

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-66**

5 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS, AND  
6 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN  
7 AMENDED AND RESTATED WATER WELL PERMITTING  
8 DELEGATION AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT") BETWEEN THE  
9 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE ST. JOHNS RIVER  
10 WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR  
11 OVERSIGHT BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
12 SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION;  
13 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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15 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville ("City") and the St. Johns  
16 River Water Management District ("District") previously entered into  
17 that certain Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement dated  
18 November 29, 1978 (the "Prior Delegation Agreement"), as authorized  
19 by Resolution 1978-0957-A; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the District is a special taxing district created by  
21 Section 373.069, Florida Statutes, and is charged with the duty to  
22 prevent harm to the water resources of the District, and to administer  
23 and enforce Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and the rules promulgated  
24 thereunder; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the District is authorized by Sections 373.046(6),  
26 373.308(1), and 373.309(1)(b), Florida Statutes, to delegate the duty  
27 to administer and enforce the statutes and rules regulating water  
28 well construction, repair, and abandonment to the City; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the City has regulated water well construction pursuant  
30 to the Prior Delegation Agreement and Chapter 366, Ordinance Code,  
31 and the City desires to continue regulating water well construction;

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2       **WHEREAS**, the City and the District desire to amend and restate  
3 the Prior Delegation Agreement, with the Amended and Restated Water  
4 Well Permitting Delegation Agreement that sets forth the collective  
5 understanding and agreement between the City and the District  
6 regarding regulation of water wells within the jurisdictional  
7 boundaries of the City to avoid the duplication or overlapping of  
8 permitting requirements between the City and the District; now  
9 therefore

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

11       **Section 1.       Amended and Restated Water Well Permitting**  
12 **Delegation Agreement approved and execution authorized.** The Amended  
13 and Restated Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement by and between  
14 the City of Jacksonville and the District (the "Agreement") which  
15 sets forth the collective understanding and agreement of the City and  
16 the District regarding the regulation of water wells within the  
17 jurisdictional boundaries of the City, is hereby approved, and the  
18 Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby  
19 authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the  
20 Agreement, in substantially the same form as attached hereto as  
21 **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference.

22       **Section 2.       Oversight.**       The Office of Administrative  
23 Services, Environmental Quality Division shall have oversight of the  
24 Agreement described herein.

25       **Section 3.       Effective Date.**       This ordinance shall become  
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
27 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

Cherry Pollock

Office of General Counsel

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