

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-233-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR,
6 OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
7 EXECUTE AND DELIVER A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
8 THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND CLAY COUNTY FOR MEDICAL
9 EXAMINER SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT; PROVIDING FOR
10 OVERSIGHT BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 406, *Florida Statutes*, the District
14 IV Medical Examiner has been appointed by the Governor to serve the
15 residents of Nassau, Clay and Duval counties; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the District IV Medical Examiner is to be compensated
17 for his or her services by the three counties; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville (Duval County) has allocated
19 an annual salary to be paid the District IV Medical Examiner for the
20 full services rendered to all three counties; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Clay County and the City of Jacksonville (Duval County)
22 desire to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for Medical Examiner
23 Services and Reimbursement pursuant to which Clay County is to
24 reimburse the City of Jacksonville (Duval County) for the value of
25 the District IV Medical Examiner's services it receives; now,
26 therefore

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

28 **Section 1. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
29 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation
30 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, a Cooperative
31 Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Clay County for Medical

1 Examiner Services and Reimbursement (the "Agreement"), in
2 substantially the same form as is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
3 incorporated herein by this reference, and all other documents
4 necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this Ordinance
5 and said Agreement. The term of the Agreement shall be for a five
6 (5) year period commencing on October 1, 2023 and ending September
7 30, 2028.

8 Reimbursement from Clay County for services provided by the
9 District IV Medical Examiner shall be in accordance with the Fee
10 Schedule attached to the Agreement. This Fee Schedule was approved
11 by the City Council pursuant to Ordinance 2017-370-E, as required by
12 Section 124.103, *Ordinance Code*. The Medical Examiner will review
13 the fees annually no later than June of each year and should it be
14 determined by the Medical Examiner that fees do not sufficiently
15 cover the City's financial exposure, a notice of increase will be
16 given to Clay County with an effective date of October 1, 2024,
17 October 1, 2025, October 1, 2026 and/or October 1, 2027, thus
18 providing a ninety (90) day notice on increase in fees.

19 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Medical Examiner's Office shall
20 oversee administration of the Agreement described herein.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation prepared by Mary E. Staffopoulos

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