

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-544

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gaffney

Date of Introduction: August 10, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: August 9, 2021

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends Section 116.101 (Official Holidays), Part 1 (Holidays), Chapter 116 (Employee and Employee Benefits), *Ordinance Code*, subject to collective bargaining with the City employee unions.

Background Information: This bill adds a holiday, June 19 (Juneteenth), to the list of dates the City observes as legal holidays. Juneteenth marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed, two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and on June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday.

Policy Impact Area: City employee holidays- Juneteenth

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey