

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-232-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 NASSAU COUNTY FOR  
9 MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT;  
10 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S  
11 OFFICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 406, *Florida Statutes*, the  
14 District IV Medical Examiner has been appointed by the Governor to  
15 serve the 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**, Nassau County and the City of Jacksonville (Duval  
22 County) desire to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for Medical  
23 Examiner Services and Reimbursement pursuant to which Nassau County  
24 is to reimburse the City of Jacksonville (Duval County) for the value  
25 of 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 Nassau County for

1 Medical 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 Nassau 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 the  
13 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 Nassau 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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