

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-559**

5 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 797 (LOCAL  
6 OPTION VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE), *ORDINANCE*  
7 *CODE*, ADOPTING THE LOCAL OPTION VESSEL  
8 REGISTRATION FEE PERMITTED BY STATE LAW;  
9 SETTING EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW LOCAL OPTION  
10 VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE AS JANUARY 1, 2021;  
11 DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO  
12 FORWARD A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE UPON ENACTMENT  
13 TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AND TO THE MAYORS OF  
14 BALDWIN, ATLANTIC BEACH, JACKSONVILLE BEACH  
15 AND NEPTUNE BEACH; DIRECTING THE TAX COLLECTOR  
16 TO NOTIFY THE STATE OF IMPOSITION OF THE NEW  
17 LOCAL OPTION VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE;  
18 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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20 **Section 1. Creating a new Chapter 797 (Local Option**  
21 **Vessel Registration Fee), Ordinance Code.** Chapter 797 (Local Option  
22 Vessel Registration Fee), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby created to read  
23 as follows:

24 **CHAPTER 797. LOCAL OPTION VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE.**

25 **Sec. 797.101. - Local option vessel registration fee.**

26 Pursuant to the authority in Section 328.66, Florida Statutes,  
27 and beginning on January 1, 2021 for all new and renewal  
28 registrations, the City of Jacksonville hereby imposes a local  
29 option registration fee on vessels registered within Duval County.

30 Beginning on January 1, 2021, any and all vessels required to  
31 register with the State of Florida that obtain such registration in

1 Duval County shall pay a Duval County Local Option Vessel  
2 Registration Fee. Such registration fee shall be in addition to the  
3 fees paid to the state and shall be an annual recurring fee in the  
4 amount of fifty (50) percent of the applicable state fee provided  
5 under Section 328.72(1), Florida Statutes.

6 **Sec. 797.102.- Purpose of the local option vessel registration**  
7 **fee.**

8 The first \$1.00 of every registration imposed under this Section  
9 shall be remitted to the state for deposit in the Save the Manatee  
10 Trust Fund created within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
11 Commission, which sum shall be expended solely for activities  
12 related to the preservation of manatees. The remaining monies shall  
13 be used for the purpose of providing funding for patrol, regulation  
14 and maintenance of the lakes, rivers and waters and for boating-  
15 relating activities within Duval County pursuant to Section 328.66,  
16 Florida Statutes.

17 **Sec. 797.103.- Manner of collection.**

18 The local option vessel registration fee shall be collected by  
19 the Tax Collector. As required by Section 328.66, Florida  
20 Statutes, the Tax Collector shall remit the first one dollar  
21 (\$1.00) of every registration fee imposed hereunder to the State of  
22 Florida for deposit in the Save the Manatee Trust Fund, for use for  
23 the purposes specified in Section 379.2431(4), Florida Statutes,  
24 and the remaining monies shall be deposited into the Florida Boater  
25 Improvement Program revenue share account as provided in Section  
26 110.413, Ordinance Code.

27 **Sec. 797.104.- Territorial application.**

28 This Chapter shall apply throughout the General Services  
29 District. The City is exercising its powers as a County in the  
30 enactment of this Chapter and the imposition of the local option  
31 vessel registration fee, pursuant to the authority contained in

1 Section 3.01 of the Charter.

2 **Section 2. Effective date of implementation of new local**  
3 **option vessel registration fee.** The effective date of  
4 implementation of the local option vessel registration fee adopted  
5 herein shall be on January 1, 2021.

6 **Section 3. Directing to Legislative Services to forward.**  
7 The Chief of the Legislative Services Division is hereby directed  
8 to forward a copy of this ordinance upon enactment to the Duval  
9 County Tax Collector and the Mayors of Baldwin, Atlantic Beach,  
10 Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach.

11 **Section 4. Directing Tax Collector to forward.** The City  
12 is required to notify the Florida Department of Highway Safety and  
13 Motor Vehicles of the imposition of the new local option vessel  
14 registration fee at least 30 calendar days prior to activation of  
15 the fee and to provide the name of the county tax collector  
16 responsible for collecting the fee. The Tax Collector is hereby  
17 directed, upon receipt of this Ordinance from Legislative Services  
18 and at least 30 days prior to activation of the fee, to provide  
19 notification to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
20 Vehicles, to the attention of the Director of the Division of  
21 Motorist Services, that the City has adopted this Ordinance and to  
22 provide the Tax Collector's contact information to the Department  
23 as the person responsible for collecting the fee.

24 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
26 without the Mayor's signature.

27 Form Approved:

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29 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

30 Office of General Counsel

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