

1 Introduced by Council Member White:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-746-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 674.206
6 (DISASTER EMERGENCIES), PART 2 (SECURITY,
7 DISASTER AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS), CHAPTER
8 674 (DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND CIVIL
9 EMERGENCY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ADDRESS CERTAIN
10 PROCEDURES RELATED TO DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER
11 EMERGENCIES AND THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL
12 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL PERTAINING TO SUCH
13 DECLARATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION
14 INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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16 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 674 (Disaster Preparedness and Civil
17 Emergency), *Ordinance Code*, outlines the procedures for declaration
18 of and response to various types of emergencies; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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14 (b) A disaster emergency shall be declared by proclamation of the
15 Mayor if he finds that a disaster has occurred or that the
16 occurrence or the threat thereof is imminent. The state of
17 disaster emergency shall continue until the Mayor finds that
18 the threat or danger has been dealt with to the extent that
19 the emergency conditions no longer exist and he terminates the
20 state of disaster emergency by proclamation; but no state of
21 disaster emergency may continue for longer than 30 days unless
22 renewed by the Mayor. ~~At the same time that the state of~~
23 ~~disaster emergency is declared, the~~ The Mayor, in coordination
24 with the Council President, shall convene the Council in
25 special meeting at the same time the state of disaster
26 emergency is declared or as soon thereafter as is reasonably
27 practicable in light of the circumstances surrounding the
28 disaster emergency. At the special meeting the Mayor, or the
29 Mayor's designee, ~~at which he~~ shall report to the Council all
30 the facts and circumstances concerning the disaster and his
31 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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Form Approved:

 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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