

1 Introduced by Council President White:

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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-231-A**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING JASON R. TEAL ON HIS
6 DEDICATED CAREER IN THE OFFICE OF GENERAL
7 COUNSEL AND RECOGNIZING HIS 24 YEARS OF
8 EFFECTIVE AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE
9 CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF
10 JACKSONVILLE; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
11 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS,** Jason R. Teal earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in
14 Environmental Science from the University of Kansas in 1992 and his
15 Juris Doctorate (with honors) from the Florida State University
16 College of Law in 1998; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Teal began his law practice at The Walters Law
18 Firm in Jacksonville where he handled a variety of environmental
19 matters, including environmental due diligence reviews related to
20 real estate transactions and negotiating various regulatory permits,
21 consent orders and remedial corrective action plans with the Florida
22 Department of Environmental Protection, before joining the Office of
23 General Counsel in 2000; and

24 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Teal joined the Office of General Counsel as an
25 Assistant General Counsel and continued in that role for ten years
26 at which point he was promoted to Chief of the Regulatory Division;
27 in 2015 he was promoted to Deputy General Counsel with responsibility
28 for oversight and management of the Regulatory and Constitutional Law
29 Department; and

30 **WHEREAS,** in 2021 Mr. Teal was recommended by Mayor Lenny Curry
31 for appointment to the position of General Counsel of the Consolidated

1 Government of the City of Jacksonville, which appointment was
2 confirmed by the City Council in August of 2021, and he served as
3 General Counsel until June of 2023; and

4 **WHEREAS,** after serving as General Counsel, Mr. Teal remained
5 with the Office of General Counsel and served both as Senior Assistant
6 General Counsel, offering wisdom, insight and assistance during a
7 time of significant transition for the Office of General Counsel; he
8 has most recently served as Deputy General Counsel over the
9 reconstituted Regulatory and Constitutional Law Department since
10 January of 2024; and

11 **WHEREAS,** throughout his tenure with the Office of General
12 Counsel, Mr. Teal provided dedicated legal counsel to the City and
13 its independent agencies and represented the Consolidated Government
14 in a variety of substantive areas of law; he has been particularly
15 effective in providing guidance and counsel on matters of public
16 policy and litigation strategy and has zealously advocated for the
17 best interests of his individual clients and the Consolidated
18 Government as a whole; and

19 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Teal has recently accepted the opportunity to
20 continue his service to the City of Jacksonville in a new role as the
21 Council Secretary/Director; now therefore

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

23 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
24 Jason R. Teal for 24 years of dedicated and effective service to the
25 City of Jacksonville in the Office of General Counsel where he
26 diligently and successfully represented the Consolidated Government's
27 interests in a myriad of legal proceedings, involving all manner of
28 legal concepts of varying depth and complexity. The Council extends
29 its gratitude to Mr. Teal for his exemplary service and commitment
30 to the City of Jacksonville and looks forward to his continued service
31 to the City, and specifically the City Council, as Council

1 Secretary/Director.

2 **Section 2. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
3 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
4 introduction of this Resolution is requested so that Mr. Teal can be
5 recognized in a timely fashion relative to his departure from the
6 Office of General Counsel to serve in his new role as Council
7 Secretary/Director.

8 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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