

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-234-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 COLUMBIA 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 District
14 IV Medical Examiner has been appointed by the Governor to serve the
15 residents of counties in Districts III and IV, including Nassau,
16 Clay, Duval, Hamilton and Columbia counties; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the District IV Medical Examiner is to be compensated
18 for his or her services by the five counties; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville (Duval County) has allocated
20 an annual salary to be paid the District IV Medical Examiner for the
21 full services rendered to all five counties; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Columbia County and the City of Jacksonville (Duval
23 County) desire to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for Medical
24 Examiner Services and Reimbursement pursuant to which Columbia County
25 is to reimburse the City of Jacksonville (Duval County) for the value
26 of the District IV Medical Examiner's services it receives; now,
27 therefore

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

29 **Section 1. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
30 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation
31 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver a Cooperative

1 Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Columbia County for
2 Medical Examiner Services and Reimbursement (the "Agreement"), in
3 substantially the same form as is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
4 incorporated herein by this reference, and all other documents
5 necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this Ordinance
6 and said Agreement. The term of the Agreement shall be for a five
7 (5) year period commencing on October 1, 2023 and ending September
8 30, 2028.

9 Reimbursement from Columbia County for services provided by the
10 District IV Medical Examiner shall be in accordance with the Fee
11 Schedule attached to the Agreement. This Fee Schedule was approved
12 by the City Council pursuant to Ordinance 2017-370-E, as required by
13 Section 124.103, *Ordinance Code*. The Medical Examiner will review
14 the fees annually no later than June of each year and should it be
15 determined by the Medical Examiner that fees do not sufficiently
16 cover the City's financial exposure, a notice of increase will be
17 given to Columbia County with an effective date of October 1, 2024,
18 October 1, 2025, October 1, 2026 and/or October 1, 2027, thus
19 providing a ninety (90) day notice on increase in fees

20 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Medical Examiner's Office shall
21 oversee administration of the Agreement described herein.

22 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
24 without the Mayor's signature.

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

29 Office of General Counsel
30 Legislation prepared by Mary E. Staffopoulos