

1 Introduced by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health
2 and Safety Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2022-**

6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 (PUBLIC FEES);
7 CREATING A NEW SECTION 123.108 (MILITARY AND
8 VETERANS' APPRECIATION PROGRAM; REDUCTION OF
9 CERTAIN PARK FEES FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS),
10 PART ONE (IN GENERAL), CHAPTER 123 (PUBLIC
11 FEES), ORDINANCE CODE, TO CODIFY A PERMANENT
12 PROGRAM FOR REDUCED ADMISSION AT CERTAIN PARKS;
13 PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE PARKS,
14 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT;
15 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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17 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville ("City") recognizes the strong
18 presence of active military service members and veterans living in
19 Jacksonville and the surrounding communities; and

20 **WHEREAS**, through Ordinance 2021-212-E, the City created a pilot
21 program to reduce the park admission fees for active service members
22 and veterans by ½ for admission to Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park and
23 Huguenot Memorial Park; and

24 **WHEREAS**, finding that the pilot program was successful, the
25 Council now finds that the fee reduction program should be made
26 permanent through creation of a new section in the Ordinance Code,
27 Section 123.108; now therefore

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

29 **Section 1. Creating a new Section 123.108 (Military and**
30 **Veterans' Appreciation Program; Reduction of certain park fees for**
31 **military and veterans), Chapter 123 (Public Fees), Ordinance Code.**

1 Section 123.108 (Military and Veterans' Appreciation Program;
2 Reduction of certain park fees for military and veterans), Part 1 (In
3 General), Chapter 123 (Public Fees), Ordinance Code, is hereby created
4 to add a new section as follows:

5 **CHAPTER 123. PUBLIC FEES.**

6 **PART 1. IN GENERAL.**

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8 **Sec. 123.108. Military and Veterans' Appreciation Program;**
9 **Reduction of certain park fees for military and veterans.**

10 There is hereby approved and adopted within the City a "Military and
11 Veterans' Appreciation Program." The Parks, Recreation and Community
12 Services Department is authorized to reduce current daily admission
13 fees by ½ for fees charged at Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park and Huguenot
14 Memorial Park (which may be applied to car, pedestrian and biker
15 admission but not on annual passes) for all active military service
16 members, and their immediate family members (spouse and minor
17 children), and veterans, regardless of residency in Jacksonville. In
18 order to qualify for the reduced admission fees, the active military
19 service member (or their family member), or veteran must produce at
20 the park entrance at the time of admission a state issued military
21 ID, DD214 ID, or veteran ID.

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23 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation prepared by: Paige H. Johnston

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