

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-769

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: October 24, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: October 23, 2023

Type of Action: Reappointment

Bill Summary: This bill reappoints Josh Cockrell to the Public Nuisance Abatement Board, as a Community Advocate appointed by the Council President, for a second full term ending September 30, 2025.

Background Information: The Public Nuisance Abatement Board was established pursuant to Chapter 672, *Ordinance Code*, created to address and reduce nuisance activities and/or nuisance conditions that disrupt quality of life and repeatedly occur or exist at properties. Pursuant to the City's police powers, public nuisance properties are hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance and are subject to enforcement and abatement as described herein. The nuisance abatement process hereinafter set forth may be used by the City in conjunction with any and all legal actions available to the City.

The Public Nuisance Abatement Board is composed of 9 members with various areas of relevant expertise. Two members shall be community advocates appointed by the Council President; however, such members shall be prohibited from voting on any property located within their community.

Mr. Cockrell holds a bachelor's degree from the College of Charleston and a master's degree in public policy from Jacksonville University. He founded the StellaRea Group, is the Chief Power Driver for Charged Properties, and he served the City previously as an original member of the Safety and Crime Reduction Commission and on the Joint Planning Committee. Mr. Cockrell resides in Duval County in council district 2.

Attendance: Mr. Cockrell attended 13 of 14 meetings (93%) during his first term 10/1/21 – 9/30/23

Policy Impact Area: Public Nuisance Abatement Board operations

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey