Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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ORDINANCE 2024-469

ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ("CITY") AND THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH ("ATLANTIC BEACH"), FOR THE COORDINATION AND PROVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE PROTECTION SERVICES TO ATLANTIC BEACH; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years City and Atlantic Beach have been parties to an agreement concerning the coordination and provision of fire and rescue protection services to Atlantic Beach residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, that agreement expired on May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, City and Atlantic Beach desire to enter into a new agreement, to be made effective as of June 1, 2024 with a term of two (2) years, unless earlier terminated, to update and replace the expired fire protection services agreement and to provide effective, efficient means of delivering Advanced Life Support Fire and Rescue Service to Atlantic Beach residents and businesses; now therefore

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

Incorporating Recitals. The foregoing "WHEREAS" Section 1. clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption thereof.

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Approval and Execution of Interlocal Agreement Section 2. There is hereby approved, and Mayor, or her designee, authorized. and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the Agreement between City and Atlantic Beach, to be made effective retroactively as of June 1, 2024, in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Agreement"). The Agreement may include such additions, deletions, and changes as may be reasonable, necessary, and incidental for carrying out the purposes thereof, as may be acceptable to the Mayor or her designee, with such inclusion and acceptance being evidenced by execution of the Agreement by the Mayor or designee; provided however, no modification of the Agreement may increase the financial obligations or liability of the City to an amount in excess of the amount stated in the Agreement, and any such modification shall be technical only and shall be subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the Office of General Counsel. For purposes of this Ordinance, the term "technical changes" is defined as those changes having no financial impact to the City or other non-substantive changes that do not substantively increase the duties and responsibilities of the City under the provisions of the Agreement.

Section 3. Oversight. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department shall administer and oversee the Agreement.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

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