

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-438

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: July 25, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: July 24, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment and *Ordinance Code* waiver

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Albert J. Ferraro Jr. as Director of the Neighborhoods Department. The requirement in Section 34.102 (Office of Director), Part 1 (Department Established; Office of Director), Chapter 34 (Neighborhoods Department), *Ordinance Code* for the director to have a bachelor's degree or higher is waived.

Background Information: Chapter 34, Part 1, *Ordinance Code*, establishes the Neighborhoods Department. Section 34.102, *Ordinance Code*, establishes that there shall be a Director of the Neighborhoods Department, who shall have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university and at least five years of experience in an administrative or executive position, and shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council.

Mr. Ferraro does not hold a bachelor's degree, but he has over 40 years of experience as a small business owner and served as a Jacksonville City Council member for two terms. Mr. Ferraro graduated from Sandalwood High School, and he has been the owner/operator of Ferraro Lawn Service since 1986. He resides in Duval County in council district 2.

Policy Impact Area: Neighborhood Department operations

Fiscal Impact: The salary range for this position is \$139,866.86 - \$228,353.98 annually

Analyst: Hampsey