

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

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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-406**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR,  
6 OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO  
7 EXECUTE AND DELIVER, A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
8 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND HAMILTON  
9 COUNTY FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES AND  
10 REIMBURSEMENT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE  
11 MEDICAL EXAMINER’S OFFICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
12 DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, the  
15 District IV Medical Examiner provides services to two counties in  
16 District III, Columbia County and Hamilton County; and

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

19 **WHEREAS**, Duval County has allocated the annual salary to be  
20 paid the District IV Medical Examiner for the full services  
21 rendered to the two District III counties; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Hamilton County should reimburse Duval County for the  
23 value of the District IV Medical Examiner’s services it receives;  
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, Hamilton County and Duval County desire to enter into  
26 a Cooperative Agreement for Medical Examiner Services under which  
27 Hamilton County is to reimburse Duval County for the value of the  
28 District IV Medical Examiner’s services it receives; now, therefore

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

30 **Section 1. Approval and authorization to execute and**  
31 **deliver Cooperative Agreement and other documents.** There is hereby

1 approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary  
2 are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, a Cooperative  
3 Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Hamilton County for  
4 Medical Examiner Services and Reimbursement, in substantially the  
5 same form as is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated  
6 herein by this reference, and all other documents necessary or  
7 appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this ordinance.  
8 Reimbursement from Hamilton County for services provided to  
9 Hamilton County by the District IV Medical Examiner shall be as set  
10 forth in Ordinance 2017-370-E, and the term of the agreement shall  
11 be for a period of three (3) years commencing October 1, 2020, and  
12 ending September 30, 2023. The Medical Examiner will review the  
13 fees annually no later than June of each year and should it be  
14 determined by the Medical Examiner that fees do not sufficiently  
15 cover the City's financial exposure, a notice of increase will be  
16 given to Hamilton County with an effective date of October 1, 2021  
17 and/or 2022, thus providing a ninety (90) day notice of any  
18 increase in fees.

19 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Medical Examiner's Office  
20 shall oversee the project described herein.

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

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ James R. McCain, Jr.

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation prepared by James R. McCain, Jr.

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