

**SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JACKSONVILLE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT
AGENDA**

Wednesday, July 22, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, 1st Floor, City Hall

Tape No. _____
Dana Farris, Chief of Legislative Services

Garrett Dennis, Chair
Bill Gulliford, Vice Chair
John Crescimbeni
Al Ferraro
Tommy Hazouri
Joyce Morgan

Legislative Assistant: Crystal Shemwell
Research: Yvonne Mitchell
Attorney: Paige Johnston
Auditor: Robert Campbell

Meeting Convened:

Meeting Adjourned:

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

1. Introduction of Committee Members

2. Introduction of Department Heads (5 mins):

Denise Lee – Director of Blight Initiatives
Jim Robinson – Public Works, Solid Waste, Ground Maintenance
Kim Scott/Bob Prado – Municipal Code Compliance Division
Folks Huxford – Planning and Development
Paul Martinez – Intra-Government Services
Caleena Shirley – Housing
Renee Goode – JEA
Pat Ivey - JSO
Paige Johnston – Office of General Counsel
Paul Soares – Duval County Public Schools

3. Prior Assignments/Subcommittee Work

Pending Legislation:

2014-427 Donation of Properties

2014-553 Snipe Signs

2015-361 Vehicle Requirements

2015-377 Backing in Cars

20155-519 Residential Donations

Landbank/Lazy Assets

Sign Shop

4. Moving Forward

5. Public Comments

Next Scheduled Meeting _____

Other items may be added to the agenda at the discretion of the Chair

Ad Hoc Committee on Blight

July 22, 2015

Overview by the JTA

Blight Status Report from the JTA

Throughout the year JTA makes improvements and addresses issues at bus stop locations. The following is an overview of key activities during 2014 and 2015:

- In March 2014, JTA developed an incentive program to encourage bus operators and other employees to report Blight issues at bus stops by submitting a Bus Stop Problem Report. Each month an employee is recognized.
- In July 2014, JTA received \$95,295 from the City's Litter Trust Fund. The following details how the funding was used:
 - 115 trash receptacles were installed throughout the service area
 - The cost was \$641 each or \$73,715
 - The remaining funds of \$21,580 help cover the cost to remove trash once a week
- By the end of December 2014, all bus stop benches were repaired or replaced.
- In March 2015, JTA contributed to the Fight Blight initiative by wrapping a bus that is a rolling billboard throughout the City. The cost of the wrap was \$4,500 and advertising fees normally received are approximately \$12,000 annually.
- Post JTA's Route Optimization on December 1, 2014, the following has occurred:
 - Installed of 19 new bus shelters. Shelter installations include amenities such as a trash can, solar lighting, and bike rack. The shelters installations are new locations as well as replacing old shelters.
 - Removed and/or relocated all abandoned bus stop shelters as well as relocated all benches.
 - Addressed complaints/requests from customers to upgrade bus stops to meet ADA requirements. The JTA has approved 26 locations for upgrades.
- The north BRT will be operational by December 7, 2015. New shelters will be installed at all north BRT bus stops. See the two links below for more details regarding the stations and alignment:
 - https://sharepoint.jtafla.com/SiteDirectory/system/Planning%20Documents/BRT_North_Map_Series.pdf
 - https://sharepoint.jtafla.com/SiteDirectory/system/Planning%20Documents/FCF_North_Overview_Map.pdf
- JTA's annual operating budget to maintain, clean, and remove trash from all bus stop locations and shelter locations is \$533,724. JTAS's capital budget is used for new bus stop amenities and shelters.
- Following the City Council's appropriation of the Litter Trust Fund each year, a letter is submitted by the JTA requesting a disbursement of funds. For 2015, there is an allocation of \$51,202.61. The request from the JTA is being processed and the following is planned:
 - Installation of 62 trash receptacles (\$39,742)
 - Installation of 8 solar lighting units for shelter locations (\$10,000)
 - Remaining funds (\$1,460.61) will help with the cost to maintain and remove trash each week



Blight Public Awareness Campaign

Paul Martinez, Director of Intra-Governmental Services
July 22, 2015



630-CITY Customer Service

- 25,000 to 35,000 call a month.
- Ranging from, I lost my dog, my garbage was not picked up, are my taxes going up?
- 50% of all those calls are Blight related.
- 630-City is the pulse of the City. I invite you to come visit and listen in on some calls.



COJ Tire & Snipe Sign BuyBack (First Event)

- Most successful in the country.
- Un-believable Citizen Engagement. Cars lined up at 5am at EverBank field for an event that started at 8am.
- \$2.00 per tire, \$.50 per sign.
- Collected 46,000 tires and almost 5 tons of illegal snipe signs in the past 2 years.

REWARD

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE & THE CITY COUNCIL TIRE & SIGN BUYBACK



Up to 10 Tires @ \$2.00 per Tire Up to 40 Signs @ 50¢ per Sign

★ Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014 ★

★ Time: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM ★

★ Place: EverBank Field, Lot J {Southwest Side of Stadium}

Call 630-CITY for Information & Restrictions

Duval County Residents Only. NO Realtor signs accepted. NO Agricultural or Concrete Tires accepted.



REWARD



☆☆ COJ BUYBACK ☆☆ TIRES & SIGNS



\$2 PER TIRE
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RESTRICTIONS APPLY

SAT MARCH 28TH 2015

8A TO 2P EVERBANK FIELD ★ LOT J

CALL 630-CITY FOR INFO





Blight Committee Requests a Campaign

- Sustainable Campaign
- Pleasant in nature vs punitive
- Crosses neighborhood lines
- Exploration of a character like “Smokey the Bear”
- Think outside the box
- Use City assets when possible



Campaign Development



Logo, Tagline, Headline



“ Jax is Our City, Don’t Trash It.”





Mascot (Children's Commission named it)

- JaxCan
- Over 600 entries



JAX Kids! Jacksonville Children's Commission
Helping Jacksonville's young ones thrive

**HELP
FIGHT
BLIGHT
IN
JACKSONVILLE**

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**NAME THIS
FIGHT BLIGHT
MASCOT**

Win an iPad Air

VISIT JAXKIDS.NET/BLIGHT
JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY OR THE CITY HALL
TO SEE THE RULES AND ENTER.

Entries due by 5 p.m. March 25.
The winning name will be announced on April 8.



Develop look and feel for Print PSA

FIGHT BLIGHT

Illegal dumping is a crime, and the City of Jacksonville is fighting back. Our river is a precious resource. Help protect the St. Johns River and our own River City from blight. Your city needs your help. If you see it, report it. Be a part of the solution, not the problem.



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www.coj.net/blight

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

EMAIL 630CITY@coj.net

OR CALL 630-CITY



MOBILE APP TECHNOLOGY

FIGHT BLIGHT

Your city needs your help. Let's work together to fight against blight in Jacksonville. Using your mobile device, capture locations that need help. With our newly developed [insert app name] app, you can notify the City of Jacksonville instantly—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If not us, then who? If not now, then when? Be a part of the solution. Because you're worth it, Jacksonville!

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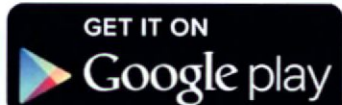
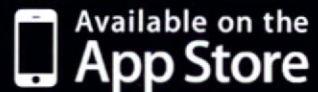
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First Product

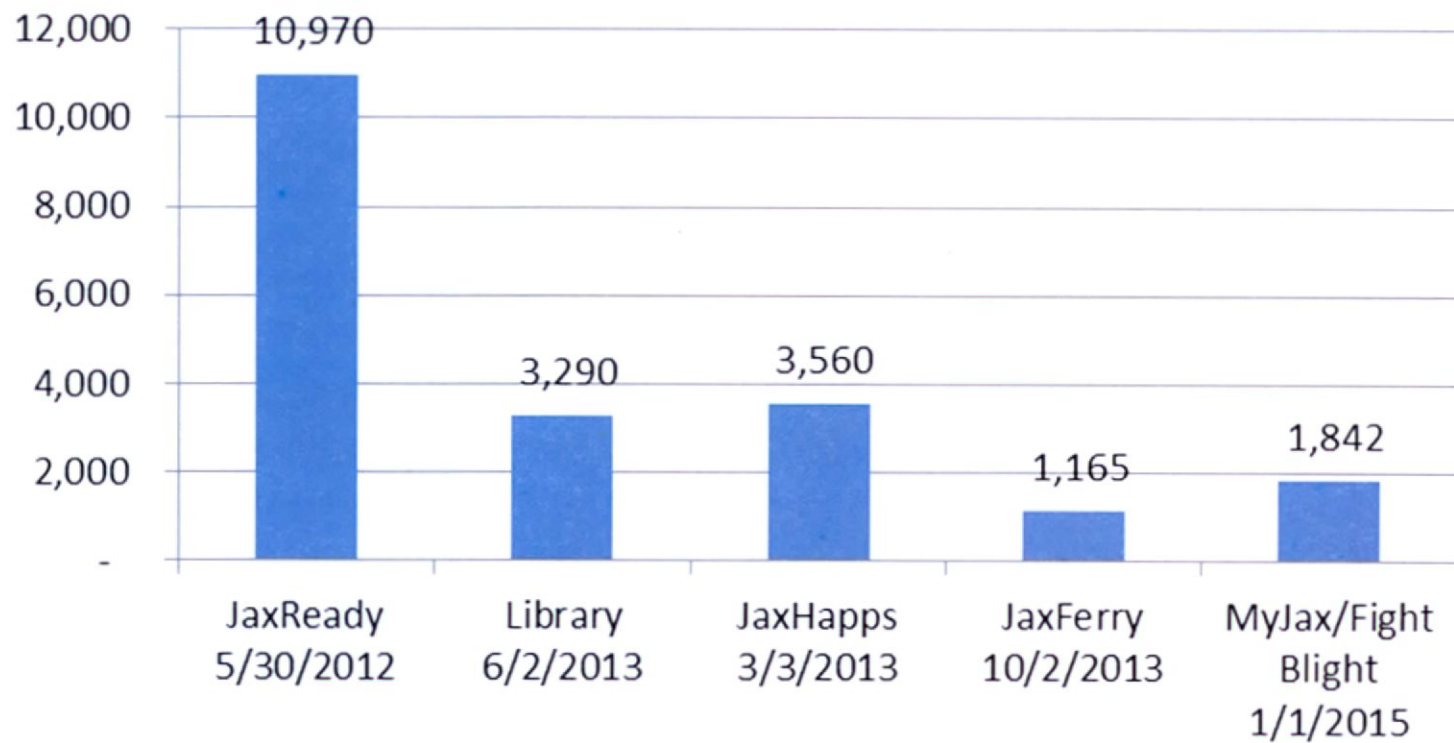
- Fight Blight App
- Show Video
- App results





City App comparison

First Year Downloads





Questions



DPW Talking Points for Ad Hoc Blight Committee – 7/22/15

Overall Public Works Responsibility

- Organized initial “Operation Urban Blight” using Incident Command Structure in conjunction with Emergency Preparedness and multiple City Departments and Agencies
- Since October 2013 close to 2,000 tons of solid waste collected and disposed of – imagine almost 9.5 feet of garbage covering a football field
- Over 10,900 tires removed from roadways and ditches – imagine stacked, this would be 1.4 miles high
- Provided logistics lead for 2 Tire & Snipe Sign buybacks – 2014 and 2015
- Almost 2,700 miles of City roads
- 9,673 private lots mowed/abated on behalf of Code Compliance
- 341 hazardous cited trees removed from private lots
- 587 City-owned lots on a continuous contract for 8 cuts per year

Mowing & Landscape Maintenance Division

- Division created with Ordinance 2013-683 – unanimous sponsorship and approval by Council
- Division consolidates all mowing and landscape maintenance in the City (except sports fields in Parks)
 - Absorbed mowing abatement previously managed by Code Compliance
 - Absorbed mowing of common area mowing and bed maintenance from Parks
 - Absorbed mowing of ash remediated lots from Solid Waste
 - Absorbed mowing of affordable housing lots from Housing & Community Development
- Division has 48 employees and a total budget of \$14.6 million per year
- Approximately 75% of work is contracted out

Solid Waste

- Led logistics of Tire & Snipe Sign Buybacks
- Over 46,000 tires collected during the past 2 events
- Just under 5 tons of snipe signs collected during the past 2 events
- Works in conjunction with JSO to deal with illegal dumping and waste tires
 - JSO agreed to provide surveillance cameras – perpetrators have been prosecuted
 - 21 repeat offender locations have been identified and are on a regular collection cycle
- Led discussion regarding possible ordinance changes re: waste tires

Real Estate

- Process tax reverted parcels received from Lands Available through the court system
- Instrumental in the development of the Property Asset Management Optimization process to deal with underutilized City real estate assets

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
BLIGHT INITIATIVES

Kimberly Scott, M.P.A., Director

Environmental Quality Division

Melissa M. Long, P.E., Division Chief

Municipal Code Compliance Division

Robert J. Prado, Division Chief

Environmental Quality Division

Contributions to the Urban Blight Initiative

The Environmental Quality Division (EQD) administers and monitors the city's air and water resources, with particular emphasis on pollution control issues. EQD also enforces laws related to environmental quality issues.

Environmental Quality Division enhanced its procedures for inspecting car wash sites, as part of the effort to fight blight and promote safe, clean communities in Jacksonville. The Blight Sub-Committee requested EQD participation to address concerns that "pop-up" car washes often contribute to deterioration of the quality of life in residential neighborhoods.

Automated commercial car washes are permitted through State regulations and properly dispose of, or treat, wastewater from their operations. "Mop-and-bucket" car wash operations have no means of treating wastewater generated by washing vehicles. The wastewater frequently runs into a storm drain, which is prohibited by Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB) Rule 3, or runs onto the ground, which may, under certain conditions, require a permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

EQD staff inspects car wash operations and issues *Notices of Violation*, if staff observes improper discharges into the City of Jacksonville's stormwater systems.

The concern: During April 2014, the Ad Hoc Blight Sub-Committee suggested more stringent compliance timelines and increased coordination with other city agencies, which have roles in regulation of car washes. Also, Blight Sub-Committee review revealed control of "mop-and-bucket" car washes required an amendment to the city's Zoning Codes Chapter.

Action: As a result, over the next month, EQD – working with Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD), Planning and Development Department, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and the Office of General Counsel – developed a revised inspection form, which includes specific action items for interagency coordination. Also, EQD established more immediate compliance suspense dates for JEPB Rule 3 violations, related to runoff of wastewater from the sites.

On 04-11-2014, EQD began a series of meetings with Planning and Development Department and MCCD. EQD provided guidance to the Planning Department, which would not only provide for control of car wash-related blight, but increase protection of Jacksonville's environmental resources. This joint effort culminated in OGC drafting **Ordinance 2015-100**, introduced by Council Members Anderson, Crescimbeni, Gulliford, Jones, Lee, and Love on 02-10-2015 and enacted on 04-14-2015.

Process Improvement

Ordinance 2015-100 strengthened provisions within City Ordinance Code Chapter 656 – Zoning Codes, by requiring owners of manual car washes to obtain a Zoning Exception in order to operate. This ordinance has a tremendous and immediate effect. Previously, operators of manual car washes could devise ways of controlling the wastewater and avoid EQD regulation. After City Council enacted Ordinance 2015-100, EQD staff began advising business owners and property owners that compliance with the new Zoning mandate is required, *as well as* compliance with environmental regulations. As a result, three (3) of the four (4) “mop-and-bucket” car wash operations inspected by EQD since enacting Ordinance 2015-100 ceased operation immediately. The fourth only continued to operate, because the site had no wastewater runoff and was “grandfathered”, via a Zoning Exception.

Future Discussion to Fight Blight

Environmental Quality Division plans to move forward with additional programs to fight blight. Most noteworthy is the Adopt-A-Tributary initiative, which is in the planning stage. The Adopt-A-Tributary program will engage community groups and businesses in cleanup of neighborhood creeks, streams, and rivers to promote community pride and appreciation of Jacksonville’s natural resources.

Municipal Code Compliance Division

Contributions to the Urban Blight Initiative

Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD) serves as property safety/maintenance, zoning, and sign code enforcement for Jacksonville, the largest city in land mass within the contiguous United States. Code compliance/enforcement in any major metropolitan area plays an integral role in addressing community blight and other conditions, which affect public health, safety, and welfare (quality of life), in addition to community development and property values.

Common issues inspected by Code Compliance Officers include: nuisance overgrowth; accumulation of garbage/trash/rubbish/debris; residential and commercial minimum property standards (maintenance); unsafe structures, which require condemnation; abandoned/junk vehicles; unpermitted/unauthorized land use, and; unmaintained swimming pools.

Since October 2013, Municipal Code Compliance Division participated in numerous sub-committees and assisted in development of new or enhancement of current legislation, which deals directly with addressing city-wide blight.

- **Ordinance 2014-427** adds a definition of “historic structure” and expands the “unsafe structure” definition to include buildings, which have municipal code enforcement-related liens, are boarded, and have no utility service in excess of 24 months.
- **Ordinance 2014-553** proposes fine increases for violations of *Chapter 741 - Zero Tolerance for Litter*. **Pending**
- **Ordinance 2014-724** amends various provisions of *Chapter 656 - Zoning Code* and creates a new process to revoke or suspend existing *Certificates of Use* and the enforcement of same.
- **Ordinance 2015-100** establishes requirements for a *Zoning Exception* for “manual car washes” in all zoning districts.
- **Ordinance 2015-327** prohibits placement of donation collection bins throughout the City.

Also, in addition to regular daily inspections, MCCD participated in city-wide Operation Urban Blight (OUB) neighborhood systematic code inspections:

Inspection Highlights October 1, 2013 to May 29, 2015:

Breakdown of 17,295 OUB Inspections by Type	
Nuisance	10,285
Junk Vehicle	2,446
Commercial	173
Nuisance Board Up	1,181
Residential	1,966
Unsafe Structure	174
Zoning	1,070
Total	17,295

Abatement Highlights October 1, 2013 to May 29, 2015:

Blight Abatement Projects	
Number of Completed Board Ups	1,181
Number of Completed Heavy Debris Removals	502
Number of Demolitions	103

During the referenced operational period, Municipal Code Compliance Division removed and disposed of 28,507 illegal signs from public rights-of-way.

Code Compliance Officers wrote 1,861 litter “snipe sign” citations, resulting in \$107,255.00 in collected fines.

Process Improvements

- Early in the Blight Initiative, MCCD developed a “robo-call” system to aid in the enforcement of illegal signs along public rights-of-way.
- MCCD may address additional vacant and blighted structures with the addition of a new unsafe structure definition.
- The division made significant improvements to its commercial property inspection procedures. Code Compliance Officers now include proof of *Local Business Tax Certificates* (issued by the Office of the Tax Collector), when conducting commercial property safety and maintenance inspections.
- Municipal Code Compliance Division improved communication with internal and external government agencies by adding a first-class mailed letter to advise other agencies of possible violations. This process “backs up” C.A.R.E. database and e-mail notifications.
- Manual car washes (“mop-and-bucket”) require a Zoning Exception for business operations. MCCD may issue citations, if businesses fail to obtain this authorization.

Ad Hoc Committee on Blight

July 22nd, 2015

Duval County School District
Summary Report

Blight Summary Report from Duval County Public School

Our school district has worked in conjunction with the City of Jacksonville Blight Committee effort to perform the following efforts:

- In June 2014 our District provided powerpoint briefings at two different Blight Committee meetings highlighting our efforts to remove the appearance of blight from all school campuses. Our District's effort focused on improving four distinct areas. The areas were;
 - o Fencelines
 - o Landscaping
 - o Retention Ponds
 - o Exterior Structures.
 - o Problem areas were identified and corrective actions were planned and taken since June 2014 to correct blight issues found.
- In November 2014 our District participated on the Blight Subcommittee on Truancy led by CM Greg Anderson with direct support from the LT Jones from Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Alex Pellom from Jacksonville Fire and Rescue. Micheal Mcauley from our District's Truancy office provided pertinent truancy data from schools with highest truancy rates.
 - o We jointly developed a truancy analysis around schools with highest truancy rates to determine if there was an impact on crime within neighborhoods surrounding these schools.
 - o A statistical analysis was performed by Mr. Pellom which determined no direct correlation between truancy at a given school and crime within neighborhood surrounding the same given school.



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: E. Denise Lee
Director of Blight Initiatives

FROM: Folks M. Huxford 
Director

RE: 7/22/2015 Special Ad Hoc Committee on Jacksonville's Neighborhood Blight

DATE: July 21, 2015

Planning and Development Department Roles and Responsibilities

- The Director of the Planning and Development Department regularly attends the Ad Hoc Blight Committee meetings, including attending subcommittee meetings as needed.
- **Building Inspection Division (BID)** performs plan review and inspection of any required landscape for all new and renovation projects.
 - BID issues site clearing and tree removal permits
 - BID issues warning and paying citations when the required landscape material is removed or dies and is not replaced
- The **Current Planning Division** reviews proposed changes to the Zoning Code related to the Blight Initiative by preparing staff reports for the Planning Commission and the Land Use and Zoning (LUZ) Committee of City Council.
- The **Community Planning Division** reviews all proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for consistency with the following anti-blight Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Future Land Use Element:
 - **Objective 2.2:** Through the use of neighborhood plans and studies, the City shall continue to maintain and implement an urban revitalization strategy for the City's blighted areas, and those areas threatened by blight, which will address maintenance, improvement or replacement of existing structures, permit the transition of run-down or grossly under-utilized commercial properties to alternate uses, and support the re-emergence of diverse urban neighborhoods

- **Policy 2.2.2:** All new neighborhood plans and studies shall require consideration of infrastructure needs and improvements to further redevelopment and investment in blighted areas
- **Policy 3.1.2:** The City shall eliminate incompatible land uses or blighting influences from potentially stable, viable residential neighborhoods through active code enforcement and other regulatory measures
- The **Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD)** dedicates Entitlement funding directly to the community to help address blight through its programs.
 - HCDD has awarded Community Development Block Grant funding to Municipal Code Compliance Division for clearance demolition and property board-up
 - **Special Contributions** - provided extensive research and analysis of nationwide best practices in the areas of:
 - Foreclosure/Vacant Property Registry ordinances, fee structures and implementation practices
 - Neighborhood Association development and management
 - Neighborhood Revitalization
 - Community Engagement
 - Land Banks
 - Maintain neighborhood association database and registration of new organizations
 - Established working relationship with SHADCO and will continue to partner with the agency through our CPAC's, sharing of data and community outreach efforts
 - Liaison to Community Development Corporations (CDC's) – assisted in the collection, organization and delivery of assignments
 - **Community Development Corporation (CDC) Contributions**
 - Provided identification of crime/blight problem hot spots within individual coverage areas
 - Assisted committee by conveying blight related information in individual organization's community/neighborhood meetings

Ordinances Enacted By City Council on Behalf of Ad Hoc Blight Committee's Recommendations

Ord. 2014-307

The bill amends Section 656.407 (Lot to Have Access), Chapter 656 (Zoning Code), Ordinance Code to add a new subsection (E) to require a statement of how public safety and municipal service vehicles will access property.

Ord. 2014-724

This ordinance amends:

1. Chapter 656 (Zoning Code), Ordinance Code 656.109(Administration and Enforcement; Interpretation of Zoning Code) , 656.110 (Enforcement), 656.151, 656.153, Subpart E of 656.156 (Certificate of Use) and creates new sections 656.157 through 656.163 to amend various provisions and creates new provisions concerning the certificate of use application process, revocation and suspension of existing certificates of use, and enforcement of same;
2. Section 656.1601 (Definitions), *Ordinance Code*, amending the Title of Chapter 770 (County Occupational License Tax) and creating new section 770.126 (Application of Other Laws), *Ordinance Code*, and amending the Title of Chapter 772 (Municipal Occupational License Tax) and creating new section 772.127 (Application of Other Laws), *Ordinance Code*, to clarify that issuance of an occupational license tax receipt does not waive compliance with other applicable city, county or state regulations; and
3. Provides for severability

Ord. 2015-100

An ordinance regulating car wash facilities in certain commercial and industrial zoning districts; ordinance code:

- To add automated car wash facilities and mobile car detailing services as a permitted use and manual car wash facilities as a permissible use by exception to the uses in the CCG-1 zoning district
- To add automated car wash facilities, auto laundry facilities and mobile car detailing services as permitted uses and manual car wash facilities as a permissible use by exception to the list of uses in the CCG-2, IL and IH zoning districts
- To delete car wash from the list of uses in the CCG-2 zoning district
- To add new definitions for auto laundry, automated car wash, manual car wash, and mobile car detailing

Ord. 2015-327

The amendment prohibits donation collection bins, defined as, any stationary or free-standing container, receptacle or similar device located outdoors on any property and in any zoning within Duval County for the solicitation and collection of donated items.

Ord. 2015-340

The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 179 – Mortgage Foreclosure Registration – to amend several definitions and creates policy for the eligible uses of registry funds.

Future Legislation on Behalf of Ad Hoc Blight Committee's Recommendations

Amendments to Section 122.461 (Donation of Residential Housing)

Working in concert with Ad Hoc Blight - Neighborhoods Subcommittee, Office of General Council and Council Auditors to revise existing code to identify eligible recipients and codify the process and policy by which properties are donated.

If you need further information, please advise.

FMH/ss

Strategy 1: Directly Impact Properties on the Foreclosure Registry
Foreclosure Prevention Strategy – Direct Services to Homeowners with
Properties on the Registry
Funded at a minimum of 30% of the annually budgeted appropriation

- Foreclosure Intervention – Provides direct cash assistance, up to \$8,500, to individuals and families who are in default or facing possible foreclosure action that meet the eligibility criterion.
- Foreclosure Mediation – Provides consumer credit counseling and mediation services to eligible homeowners to prevent foreclosure actions through possible loan modification and/or other variable resolutions; including legal services not related to foreclosure litigation.
- Education brochures, including the creation, production and distribution of informational materials to assist with foreclosure prevention and foreclosure intervention. Promote the education and advertisement of the accomplishments of the vacant registry initiative.

Strategy 2: Neighborhood Development
Housing and Community Development Strategy – Provide Services to
Residential Properties on the Registry and Neighboring Properties Impacted
by Properties on the Registry
Funded at a minimum of 40% of the annually budgeted appropriation

- Provide resources for community revitalization efforts such as mowing, board-up, demolition and other ancillary rehabilitation improvements of blighted private properties on or in proximity to homes on the foreclosure registry.
- Provide gap or construction financing to non-profit developers for the acquisition, rehabilitation and sale of vacant and/or REO homes in which the total development costs exceed the appraised value of the home.
- Batch Foreclosure
- Administrative funds to support staffing needs related to administering the Foreclosure Registry's programs.

Strategy 3: Community Development, Outreach and Education**Assistance to Neighborhoods and Organizations in which Foreclosure Registry Properties are Located****Funded at a maximum of 20% of the annually budgeted appropriation**

- Neighborhood Matching Grants – Communities in neighborhoods with high foreclosure rates/blight could apply for funds up to \$5,000 for physical improvements in their communities. The funds awarded would be linked to what the neighborhoods could match in funds, donations and/or sweat equity. Some of the possible uses could be: 1) clean up graffiti, 2) repair and install new fencing, 3) replace or develop neighborhood identification or entrance signs, 4) community gardens, and 5) painting/landscaping of pre-selected homes in areas surrounding the properties on the vacant registry.
- CommUniverCity – The CommUniverCity was a multi-week leadership training course that was offered to potential community leaders citywide. The goal of CommUniverCity was to teach skills that would establish and maintain successful neighborhood organizations.
- Communication/Educational Tools – Create and develop communication and educational tools for outreach activities that can be used Citywide and/or in neighborhoods with high foreclosure rates which include, but are not limited to: neighborhood forums, foreclosure/housing educational fairs, a citywide newsletter (email and/or printed publications), newspaper advertisements, flyers and other promotional activities to inform residents of upcoming meetings and events in their community.

Contingency: 10% available to be appropriated to Strategy 1 or 2 funding need, or carried forward to fund balance.



Jacksonville Sign Laws Resource

The following are examples of unlawful sign structures:*

1. Animated, flashing and revolving signs in all zoning districts. Changing message devices (manual/mechanical) are permitted unless otherwise prohibited.
2. Signs that are tacked (nailed, screwed), tied (rope, tape, zippy-ties), stapled or pasted/glued to a hydrant, tree, lamppost, telephone, telegraph/cell tower or electric utility pole, fence or building.
3. Signs placed in a public space or street right-of-way. These signs may be removed by the City of Jacksonville Building Official without prior demand or notice.
4. Temporary signs (not permanently anchored/secured to the ground or other structure, such as 'A'-frame signs, portable signs, or stick signs).
5. Lighted/illuminated signs producing glare to vehicular traffic (including illuminated electric lighting, which pulsates, flashes, flickers, or alternates or changes intensity).
6. Signs that are hung or supported from another sign and are not built as an integral part of that sign.
7. Certain existing, non-conforming signs, which do not meet the Building and Zoning Code. If the property title has been sold or transferred after March 1, 1987, the non-conforming sign must be brought into compliance with the Building and Zoning Code requirements (sign size or sign setback).
8. Signs consisting of streamers, ribbons, pennants or wind activated devices, multiple flags, including multiple flags of states, governmental units, balloons, including individual and giant balloons which are inflated and tethered for support which encompass an area or areas, singularly or in aggregate, greater than twenty-five (25) square feet.
9. Signs which do not meet all the requirements of the Building, Sign and Zoning Codes.
10. Any sign posted without an approved or issued permit (with payment received by City).

*A Guide to Jacksonville Sign Laws can be found at COJ.net or by going directly to: <http://www.coj.net/departments/planning-and-development/building-inspection-division/sign-laws.aspx>

Questions? Contact City Building Inspection Division at (904) 630-1100 or email questions to Becky Weeks at Rweeks@coj.net or George Gooden at ggooden@coj.net

Fines for violations of sign regulations (found in Chapters 326, 518 and 656 *Ordinance Code*) are subject to the Class D fine schedule (\$250.00 1st offense) pursuant to Section 609.109, *Ordinance Code*.

1 Introduced by Council Members Lee, Jones, Crescimbeni, Gulliford,
2 Love, Anderson and Bishop:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2015-519**

5 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DONATION OF PROPERTY
6 FOR RESIDENTIAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AMENDING
7 CHAPTER 122 (PUBLIC PROPERTY), SECTION 122.461
8 (DONATION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOUSING), *ORDINANCE*
9 *CODE*, TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF PROPERTY THAT
10 THE CITY MAY DONATE FROM \$25,000 TO \$50,000
11 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR THOSE
12 ENTITIES ACCEPTING DONATION OF PROPERTY;
13 ADOPTING A POLICY CREATED BY THE HOUSING AND
14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION TO EVALUATE AND
15 APPROVE ENTITIES ELIGIBLE FOR DONATION OF
16 PROPERTY FOR RESIDENTIAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING;
17 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

20 **Section 1. Amending Section 122.461 (Donation for residential**
21 **housing), Chapter 122 (Public Property), Ordinance Code.** Section
22 122.461, (Donation for residential housing), Chapter 122 (Public
23 Property), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 **CHAPTER 122 PUBLIC PROPERTY**

25 * * *

26 **PART 4. REAL PROPERTY**

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28 **SUBPART F. DONATION OF PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING**

29 **Sec. 122.461. Donation for residential housing.**

30 (a) The ~~Purchasing~~Procurement Division and Real Estate
31 Division may donate City-owned property, in concert with the

1 Housing and Community Development Division of the Planning and
2 Development Department, which has a current fair market value of
3 less than \$25,000 \$50,000, or any property acquired by the City
4 which contains a residential structure building that has been
5 vacant, and/or boarded-up for 24 consecutive months without water
6 or electricity, to a not-for-profit corporation, a private
7 entity/corporation or the adjacent property owner. The not-for-
8 profit corporation, the private entity/corporation or the adjacent
9 property owner must be approved by the Housing and Community
10 Development Division of the Planning and Development Department as
11 an entity or person whose efforts at redevelopment or constructing
12 housing for low or moderate income individuals meet reasonable
13 standards as to the quality of construction and compliance with
14 income standards. The Housing and Community Development Division
15 shall adopt a policy, approved by the Council, for evaluating and
16 approving such groups or entities eligible for donation. The
17 Housing and Community Development Division shall submit an annual
18 report to the Recreation and Community Development Committee of
19 City Council, or its equivalent, each year summarizing any new
20 groups approved for donation and detailing the number of parcels
21 donated pursuant to this section, the value of each parcel and the
22 approved entity receiving the donation. The following listed not-
23 for profit corporations are found to be qualified and may receive
24 property donations pursuant to this Subpart:

25 ~~(i) Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, Inc.~~

26 ~~(ii) Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) as~~
27 ~~identified by the Planning and Development Department.~~

28 (b) Prior to any donation, the Real Estate Division shall
29 investigate whether or not there is a need by the City or any
30 independent agency or, if deemed appropriate by the Real Estate
31 Division, any other governmental agency or unit of government;

1 provided that no written inquiry shall be necessary when the Real
2 Estate Division has been informed previously or otherwise is aware
3 of a need or no need to retain the property for governmental use.
4 If, as a result of its investigation, the Real Estate Division
5 determines there is a need for the subject property by a
6 governmental agency or unit, then no donation shall be made. During
7 this time, the Real Estate Division shall contact the District
8 Council Member for the district in which the property is located to
9 receive comments and/or objections. The District Council Member
10 shall have 90 days to make comments and to object to the donation.
11 If the District Council Member objects to the donation, he or she
12 shall have an additional 90 days for due diligence and to resolve
13 any issues or concerns related the donation. If the District
14 Council Member fails to object within the first 90 day period
15 above, or if they object but are unable resolve any outstanding
16 issues within the second 90 day period, the Real Estate Division
17 may file legislation before Council to donate the property.

18 (c) The Mayor and Corporation Secretary are authorized to
19 execute and deliver all documents necessary to convey the property
20 to the ~~not for profit corporation~~ approved entity.

21 (d) The Chief, Real Estate Division shall execute on behalf of
22 the City an agreement, with the approved entity ~~not for profit~~
23 ~~corporation~~, containing the following conditions: (i) The property
24 be used solely for the construction of affordable housing for low
25 or moderate income individuals; (ii) That construction of such
26 housing begin within 12 months of the donation, unless such time is
27 extended by the Chief, Real Estate Division; (iii) Construction
28 completed within 18 months of donation; (iv) The approved entity
29 ~~not for profit corporation~~ will assume full responsibility for
30 construction of the homes in compliance with appropriate building
31 codes; (v) The approved entity covenants with the City to ensure

1 that the front yard landscaping of each constructed residence is
2 well-maintained per the requirements of the donation agreement
3 between the City and the approved entity; (vi) The approved entity
4 must be current on all property taxes for all parcels owned by it
5 at the time of conveyance and have no current Code Enforcement or
6 nuisance liens on any parcels it owns (except that liens incurred
7 on parcels owned by the approved entity prior to the approved
8 entity taking title shall not count against it); and (vii) ~~(v) and~~
9 If construction is not ~~feasible~~ completed in eighteen (18) months,
10 or the approved entity fails to comply with the donation agreement,
11 at the City's election, the property will be conveyed to the City,
12 at no cost to the City. The form of the donation agreement shall be
13 approved by the Office of General Counsel. Failure of an approved
14 entity to comply with the requirements above may jeopardize future
15 participation in the program created herein.

16 **Section 2. Adopting a policy for evaluating and approving**
17 **entities eligible for donations pursuant to Section 122.461,**
18 **Ordinance Code.**

19 The Housing & Community Development Division of the Planning
20 and Development Department has established a policy for evaluating
21 and approving entities eligible for donation pursuant to Section
22 122.461, *Ordinance Code*. The City of Jacksonville hereby adopts
23 the policy created by the Housing and Community Development
24 Division attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
25 reference. This policy is subject to annual review by the Housing
26 and Community Development Division. Should the Housing and
27 Community Development Division determine that modifications to the
28 policy are necessary or recommended, the Housing and Community
29 Development Division shall file legislation through the Mayor's
30 Office to have such modifications to the policy adopted by the
31 Council.

1 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
2 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
3 without the Mayor's signature.

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5 Form Approved:

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7 /s/ Paige Hobbs Johnston

8 Office of General Counsel

9 Legislation Prepared By: Paige H. Johnston

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



June 30, 2015

Draft- Property Donation Policy

It shall be the policy of the Housing and Community Development Division (HCDD) to evaluate and approve the donation of properties designated by the Real Estate Department (RED) to HCDD in accordance with Section 122.461 of the City of Jacksonville Code of Ordinance. The donation of property shall be solely for the purpose of providing affordable housing as established by the Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Fair Market Rent and Income Limit Guidelines, as amended annually and referenced as "Exhibit A". Donations will be made to qualified eligible entities as identified and approved by the Chief of Housing and Community Development. Baseline qualifications shall include, but not be limited to the following criteria and will be reviewed and recertified on an annual basis:

Not-for-profit housing developers:

- 501c(3) or Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) certified or contractually partnered with an entity whose credentials fulfill this requirement;
- At least 2 years of verifiable housing construction, rehabilitation background;
- Financially in good standing per certified accounting audit ;
- Provide a list of all parcels in which your agency has site control. All parcels must be free of any City of Jacksonville liens/fines incurred while parcel has been in your agency's ownership and control; not owe any outstanding taxes.

Type of Donation /Use:

- Vacant land, or abandoned residential properties

For-profit housing developers:

- At least 2 years of verifiable housing construction, rehabilitation background;
- Financially in good standing per certified accounting audit ;
- Provide a list of all parcels in which your agency has site control. All parcels must be free of any City of Jacksonville liens/fines incurred while parcel has been in your agency's ownership and control; not owe any outstanding taxes.

Type of Donation/Use:

- Non-buildable lots/parcels
- Must be a contiguous parcel(s) in which a non-buildable lot is in need of additional land to assemble and create a buildable lot for the purpose of affordable housing development
- or
- Buildable parcels – Developer must have aggregated majority block ownership of parcel(s) in a given neighborhood whereby a city owned parcel interrupts ownership pattern and parcel is needed to complete a renovation strategy, and will be used solely for the purpose of establishing affordable housing for inclusion in the existing project.

Neighboring Property owner:

- Own contiguous parcel;
- All parcel(s) owned by property owner must be free of any City of Jacksonville liens/fines incurred while parcel has been in your agency's ownership and control; not owe any outstanding taxes.

Type of Donation/Use:

- Non-buildable lots/parcels
- Must contractually agree to adhere to all applicable maintenance regulations and ordinances pertaining to property ownership.

HCDD shall use the following list of items to determine eligibility:

- Written request for property donation establishing need, proposed use of property.
- Property Donation Application;
- Financial Statement – Certified Financial Audi;*
- Proof of rehabilitation/construction financing ;*
- Rehabilitation/new construction timeline;*
- Proof of affordable housing eligible recipient (must agree to contractually accept property with these provisions and maintain conformance for a period no less than 5 years). HCDD shall monitor property ownership and rental agreements on an annual basis;
- Must contractually agree to adhere to all applicable maintenance regulations and ordinances pertaining to property ownership.

** Does not apply to neighboring property owner donation applications.*

Exhibit A

FY2015 Fair Market Rent Summary

Jacksonville, FL HUD Metro FMR Area					
	Efficiency	1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3 Bedrooms	4 Bedrooms
Final FY2015 FMRs	\$628	\$775	\$931	\$1,228	\$1,502

FY 2015 Income Limits Summary

Jacksonville, FL HUD Metro FMR Area										
FY 2015 Income Limit Area	Median Income	FY 2015 Income Limit Category	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
Jacksonville, FL HUD Metro FMR Area	\$63,300	Very Low (50%) Income Limits	\$22,200	\$25,350	\$28,500	\$31,650	\$34,200	\$36,750	\$39,250	\$41,800
		Extremely Low (30%) Income Limits	\$13,300	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570	\$36,730	\$40,890
		Low (20%) Income Limits	\$35,500	\$40,550	\$45,600	\$50,650	\$54,750	\$58,800	\$62,850	\$66,900

1 Introduced by Council Members _____:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2015-**

5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 326 (SIGNS AND
6 OUTSIDE DISPLAY STRUCTURES), ORDINANCE CODE,
7 TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 326.109 (POSTING OF
8 SIGN REGULATIONS SUMMARY AT CERTAIN
9 BUSINESSES; ATTACHING TEXT OF SIGN REGULATIONS
10 SUMMARY TO BE POSTED FOR REFERENCE; PROVIDING
11 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

14 **Section 1.** Creating new Section 326.109 (Posting of Sign
15 Regulations Summary at Certain Businesses), Ordinance Code.
16 Section 326.109 (Posting of Sign Regulations at Certain
17 Businesses), Ordinance Code, is hereby created to read as follows:
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19 **CHAPTER 326. SIGNS AND OUTDOOR DISPLAY STRUCTURES.**

20 **PART 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS.**

21 * * *

22 **Sec. 326.109.** Posting of Sign Regulations Summary at Certain
23 Businesses.

24 All print shops, sign shops, copy shops or other businesses
25 located within the City of Jacksonville which provide design
26 services, printing, manufacturing, fabricating and/or installation
27 of indoor or outdoor signs shall post a copy of the City of
28 Jacksonville Sign Regulations Summary in a prominent space visible
29 to the public within each of its business locations.

30 **Section 2.** Sign Regulations Summary Attached. The text
31 of the Sign Regulations Summary to be displayed as stated herein e

1 is attached hereto for reference as **Exhibit 1.**

2 **Section 3. Conformance with Code.** The Jacksonville
3 Municipal Ordinance Code is hereby amended throughout all sections
4 of the Ordinance Code to conform with the intent of the provisions
5 in Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance. The Office of General
6 Counsel along with the Municipal Code codifiers are authorized and
7 directed to ensure code changes are properly codified as approved
8 herein.

9 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15 _____
16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Paige H. Johnston

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Jacksonville Sign Laws Resource

The following are examples of unlawful sign structures:*

1. Animated, flashing and revolving signs in all zoning districts. Changing message devices (manual/mechanical) are permitted unless otherwise prohibited.
2. Signs that are tacked (nailed, screwed), tied (rope, tape, zippy-ties), stapled or pasted/glued to a hydrant, tree, lamppost, telephone, telegraph/cell tower or electric utility pole, fence or building.
3. Signs placed in a public space or street right-of-way. These signs may be removed by the City of Jacksonville Building Official without prior demand or notice.
4. Temporary signs (not permanently anchored/secured to the ground or other structure, such as 'A'-frame signs, portable signs, or stick signs).
5. Lighted/illuminated signs producing glare to vehicular traffic (including illuminated electric lighting, which pulsates, flashes, flickers, or alternates or changes intensity).
6. Signs that are hung or supported from another sign and are not built as an integral part of that sign.
7. Certain existing, non-conforming signs, which do not meet the Building and Zoning Code. If the property title has been sold or transferred after March 1, 1987, the non-conforming sign must be brought into compliance with the Building and Zoning Code requirements (sign size or sign setback).
8. Signs consisting of streamers, ribbons, pennants or wind activated devices, multiple flags, including multiple flags of states, governmental units, balloons, including individual and giant balloons which are inflated and tethered for support which encompass an area or areas, singularly or in aggregate, greater than twenty-five (25) square feet.
9. Signs which do not meet all the requirements of the Building, Sign and Zoning Codes.
10. Any sign posted without an approved or issued permit (with payment received by City).

*A Guide to Jacksonville Sign Laws can be found at COJ.net or by going directly to: <http://www.coj.net/departments/planning-and-development/building-inspection-division/sign-laws.aspx>

Questions? Contact City Building Inspection Division at (904) 630-1100 or email questions to Becky Weeks at Rweeks@coj.net or George Gooden at ggooden@coj.net

Fines for violations of sign regulations (found in Chapters 326, 518 and 656 *Ordinance Code*) are subject to the Class D fine schedule (\$250.00 1st offense) pursuant to Section 609.109, *Ordinance Code*.

Legislation as a result of City Council Ad Hoc Blight Committee and Stand Up For Your Neighborhood Committee

Legislation # / Description	Committee	Status	Assigned Attorney
2013-683-E Creation of Mowing and Landscape Division	Ad Hoc Blight	Enacted 11/26/2013	M. Sidman
2014-041-E: Appropriation of \$53,000 for tree maintenance	Ad Hoc Blight	Enacted 2/25/2014	J. McCain Jr.
2014-042-E: Amends ordinance 2013-683-E to create a Mowing and Landscape Division replacing funding source	Ad Hoc Blight	Enacted 2/25/2014	J. McCain Jr.
2014-123-E: Tire buy-back appropriation \$128,502 for the tire buy-back.	Ad Hoc Blight	Approved by Council on 2/25/14	M. Sidman
2014-214-A Resolution confirming Emmett D. McDaniel as chief of Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Division	Ad Hoc Blight	Adopted 4/22/2014	J. McCain Jr.
2014-232-E: Tire buy-back appropriation of \$50,000.	Ad Hoc Blight	Approved by Council on 3/25/14	M. Sidman
2014-307-E: Amending Chapter 656 to require a statement regarding how Public Safety & Municipal Services vehicles will access property.	Ad Hoc Blight	Approved by Council on 6/24/14	M. Sidman
2014-427-E: Amends Chapter 518 regarding the demolition of non-historic buildings.	Ad Hoc Blight	Approved by Council on 1/27/15	C. Shaw
2014-724-E: Certificate of Use legislation	Stand Up for your Neighborhood	Approved by Council on 12/9/14	P. Johnston
2014-752-E: Appropriates \$814,000 in carry over for Municipal Code Compliance and Mowing and Landscape Maintenance division	Ad Hoc Blight	Amended & Enacted 1/13/2015	M. Sidman
2015-100-E Car Wash Legislation	Ad Hoc Blight	Approved by Council 4/14/2015	C. Shaw
2015-340-E Vacant Land Registry (aka Mortgage Foreclosure Registry)	Ad Hoc Blight	Approved by Council 6/9/2015	P. Johnston
2015-327 Prohibits the placement of clothing collection bins.	Ad Hoc Blight	Approved by Council 6/23/2015	Paige Johnston

Legislation as a result of City Council Ad Hoc Blight Committee and Stand Up For Your Neighborhood Committee

PENDING LEGISLATION			
2014-548 Provide funding for Low-income clients of Jacksonville Legal Aid to help avoid foreclosure.	Ad Hoc Blight	In Committees	James McCain, Jr.
2014-553: Amends 747.101 to modify snipe sign fines.	Ad Hoc Blight	Pending in Finance & TEU; Apvd by Rules 6-1	M. Sidman
2015-361 (CM Brown) Junk Vehicle Bill to ban outdoor storage of unlicensed vehicles where tags are not clearly visible from the right-of-way	Ad Hoc Blight	In Committees	Paige Johnston
2015-377 (CM Jones) Junk Vehicle Bill to ban outdoor storage of abandoned cars and that license tags be clearly visible on covered vehicles.	Ad Hoc Blight	In Committees	Cherry Shaw
2015-519 Expands ability of City to donate residential property to for profit entities for low income housing development.	Ad Hoc Blight	In Committees	Paige Johnston
LEGISLATION IN DRAFT STAGE			
Amending Chapter 260 (Disposal of Waste Tires) to regulate secondary tire resale.	Ad Hoc Blight	Draft Stages	M. Sidman
Legislation to authorize the uniform collection of nuisance liens on the non-ad valorem tax roll pursuant to Section 197.3652, F.S.	Ad Hoc Blight	Current ongoing discussions with the Tax Collector's Office, the Property Appraiser, CM Crescimbeni & Regulatory Compliance Dept.	C. Shaw
Rezoning Safar Property	Stand Up for your Neighborhood	Draft Stages	P. Johnston



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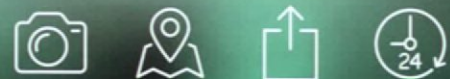
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KEEP JACKSONVILLE BEAUTIFUL

WHAT WE DO

The Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission is the local, grassroots affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, the nation's largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. Made up of volunteer representatives of the public, private and not-for-profit sectors appointed by the mayor of Jacksonville, The commission provides leadership and direction for the projects of Keep Jacksonville Beautiful and approves any expenditures necessary to make those projects possible. All meetings are open to the public.

Time Commitment

The commission meets bi-monthly, with committees meeting separately on the months in between.

BENEFITS

- ✓ Support of community beautification efforts
- ✓ Enhance community pride
- ✓ Improve the quality of life in Jacksonville through outreach, educational activities and programming
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SHERIFF'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHAT WE DO

Sheriff's Advisory Councils (ShAdCos) are a partnership between law enforcement and the community and it allows for information exchanges between citizens and the police. Regularly scheduled meetings in the sectors within the six police zones sectors give citizens an opportunity to communicate directly with command staff and police officers on issues of importance to their communities.

Each ShAdCo has an elected chairperson to manage the program. The zone commanders work actively with the councils, but do not chair the meetings. Topics of discussion can include but are not limited to eliminating drug houses, traffic issues, home security, and community education.

Time Commitment

The groups meet once a month to discuss issues pertaining to their area of the city and to plan solutions.

BENEFITS

- ✓ Direct engagement between residents and law enforcement
- ✓ Ability to tackle problems with the police working in their specific areas
- ✓ Empowerment of the community

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GO TO:
WWW.COJ.NET/SHADCO

CITIZEN PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEES

WHAT WE DO

Jacksonville's more than 500 neighborhoods are divided into six planning districts each with a Citizens Planning Advisory Committee or 'CPAC'. The primary purpose of the CPAC is to maintain open, effective communication between Jacksonville residents, businesses, neighborhoods, community organizations, educational institutions and city government.

CPAC members are appointed by the Mayor. Eligibility for appointment is determined by the Chief of the Housing and Community Development Division, Planning and Development Department.

Time Commitment

The CPACs meet once a month to discuss issues concerning planning, land use, zoning, transportation, community services, economic development, recreation, schools, police and public safety.

BENEFITS

- ✓ Direct engagement between citizens and appropriate city agencies
- ✓ Ability to localize and tackle neighborhood issues
- ✓ Empowerment of the community

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GO TO:
WWW.COJ.NET/CPAC

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

WHAT WE DO

A Neighborhood Association (NA) is a group of residents or property owners who advocate for or on behalf of the residents within a neighborhood for changes and improvements such as neighborhood safety, beautification and other issues. Neighborhood Associations are supported by the City of Jacksonville.

Time Commitment

The time commitment depends on the individual neighborhood association.

BENEFITS

- ✓ Engagement between neighbors in a neighborhood to tackle issues pertinent to the neighborhood
- ✓ Empowerment of the residents in the neighborhood

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GO TO:
WWW.COJ.NET/NA