

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-812

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

Date of Introduction: November 14, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2023

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Michael T. Fackler as the General Counsel for the City of Jacksonville. Pursuant to Council Rule 4.1103, Legislative Services is directed to notify the Clerk of Court, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Tax Collector and Chairperson of the Duval County School Board and encourage them to provide oral or written input and guidance to the Rules Committee and any other committee considering this appointment, as to the fitness of the appointee to be General Counsel.

Background Information: Article 7, *Jacksonville Charter* established the Office of General Counsel, with the responsibility for furnishing legal services to the City and its independent agencies. Per Section 7.02, *Jacksonville Charter*, the general counsel shall be the chief legal officer for the entire consolidated government.

Per Sec. 7.03, *Jacksonville Charter*, the General Counsel shall be licensed to practice law in the State of Florida and have at least 10 years' experience as a practicing attorney or judge. The person selected to serve as general counsel by the Mayor requires confirmation by resolution approved by no less than 13 members of the council serving during that mayoral term. The term of the General Counsel coincides with the term of the Mayor.

Mr. Fackler holds a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a JD from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He has been a member in good standing with the Florida Bar since 2002. Mr. Fackler worked for Milam, Howard, Nicandri and Gillam PA since 2004, and as a shareholder since 2016. He resides in Duval County in council district 7.

Policy Impact Area: Office of General Counsel

Fiscal Impact: The salary range for this position is \$214,758.24 - \$350,625.72 annually.

Analyst: Hampsey