

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Becton, Boyer, K. Brown and R. Gaffney and substituted by  
3 the Finance Committee:  
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6 **ORDINANCE 2017-695-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PERMIT FEE PROVISIONS  
8 OF SECTION 320.409, (CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS  
9 AND BUILDING CODES, GENERAL PROVISIONS,  
10 SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES) *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO  
11 PROVIDE REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS FOR CERTAIN  
12 CITY-RELATED BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION FEES  
13 IN CONNECTION WITH PERMIT APPLICATIONS MADE  
14 FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,  
15 2017 FOR RE-ROOFING (NON-STRUCTURAL ROOFING  
16 MATERIAL REPAIRS) AND CERTAIN ELECTRICAL  
17 SERVICE REPAIRS ON EXISTING STRUCTURES DAMAGED  
18 BY HURRICANE IRMA; PROVIDING THAT THE CHIEF  
19 BUILDING OFFICIAL HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY TO  
20 APPROVE ANY REFUND REQUEST; ATTACHING AN  
21 AFFIDAVIT FOR CERTIFICATION THAT REFUNDED WORK  
22 WAS RELATED TO HURRICANE IRMA; APPROPRIATING  
23 \$749,598 FROM CASH CARRYOVER FOR THE PERMIT  
24 REFUNDS AND ASSOCIATED POSTAGE; PROVIDING FOR  
25 A RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF THESE FUNDS;  
26 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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28 **WHEREAS**, the winds, rain and flooding associated with  
29 Hurricane Irma impacted a significant number or structures in  
30 Jacksonville, resulting in millions of dollars of expenses to the  
31 owners of those buildings; and

1           **WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to assist in the swift  
2 repair of those impacted buildings to preserve and protect  
3 properties and their contents from exposure to the elements, to  
4 remove loose or dangerous structural and construction elements that  
5 may become dangerous wind-born hazards in the event of future  
6 storms and which could develop into blighting and unsightly  
7 conditions on surrounding properties and neighborhoods; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the City has the authority to refund permit  
9 application fees for construction projects on properties in the  
10 City; and

11           **WHEREAS**, a temporary refund period for re-roofing permit fees  
12 and certain electrical repair permits would further the public  
13 health, safety and welfare for property owners of Hurricane Irma-  
14 impacted structures and properties in close proximity to such  
15 properties; and

16           **WHEREAS**, a temporary refund period for re-roofing permit fees  
17 and certain electrical repair permits limited to the time period of  
18 September 11, 2017 to December 31, 2017 would incentivize property  
19 owners to quickly repair damage associated with Hurricane Irma and  
20 accomplish the important public policy considerations noted above;  
21 now therefore

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

23           **Section 1.           Refunds for Certain Permit Fees in Section**  
24 **320.409 (Constructions Regulations and Building Codes, General**  
25 **Provisions, Schedule of Permit Fees), Ordinance Code Authorized.**

26 The City hereby authorizes refunds for any City-imposed permit fees  
27 required in Section 320.409, *Ordinance Code* related to permit  
28 applications for re-roofing and non-structural roof repairs and  
29 electrical service repairs to the owner's side of the electrical  
30 service point of overhead electrical connections on existing  
31 structures damaged by Hurricane Irma, which were applied for



1 The funding above is appropriated from the Cash Carryover  
2 available within the Building Inspection Division Subfund  
3 and will be transferred within the Building Inspection  
4 Division Subfund to expenditure line items for refunds  
5 and associated postage.

6 **Section 5. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
7 Section 4 is to provide refunds for any City-imposed permit fees  
8 required in Section 320.409, *Ordinance Code* related to permit  
9 applications for re-roofing and non-structural roof repairs and  
10 electrical service repairs to the owner's side of the electrical  
11 service point of overhead electrical connections on existing  
12 structures damaged by Hurricane Irma, which were applied for  
13 between September 11, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

14 **Section 6. Restriction on Use of Funds.** Funds appropriated  
15 herein shall not be used for any other purpose and may not be  
16 transferred to any other expenditure line items. Any funds  
17 remaining after all refunds timely requested have been made shall  
18 be returned to the Cash Carryover line item within the Building  
19 Inspection Division for future appropriation by City Council.

20 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Jason R. Teal

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Jason R. Teal

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