

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

ORDINANCE 2026-66

AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED WATER WELL PERMITTING DELEGATION AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT") BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville ("City") and the St. Johns River Water Management District ("District") previously entered into that certain Water Well Permitting Delegation Agreement dated November 29, 1978 (the "Prior Delegation Agreement"), as authorized by Resolution 1978-0957-A; and

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

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

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

1 and

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.

1 Form Approved:

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3 Cherry Pollock

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Cherry Pollock

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