

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-40

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, R, F

Date of Analysis: January 15, 2020

Type of Action: City Charter amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends Section 21.07, Article 3 21, *City Charter*, which designates the fiscal and budgetary functions of JEA. With this amendment, requests from the Council Auditor to JEA will be acknowledged by electronic mail within 48 hours of receipt with an estimated timeframe in which the information will be available to the Council Auditor. If for some reason JEA is unsure or unfamiliar with the information requested, it will provide an explanatory response to the Council Auditor. Currently the City Charter does not define a specific procedure for responding to Council Auditor requests.

Background Information: The Charter of the City of Jacksonville empowers the Council Auditor to request certain financial information from various offices, City departments and independent authorities and other agencies, but lacks a prescribed process by which those entities acknowledge and respond to such a request. The purpose of this legislation is to create a uniform procedure for JEA to communicate and comply with the Council Auditor's requests for information; and increase JEA accountability and compliance.

Policy Impact Area: JEA and the Council Auditor

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

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