

1 Introduced by Council Member Diamond and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Salem, Carlucci, DeFoor, Morgan, Newby and Boylan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2020-123**

6 A RESOLUTION REGARDING RESPONSES TO THE  
7 COUNCIL AUDITOR; URGING THE INDEPENDENT  
8 AUTHORITIES OF THE CONSOLIDATED CITY OF  
9 JACKSONVILLE TO ADOPT A POLICY DIRECTIVE TO  
10 PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS  
11 MADE BY THE COUNCIL AUDITOR, SIMILAR TO THE  
12 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE'S EMPLOYEE SERVICES  
13 DIRECTIVE - 0534; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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15 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.10 of the Charter of the City of  
16 Jacksonville empowers the Council Auditor to request certain  
17 financial information from various offices and departments of City  
18 government including independent authorities and other agencies and  
19 entities of City government as described therein; and

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

24 **WHEREAS**, ordinances are pending (Ordinances 2020-40 and 2020-  
25 39) which would create a process in Article 21 (JEA), *City Charter*,  
26 and Chapter 50 (Boards and Commissions), *Ordinance Code*, for JEA  
27 and boards and commissions created by ordinance so that a uniform  
28 procedure is in place for boards and commission to communicate and  
29 timely comply with the Council Auditor's requests for information;  
30 and

31 **WHEREAS**, for other independent authorities created in the

1 Jacksonville Charter and those created by legislative act, a  
2 referendum or act of the Legislature may be required in order to  
3 mandate adherence to such process; and

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

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

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

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

24 **Section 2. Directing to forward.** The Chief of the  
25 Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to forward a copy  
26 of this resolution for distribution to the Chief Executive Officers  
27 (or Executive Director, as applicable) and boards of each of the  
28 following: the Jacksonville Port Authority, the Jacksonville  
29 Aviation Authority, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the  
30 Environmental Protection Board, the Duval County School Board, the

1 Jacksonville Downtown Investment Authority and the Jacksonville  
2 Police and Fire Pension Board of Trustees.

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

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7 Form Approved:

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9     /s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

10 Office of General Counsel

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