

Introduced by Council Member White:

**ORDINANCE 2024-746-E**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 674.206 (DISASTER EMERGENCIES), PART 2 (SECURITY, DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS), CHAPTER 674 (DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND CIVIL EMERGENCY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ADDRESS CERTAIN PROCEDURES RELATED TO DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER EMERGENCIES AND THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL PERTAINING TO SUCH DECLARATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 674 (Disaster Preparedness and Civil Emergency), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the procedures for declaration of and response to various types of emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 674.206 (Disaster emergencies), *Ordinance Code*, provides the process by which the Mayor may declare a disaster emergency, including the requirement for the Mayor to convene a special meeting of the City Council at the same time such a declaration occurs; and

**WHEREAS**, the timing of a declaration of disaster emergency and the obligation to convene a special meeting of the City Council should be undertaken with utmost consideration being given to the circumstances of the emergency being declared and to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public, emergency response personnel, and other parties involved in the coordination of a declaration of disaster emergency; now therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Amending Section 674.206 (Disaster emergencies), Part 2 (Security, Disaster and Emergency Preparedness), Chapter 674 (Disaster Preparedness and Civil Emergency), Ordinance Code. Section 674.206 (Disaster emergencies), Part 2 (Security, Disaster and Emergency Preparedness), Chapter 674 (Disaster Preparedness and Civil Emergency), Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 674 - DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND CIVIL EMERGENCY**

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**PART 2. - SECURITY, DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

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**Sec. 674.206. - Disaster emergencies.**

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(b) A disaster emergency shall be declared by proclamation of the Mayor if he finds that a disaster has occurred or that the occurrence or the threat thereof is imminent. The state of disaster emergency shall continue until the Mayor finds that the threat or danger has been dealt with to the extent that the emergency conditions no longer exist and he terminates the state of disaster emergency by proclamation; but no state of disaster emergency may continue for longer than 30 days unless renewed by the Mayor. ~~At the same time that the state of disaster emergency is declared, the~~ The Mayor, in coordination with the Council President, shall convene the Council in special meeting at the same time the state of disaster emergency is declared or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable in light of the circumstances surrounding the disaster emergency. At the special meeting the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, at which he shall report to the Council all the facts and circumstances concerning the disaster and his recommendations in connection therewith. The Council by

1 resolution may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any  
2 time, ~~thereby whereupon the Mayor shall issue a proclamation~~  
3 ending the state of disaster emergency. A proclamation or  
4 resolution issued under this subsection shall indicate the  
5 nature of the disaster, the area or areas of the City  
6 threatened by it, and the conditions which have brought it  
7 about or which make possible the termination of the state of  
8 disaster emergency. A proclamation or resolution issued under  
9 this subsection shall be promptly disseminated by means  
10 calculated to bring it to the attention of the general public.  
11 ~~and, unless~~ Unless the circumstances attendant upon the  
12 disaster prevent or impede, a proclamation issued under this  
13 subsection ~~it~~ shall be promptly filed with the Council  
14 Secretary.

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16 **Section 2. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and  
17 the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter  
18 and division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set  
19 forth herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to  
20 make the *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this  
21 legislation are approved and directed herein, and changes to the  
22 *Ordinance Code* shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are  
23 discovered.

24 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
26 without the Mayor's signature.  
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3           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos            
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5 Office of General Counsel

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