

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Sheriff and  
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Howland, Amaro and Miller and amended  
3 by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety  
4 Committee:

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7 **ORDINANCE 2024-634-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.06  
9 (APPLICABILITY OF CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM TO  
10 EMPLOYEES OF CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT) OF ARTICLE  
11 17 (CIVIL SERVICE) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF  
12 JACKSONVILLE AS AUTHORIZED BY CHARTER SECTION  
13 17.06 (EE), TO REPLACE OR RENAME CURRENT EXEMPT  
14 EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, OR TO EXEMPT ESTABLISHED  
15 EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE;  
16 AMENDING CHAPTER 37 (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF),  
17 PART 1 (ORGANIZATION), SECTION 37.101 (SHERIFF'S  
18 POWERS AND DUTIES), *ORDINANCE CODE*, CHANGING THE  
19 NAME FROM ASSISTANT CHIEFS TO SECTION COMMANDERS  
20 AND APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY OF SAME; AMENDING  
21 CHAPTER 37 (OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF), PART 1  
22 (ORGANIZATION), SECTION 37.102 (UNCLASSIFIED  
23 APPOINTMENTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, RENAMING  
24 POSITIONS FOR CONSISTENCY; AMENDING CHAPTER 116  
25 (EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS), *ORDINANCE*  
26 *CODE*, SECTION 116.901 (APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND  
27 EMPLOYEES) TO CLARIFY AND IDENTIFY CERTAIN  
28 EXEMPT EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS IN THE CHARTER, AND  
29 THE MANNER OF HIRING AND SEPARATION; AMENDING  
30 CHAPTER 121 (POLICE AND FIRE PENSION PLAN), PART  
31 1 (POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS PENSION FUND

ADMINISTRATION) SECTION 121.105 (PENSIONER'S RIGHTS UPON REEMPLOYMENT BY CITY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO CREATE TWO NEW EXEMPTIONS OF RETIREES; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SHERIFF'S POWERS AND DUTIES; AMENDING SECTION 129.101 (PAY GRADES, SALARY RANGES, AND SALARIES) TO MAKE COMPLEMENTARY ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE SECTION 116.901 CHANGES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Amending Section 17.06 (Applicability of civil service system to employees of consolidated government), Charter of the City of Jacksonville.** By virtue of Section 17.06 (Applicability of civil service system to employees of consolidated government), Article 17 (Civil Service), *Charter of the City of Jacksonville*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 17. CIVIL SERVICE**

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**Sec. 17.06. Applicability of civil service system to employees of consolidated government.** The civil service provisions of this charter shall be applicable to all employees of the consolidated government except:

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(aa) The following persons employed by the office of the sheriff:

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(3) ~~Up to one s~~Sheriff's aides.

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(5) ~~Up to 24 assistant division chiefs.~~Section commanders.

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(13) Executive assistants for department directors.

**Section 2. Amending Chapter 37 (Office of the Sheriff), Part 1 (Organization), Section 37.101 (Sheriff's powers and duties), Ordinance Code.** Chapter 37 (Office of the Sheriff), Part 1 (Organization), Section 37.101 (Sheriff's powers and duties), Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 37. - OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

**PART 1. - ORGANIZATION**

**Sec. 37.101. - Sheriff's powers and duties.**

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(g) To appoint department directors, divisions chiefs, section commanders, and such other personnel authorized by Section 37.102 herein.

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(l) ~~To have authority and responsibility for the fiscal management of the Sheriff's Office.~~ To transfer the appointed section commanders between sections when it is deemed necessary and essential to the efficient operation of the Sheriff's Office.

(m) To make and enter into cooperative agreements in connection with the Sheriff's management, operation, and control of law enforcement and traffic safety within the consolidated government in order to promote the health and general welfare of persons in Jacksonville, Florida, without further City Council authorization; provided however such agreements:

- (1) Are entered into with (i) other federal, state and local governmental agencies or local independent authorities;
- (ii) not-for-profit corporations; or (iii) for-profit entities which are providing the Sheriff's Office access, for the purposes described herein, to certain intangible, tangible or real property owned or operated by the for-

profit corporation;

(2) Are not entered into for the purpose of procuring goods or services from for-profit entities;

(3) Do not require additional funding from the City;

(4) Do not require the City to indemnify or hold harmless a third party beyond existing statutory and common law obligations;

(5) Provide for termination at will upon 90-day notice clauses;

(6) Contain, near the signature block, reference to this subsection as the authority for the Sheriff to make and execute same;

(7) Are reviewed and approved as to form, by the Office of General Counsel; and that

(8) A fully signed and executed copy or duplicate original thereof is maintained by the Office of General Counsel; and that

(9) The Sheriff maintains a depository, log and record of all such agreements.

(n) To have authority and responsibility for the fiscal management of the Sheriff's Office.

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**Section 3. Amending Section 37.102, Ordinance Code.**

Section 37.102 (Unclassified appointments), Part 1 (Organization) of Chapter 37 (Office of the Sheriff), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 37. - OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

**PART 1. - ORGANIZATION**

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**Section 37.102. Unclassified appointments.**

(a) The Undersheriff, department directors, and division chiefs in the Sheriff's Office shall be in the unclassified service

1 of the City and shall not be subject to the civil service laws  
2 affecting the City. They shall have a college degree or at least five  
3 years' training and experience. They shall be appointed by the Sheriff  
4 and may be removed at any time by the Sheriff without cause but, upon  
5 removal, the official shall be entitled to all of the civil service  
6 and pension rights to which he was entitled prior to his appointment.  
7 The Undersheriff, department director, or division chief appointed  
8 by the Sheriff shall be confirmed by the Council before the  
9 appointment becomes permanent.

10 (b) In addition, the Sheriff may appoint ~~up to 24 assistant~~  
11 ~~division chiefs,~~ section commanders, ~~one~~ Sheriff's aides, one  
12 ~~secretary~~ executive assistant for the Sheriff, one ~~secretary~~  
13 executive assistant for the Undersheriff, and ~~up to four secretaries~~  
14 executive assistants for assignment to department directors provided  
15 for in this Chapter. Each such position shall be in the unclassified  
16 service of the City and shall not be subject to the Civil Service  
17 laws affecting the City. Persons appointed to any of these positions  
18 may be removed at any time by the Sheriff without cause, but, upon  
19 removal, the appointee shall be entitled to each of the civil service  
20 and pension rights to which the appointee was entitled, if any, prior  
21 to the appointment.

22 (c) Appointments of the sheriff's aides and the ~~secretaries~~  
23 executive assistants of the Sheriff, Undersheriff, and directors do  
24 not need to be confirmed by Council.

25 (d) ~~Assistant division chiefs~~ Section commanders shall have a  
26 college degree or at least five years training and experience.  
27 The appointment of ~~assistant division chiefs~~ section commanders  
28 shall not be required to be confirmed by the Council; provided  
29 that, the person appointed is, at the time of the appointment,  
30 currently an employee of the Sheriff's office with at least one  
31 year of service immediately prior to the appointment. The

Council, however, must confirm any appointment to ~~assistant~~  
~~division chief~~ section commander who is not a current employee  
with one year of immediate prior service.

**Section 4. Amending Section 121.105, Ordinance Code.**

Section 121.105 (Pensioner's rights upon reemployment by City), Part  
1 (Police and Fire Pension Fund Administration) of Chapter 121 (Police  
and Firefighters Pension Plan), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to  
read as follows:

**CHAPTER 121. - POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS PENSION PLAN**

**PART 1. - POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUND ADMINISTRATION**

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**Section 121.105. Pensioner's rights upon reemployment by City.**

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(d) The provisions of subsections (a) through (c) shall not  
apply to any retiree of the Jacksonville Police and Fire  
Pension Fund employed in a full-time, part-time, or  
temporary capacity by the City or any of its officers as  
(i) court bailiff, (ii) logistical and technical support  
officer, (iii) corrections bond custodian, (iv) chaplain,  
(v) stable manager, (vi) corrections mail coordinator,  
(vii) aviation supervisor, (viii) court bailiff  
supervisor, ~~or~~ (ix) Community Projects inmates work crew  
supervisor, (x) investigator for the Office of General  
Counsel, or (xi) Mayoral protective officer. Being employed  
in one of the positions identified in this subsection (d)  
shall not prevent a retiree of this plan from continuing  
to receive such retirement benefits as would be available  
had the retiree not begun employment in one of the  
previously-mentioned positions. Being employed in one of  
the positions identified in this subsection (d) shall not  
permit or require a retiree of this plan to be a member of

1 the pension plan created pursuant to this Chapter 121 or a  
2 member of one of the pension plans created by Part II or  
3 III of Chapter 120. Being employed in one of the positions  
4 identified in this subsection (d) shall not permit a  
5 retiree to acquire any time-service credit in the pension  
6 plan created pursuant to this Chapter 121 or in any one of  
7 the pension plans created by Part II or III of Chapter 120.

8 **Section 5. Chapter 129 (Salaries of Public Officials and**  
9 **Employees) amended.** Chapter 129 (Salaries of Public Officials and  
10 Employees), Section 129.101 (Pay Grades, Salary Ranges, and  
11 Salaries), *Ordinance Code*, is amended to read as follows:

12 **Chapter 129. SALARIES OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

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14 **Sec. 129.101. Pay Grades, Salary Ranges, and Salaries.**

15 (a) *Appointed officials Defined.* For purposes of this  
16 section, an appointed official is:

- 17 (1) Any appointee of the Mayor or the Sheriff, whose  
18 appointment is approved or confirmed by the City  
19 Council; or  
20 (2) ~~An Assistant Division Chief.~~ A Section Commander in  
21 the Office of the Sheriff.

22 **Section 6. JSO Organizational Chart.** For informational  
23 purposes only for this legislation, a JSO organizational chart is  
24 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1.**

25 **Section 7. Approval of Ordinance.** Pursuant to Section  
26 17.06(ee), Charter of the City of Jacksonville, enactment of Section  
27 1 of this ordinance requires approval by a majority plus one vote of  
28 the Council.

29 **Section 8. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the  
30 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and  
31 division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth

1 herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the  
2 Ordinance Code consistent with the intent of this legislation are  
3 approved and directed herein, and the changes to the Ordinance Code  
4 shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

5 **Section 9. Effective.** This Ordinance shall become  
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Gaby Young

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