

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-405**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR,  
6 OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO  
7 EXECUTE AND DELIVER, A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
8 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND CLAY COUNTY  
9 FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT;  
10 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S  
11 OFFICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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13 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, the  
14 District IV Medical Examiner has been appointed by the Governor to  
15 serve the three county area of Nassau, Clay, and Duval Counties;  
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17 **WHEREAS**, the District IV Medical Examiner is to be compensated  
18 for his or her services by the three counties; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Duval County has allocated the annual salary to be  
20 paid the District IV Medical Examiner for the full services  
21 rendered to all three counties; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Clay County should reimburse Duval County for the  
23 value of the District IV Medical Examiner's autopsy services it  
24 receives; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Clay County and Duval County desire to enter into a  
26 Cooperative Agreement for Medical Examiner Services under which  
27 Clay County is to reimburse Duval County for the value of the  
28 District IV Medical Examiner's services it receives; now, therefore

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

30 **Section 1. Approval and authorization to execute and**  
31 **deliver Cooperative Agreement and other documents.** There is hereby

1 approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary  
2 are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, a Cooperative  
3 Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Clay County for  
4 Medical Examiner Services and Reimbursement, in substantially the  
5 same form as is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated  
6 herein by this reference, and all other documents necessary or  
7 appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this ordinance.  
8 Reimbursement from Clay County for services provided to Clay County  
9 by the District IV Medical Examiner shall be as set forth in  
10 Ordinance 2017-370-E, and the term of the agreement shall be for a  
11 period of three (3) years commencing October 1, 2020, and ending  
12 September 30, 2023. The Medical Examiner will review the fees  
13 annually no later than June of each year and should it be  
14 determined by the Medical Examiner that fees do not sufficiently  
15 cover the City's financial exposure, a notice of increase will be  
16 given to Clay County with an effective date of October 1, 2021  
17 and/or 2022, thus providing a ninety (90) day notice on increase in  
18 fees.

19 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Medical Examiner's Office  
20 shall oversee the project described herein.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall  
22 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming  
23 effective without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ James R. McCain, Jr.

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation prepared by James R. McCain, Jr.

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