance of the City Ethics Director, the Director/Council Secretary and other supporting agencies, shall provide annual training to assist the

Council Members and Executive Council Assistants in meeting this requirement. Council Members and their Executive Council Assistants shall be required to attend the training provided by the Office of General Counsel during the first year of the Council Member's first term in office. Thereafter, Council Members and their Executive Council Assistants may fulfill the requirement of this Section either by attending the annual training provided by the Office of General Counsel or by reviewing/viewing training materials published by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics and the State of Florida Attorney General's Office as necessary to fulfill the requirements of Section 112.3142, *Florida Statutes*.

(b) The date and time of the training offered by the Office of General Counsel as provided in subsection (a), ~~format, time, and duration of this training~~ shall be determined by the Director/Council Secretary, Director of Ethics, and Office of General Counsel. The format and duration of this training shall also be coordinated by the Director/Council Secretary, Director of Ethics and Office of General Counsel and shall be sufficient ~~utilized~~ to fulfill the requirements of F.S. § 112.3142.

(c) All Council Members and Executive Council Assistants attending or required to attend the annual training provided pursuant to subsection (a) shall be provided materials in electronic format.

(d) In addition to the aforementioned annual training, training on Government in the Sunshine, open meetings laws and ethics shall be provided upon special request. These presentations may be given at committee or Council meetings or at other times as may be directed by the Council President.

Section 3. 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

1 herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the
2 *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are
3 approved and directed herein, and changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall
4 be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

5 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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