

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2019-474

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: June 25, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: June 27, 2019

Type of Action: Authorization to execute Interlocal agreement; authorizing employee positions

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the City of Jacksonville Beach for Jacksonville to take over operation of fire and rescue services in Jacksonville Beach. It authorizes the addition of 28 employee positions in the Fire and Rescue Department to provide the service.

Background Information: The agreement provides that the City of Jacksonville shall provide 24/7 fire and rescue service within the City of Jacksonville Beach. It provides that the existing Jacksonville Beach fire trucks shall be conveyed to Jacksonville. Jacksonville will utilize Jacksonville Beach's two existing fire stations and will provide all upkeep and maintenance to the buildings and interior facilities; Jacksonville Beach will continue to maintain the landscaping around the stations. The term of the agreement is 20 years, with either party having the right to withdraw from the agreement by giving 2 years' written notice to the other party. Jacksonville Beach agrees to pay \$2.2 million for the first year of service, with that amount increasing annually by the greater of 2.5% or the Consumer Price Index. It provides that the current Jacksonville Beach Fire Department employees shall become of the City of Jacksonville's Fire and Rescue Department provided all certifications and requirements of state law for firefighters are met. The bill creates 28 new positions in the JFRD budget (18 firefighters, 10 engineers) to accommodate the hiring of those employees.

Policy Impact Area: Fire protection services

Fiscal Impact: Jacksonville Beach will pay Jacksonville \$2.22 million for the first year of service, with that amount increasing annually by the greater of 2.5% or the Consumer Price Index. A "white paper" prepared by the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department calculates the first-year cost of service to JFRD at \$3.55 million; the \$1.33 million differential is proposed to be absorbed in the JFRD budget in year one of the service.

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