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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-723

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: October 10, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: October 10, 2023

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* amendments, waiver of grant award deadlines and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill amends Sections 84.204, 84.302, 84.304, 84.305, 84.306, 84.307, *Ordinance Code*, to make changes in the timeline for the application process for the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee grant process. The bill waives the grant award deadline. One cycle emergency passage is requested to permit the OSUD committee to commence with the award process.

Background Information: The city of Jacksonville was adversely affected by the opioid epidemic in many ways. In response, the City participated in litigation against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids and the defendants agreed to payment of certain proceeds in settlement of the various claims that will be distributed over multiple years as part of a global settlement. Ordinance 2023-350-E created a new Chapter 84, *Ordinance Code* outlining the establishment of the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee to advise, review, evaluate, and score grant applications to fund projects and programs aimed at combatting the opioid crisis.

Due to unforeseen delays with the initial appointments to the OSUD committee, Chapter 84 needs to be amended in several ways to correct application, scoring and funding allocation deadlines for FY 23-24. With these amendments specific dates/months are adjusted to match the correct timeline of the application process, for example Sec. 84.305 stated previously that applications were due by September 30, 2023, but that is not feasible because of the appointment delays. As such the subsequent deadlines are amended accordingly. The OSUD Committee shall adopt final grant award funding allocations on or before January 31, 2024.

Policy Impact Area: Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey