

Council Member Johnson - Proposed Amendment

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Cultural
2 Council of Greater Jacksonville:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-586**

6 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF
7 KIMBERLY PADGETT MORRISON AS A MEMBER OF THE
8 CULTURAL SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM COMMITTEE, AS ONE
9 OF THE SEVEN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES,
10 REPLACING KAREN ESTELLA SMITH, PURSUANT TO
11 SECTION 118.605, *ORDINANCE CODE*, FOR A PARTIAL
12 TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024; REQUESTING
13 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
14 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 118.605(a), *Ordinance Code*, the
17 membership of the Cultural Service Grant Program Committee shall be
18 composed of 1 non-voting member and 10 voting members: 1 Committee
19 chairperson (non-voting) appointed by the President of the Cultural
20 Council Board of Directors; 3 Cultural Council Board Members selected
21 by the Cultural Council Board President and Committee Chairperson;
22 and 7 individuals from the community appointed by the Cultural Council
23 Board President, Cultural Service Grant Program Committee Chair, and
24 the 3 Cultural Council Board Members; and

25 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 118.605(d), *Ordinance Code*, all
26 members of the Cultural Service Grant Program Committee shall be
27 confirmed by the City Council; now therefore

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

29 **Section 1. Confirmation.** The Council hereby confirms the
30 appointment of Kimberly Padgett Morrison, a Duval County resident,
31 to the Cultural Service Grant Program Committee, as a community

1 representative, replacing Karen Estella Smith, in accordance with
2 Sec. 118.605, *Ordinance Code*, for a partial term expiring December
3 31, 2024.

4 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
5 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
6 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
7 emergency is an unexpected Cultural Service Grant Program Committee
8 vacancy coinciding with the Cultural Service Grant cycle, and the
9 need for the appointee to fully participate in the grant application
10 review process from the onset.

11 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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18 Office of General Counsel

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Hate Crimes in Jacksonville, Florida

In the wake of the racially motivated shooting on King's Road on August 26, 2023, Jacksonville has seen a troubling rise in racially and ethnically motivated incidents targeting various communities. This disturbing trend focuses the urgent need for vigilance and stronger legal deterrents against hate crimes. Hate of any type should not be tolerated in Jacksonville, and it is imperative that the community unites to combat these divisive actions. We need to take a stance on all hate crimes to prevent a culture in which any hate crime is viewed as acceptable. Significant recent incidents include:

- Ku Klux Klan flyers thrown in bags with rocks into Oceanway neighborhoods (per Council Member Clark-Murray)
 - January 2023: Antisemitic flyers distributed in the Mandarin area (Boylan - 6)
 - December 2022: Threats by a hate group against a holiday drag show in the St. Nicholas neighborhood (Carlucci - 5)
 - November 2022: Antisemitic language and a Nazi salute reported on I-10 at Chaffee Rd S (White - 12)
 - October 2022: Antisemitic message projected during the Georgia-Florida game (Peluso - 7)
 - August 2022: Antisemitic flyers distributed in the Lake Pointe neighborhood (Lahnen - 3)
- June 2022: Hate speech targeting a same-sex couple thrown onto driveways in the St. Nicholas neighborhood (Carlucci - 5)
- December 2017: JSO & FBI prevented a mass shooting at a Jacksonville Mosque (Carrico - 4)
 - May 2010: Pipe bomb attack on The Islamic Center of Northeast Florida (Carrico - 4)

This bill will allow judges another tool, the ability to implement enhanced legal penalties, on violations made to increase hate and violence. The violations include: Chapter 368 (Noise Control), Chapter 614.103 (Public Order and Safety), Chapter 656 (Zoning Code – Unlawful Signs), and 741.107 (Violation of Zero Tolerance for Litter Law):

A person found guilty of a specified ordinance violation may face:

- A fine of up to five hundred dollars (CM Gaffney Amendment: up to \$10,000)
 - Up to ninety days in jail
 - Both fines and jail time

"If the violation was committed with the primary purpose of expressing (~~delete: or attempting to promote,~~) animosity, hostility or malice against a person or persons (~~delete: or against add: so as to endanger a person, persons~~) or the property of a person or persons because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, identity, marital status, national origin, age or disability, the fine and jail penalties authorized herein may be enhanced up to triple the assessed fine and/or jail penalty."

Deleting "**attempt**" eliminates it from becoming a judgement issue for those who will rule on such violations. By adding "**so as to endanger**" raises the bar considerably, to emphasize the point that there's no excuse for threatening to harm someone's person or property or for inciting violence.