

1 Introduced by Council Member Diamond and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Carlucci, DeFoor, Morgan, Newby, Boylan, Wilson,
3 Hazouri, Ferraro, Bowman, Pittman, R. Gaffney, Freeman, Priestly
4 Jackson, and White and amended by the Rules Committee:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2020-123-A**

8 A RESOLUTION REGARDING RESPONSES TO THE
9 COUNCIL AUDITOR; URGING THE INDEPENDENT
10 AUTHORITIES OF THE CONSOLIDATED CITY OF
11 JACKSONVILLE TO ADOPT A POLICY DIRECTIVE TO
12 PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS
13 MADE BY THE COUNCIL AUDITOR, SIMILAR TO THE
14 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE'S EMPLOYEE SERVICES
15 DIRECTIVE - 0534; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.10 of the Charter of the City of
18 Jacksonville empowers the Council Auditor to request certain
19 financial information from various offices and departments of City
20 government including independent authorities and other agencies and
21 entities of City government as described therein; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Charter does not prescribe a process in which
23 those parties acknowledge receipt of a request by the Council
24 Auditor or a timeframe for providing an estimate of the time
25 required to fulfill such request; and

26 **WHEREAS**, ordinances are pending (Ordinances 2020-40 and 2020-
27 39) which would create a process in Article 21 (JEA), *City Charter*,
28 and Chapter 50 (Boards and Commissions), *Ordinance Code*, for JEA
29 and boards and commissions created by ordinance so that a uniform
30 procedure is in place for boards and commissions to communicate and

1 timely comply with the Council Auditor's requests for information;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, for other independent authorities created in the
4 Jacksonville Charter and those created by legislative act, a
5 referendum or act of the Legislature may be required in order to
6 mandate adherence to such process; and

7 **WHEREAS**, after these bills were filed, the Executive Branch
8 adopted Employee Services Directive - 0534 which provides guidance
9 to all City employees regarding the process for communication with
10 the requests of the Council Auditor, which is substantially similar
11 to the language in Ordinance 2020-39 and 2020-40, a copy of the
12 Directive is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Council believes that it would be in the best
14 interests of the consolidated government for the independent
15 authorities to adopt a policy or directive similar to Employee
16 Services Directive-0534; now therefore

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

18 **Section 1. Urging the Independent Authorities to Adopt a**
19 **Policy or Directive regarding Responses to the Council Auditor.** The
20 Council hereby urges the independent authorities of the
21 consolidated government of Jacksonville to adopt a policy or
22 directive in similar form to Employee Services Directive - 0534,
23 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, which would provide a uniform
24 procedure for independent authorities and their boards to
25 communicate and timely comply with the Council Auditor's requests
26 for information.

27 **Section 2. Directing to forward.** The Chief of the
28 Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to forward a copy
29 of this resolution for distribution to the Chief Executive Officers
30 (or Executive Director, as applicable) and boards of each of the
31 following: the Jacksonville Port Authority, the Jacksonville

1 Aviation Authority, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the
2 Duval County School Board and the Jacksonville Police and Fire
3 Pension Board of Trustees.

4 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become
5 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
6 without the Mayor's signature.

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Paige Hobbs Johnston

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation Prepared By: Paige H. Johnston

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