

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-212

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Bowman, Becton, White, Freeman, Diamond

Date of Introduction: April 13, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: April 9, 2021

Type of Action: Approval and adoption of military and veteran appreciation program

Bill Summary: The bill approves and adopts a new pilot program entitled Military and Veterans Appreciation Program; provides for city oversight by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department; and provides for a sunseting of the program unless extended by legislation.

Background Information: The City of Jacksonville seeks to show appreciation to active military service members and veterans living in Jacksonville and the surrounding communities. A newly established pilot program will reduce park admission by ½ for Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park and Huguenot Memorial Park to active military service 24 members and veterans. The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department will track the number of active military service members and veterans receiving the reduced admission fees between June 1, 2021, and May 31, 2022. The department will submit a Military and Veterans Appreciation Program Final Report with recommendations to Council by June 15, 2022.

Policy Impact Area: Military and Veterans Appreciation Program, reduced park admission, Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, Huguenot Memorial Park

Fiscal Impact: Reduced park admission by ½.

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