

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-765

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Pittman

Date of Introduction: October 24, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: October 26, 2023

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 126 – Procurement Code – in Part 6 – Jacksonville Small and Emerging Business Program (JSEB) – to change definitions and program eligibility in several places to remove reference to a business owner’s net personal worth from the JSEB eligibility determination process and to change references from a business’ “gross receipts” to “gross revenues” in several places. It repeals Part VII of Ordinance 2021-117-E which authorized the JSEB Administrator to decertify a JSEB due to noncompliance with the JSEB Program eligibility criterion pertaining to personal net worth limitations. The bill extends the deadline for completion of the ongoing update to the 2013 procurement disparity study to February 29, 2024.

Background Information: The Procurement Code criteria to qualify for certification as a JSEB currently require that an applicant have a personal net worth (excluding the value of their personal residence) that is equal to or less than \$1,320,000 and that the applicant business’ annual gross receipts, averaged over the preceding 3 years, not exceed \$12 million. An additional criterion provides that in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the company’s stock must be owned by one or more persons each of whom meets the personal net worth criterion. The City’s procurement disparity study consultant, Mason Tillman Associates of Oakland, CA, has recommended that the personal net worth criterion be deleted from the City’s JSEB certification process. The use of the term “gross revenues” rather than “gross receipts” reflects the more commonly used term in the Ordinance Code.

Policy Impact Area: JSEB program operations

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements