

Introduced by Council Member Miller:

**ORDINANCE 2025-257**

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN MATTERS TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL; AMENDING SECTION 602.303 (DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS), PART 3 (INSPECTOR GENERAL), CHAPTER 602 (JACKSONVILLE ETHICS CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO EXPAND THE LIST OF THOSE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POSSIBLE MISMANAGEMENT OF A CONTRACT, FRAUD, THEFT, BRIBERY, OR CERTAIN OTHER VIOLATIONS OF LAW, AND PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Section 602.303, *Ordinance Code*, sets forth the duties and functions of the Office of Inspector General; and

**WHEREAS**, Subsection 602.303(k), *Ordinance Code*, currently provides that the Mayor and any and all Officials of any office, agency, department, or part of the entire Consolidated Government shall promptly notify the Inspector General of possible mismanagement of a contract (misuse or loss exceeding \$5,000 in public funds), fraud, theft, bribery, or other violation of law which appears to fall within the jurisdiction of the Inspector General; and

**WHEREAS**, the reporting requirement found in Subsection 602.303(k), *Ordinance Code*, currently is limited to only Elected Officials and Public Officials as defined in Section 602.201, *Ordinance Code*; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the reporting requirement found in Subsection  
2 602.303(k), *Ordinance Code*, should apply to all employees of any  
3 office, agency, department, or part of the entire Consolidated  
4 Government; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office already requires  
6 its employees to report fraud, theft, bribery, and other violations  
7 of law to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office internally; and

8       **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office conducts  
9 investigations of suspected fraud, theft, bribery, or other  
10 violations of law, and should not be required to disclose information  
11 related to such investigations, and as such employees of the  
12 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office should be excluded from the requirement  
13 to notify the Inspector General; now therefore

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

15       **Section 1.       Amending Section 602.303 (Duties And Functions),**  
16 **Part 3 (Inspector General), Chapter 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code),**  
17 **Ordinance Code.** Section 602.303 (Duties And Functions), Part 3  
18 (Inspector General), Chapter 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code),  
19 *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

20                   **CHAPTER 602 - JACKSONVILLE ETHICS CODE**

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22                   **PART 3. - INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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24       **Sec. 602.303 - Duties and Functions.**

25       The duties and functions of the Office of Inspector General  
26 shall include the authority, power and responsibility to:

27                               \* \* \*

- 28       (k) The Mayor and any and all Officials and employees of any  
29 office, agency, department, or part of the entire  
30 Consolidated Government, except for employees of the  
31 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, shall promptly notify the

1 Inspector General of possible mismanagement of a contract  
2 (misuse or loss exceeding \$5,000 in public funds), fraud,  
3 theft, bribery, or other violation of law which appears to  
4 fall within the jurisdiction of the Inspector General, and  
5 may notify the Inspector General of any other conduct which  
6 may fall within the jurisdiction of the Inspector General;

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8 **Section 2. Severability.** If any section, clause, sentence,  
9 or provision of this Ordinance or the application of such section,  
10 clause, sentence, or provision to any person or bodies or under any  
11 circumstances shall be held to be inoperative, invalid, or  
12 unconstitutional, the invalidity of such section, clause, sentence,  
13 or provision shall not be deemed, held, or taken to affect the  
14 validity or constitutionality of any of the remaining parts of this  
15 Ordinance, or the application of any of the provisions of this  
16 Ordinance to persons, bodies, or in circumstances other than those  
17 as to which it or any part thereof shall have been inoperative,  
18 invalid, or unconstitutional, and it is intended that this Ordinance  
19 shall be construed and applied as if any section, clause, sentence,  
20 or provision held inoperative, invalid, or unconstitutional had not  
21 been included in this Ordinance.

22 **Section 3. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the  
23 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and  
24 division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth  
25 herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the  
26 *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are  
27 approved and directed herein, and changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall  
28 be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

29 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
31 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Sean Granat

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Sean Granat

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