

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-255

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: March 26, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: March 28, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization of fiscal year carry-over; invocation of direct contracting procurement exemption; request for one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates a total of \$193,176 from the General Fund Operating – Property Taxes (excess ad valorem collections) account to the Supervisor of Elections’ budget to purchase additional ballot-on-demand printers (\$96,039) and associated printing supplies (\$97,137) for early voting sites. The funds are authorized to carry-over to FY24-25. The bill invokes the Procurement Code direct contracting exemption to permit a direct contract with VR Systems, Inc. to provide the equipment and supplies. Emergency passage on second reading is requested in order to meet an anticipated state mandate for the purchase of such equipment.

Background Information: The Supervisor of Elections anticipates that the Florida Division of Elections will enact a new requirement in the near future for counties to have ballot-on-demand printers at all early voting sites. The Supervisor of Elections desires to procure the ballot-on-demand printers and associated technical support services from VR Systems, Inc. with whom the Supervisor of Elections Office currently has a contract to provide and maintain the City’s election systems. If procured from VR Systems, Inc., the ballot-on-demand system will readily integrate with the current systems already in place and supported by that company.

Policy Impact Area: Election operations

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates a total of \$193,176 from the General Fund Operating – Property Taxes (excess ad valorem collections) account

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