

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-474-A**

5 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING A CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR A
6 SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD PURSUANT TO SECTION
7 5.06, *JACKSONVILLE CITY CHARTER*, IN THE EVENT A
8 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER OR MEMBERS RESIGN TO RUN FOR
9 STATE OFFICE AND AN OFFICE BECOMES VACANT
10 PURSUANT TO SECTION 99.012, *FLORIDA STATUTES*;
11 PROVIDING FOR A QUALIFYING PERIOD BEGINNING
12 12:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 THROUGH
13 12:00 P.M. FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026, FOR A FIRST
14 ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026,
15 AND FOR A GENERAL ELECTION, IF NECESSARY, TO BE
16 HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026; ESTABLISHING
17 A QUALIFYING BY PETITION DEADLINE; DIRECTING THE
18 COUNCIL SECRETARY TO PREPARE AND DELIVER A
19 NOTICE TO THE DUVAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF
20 ELECTIONS PROVIDING CERTAIN DATES RELATED TO THE
21 SPECIAL ELECTION AS FURTHER DESCRIBED HEREIN;
22 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;
23 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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25 **WHEREAS**, the City Council is aware that the upcoming First
26 Election and General Election will include seats on the State
27 Legislature and there is the potential that a City Council Member or
28 Members may have an interest in running for State office; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.06, *Jacksonville City Charter*, provides that
30 if a Council Member submits a resignation which is effective at a
31 date later than that on which it is submitted, the City Council may,

1 by Resolution, call a special election for the election of a successor
2 in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 5.06 of the
3 Charter; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the election for the State Legislature has been set for
5 August 18, 2026, and November 3, 2026; and

6 **WHEREAS**, economy of resources can best be achieved if the City
7 Council establishes a contingency plan by calling for a special
8 election, if necessary, to fill a vacancy on the City Council in
9 conjunction with other State elections set for August and November
10 2026; now therefore

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

12 **Section 1. Contingent Vacancies - Special Election Called**
13 **by the City Council; Providing for a Qualifying Period, First Election**
14 **and General Election.** The City Council hereby declares that should
15 a vacancy of a City Council seat occur, that a Special First Election
16 in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.06, *Jacksonville City*
17 *Charter*, will be held on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**, for the purpose
18 of electing a City Council Member for an open Council seat, to serve
19 the unexpired term of the previous City Council District or At-Large
20 seat. The qualifying period for candidates to be voted upon in the
21 Special First Election hereby called shall begin at **12:00 p.m. on**
22 **Thursday, June 11, 2026**, and close at **12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12,**
23 **2026.** If no candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Special
24 First Election, then, in that event, the two candidates with the
25 highest vote totals in the Special First Election shall participate
26 in a Special General Election to be held on **Tuesday, November 3,**
27 **2026.** In the event more than one candidate receives the second
28 highest vote total, then each such candidates' name, as well as the
29 name of the candidate with the highest vote total, shall be on the
30 ballot.

31 **Section 2. Establishing the Candidate Qualifying by**

1 **Petition Deadline.** In the event of a vacancy of a City Council seat,
2 for those candidates seeking to qualify for this special election via
3 the voter petition process, the Council hereby establishes the
4 candidate qualifying by petition deadline to be **5:00 p.m. on Monday,**
5 **June 8, 2026.**

6 **Section 3. Directing the Council Secretary to Provide**
7 **Notice.** The Council Secretary shall prepare and deliver a notice to
8 the Duval County Supervisor of Elections stating which Council seat(s)
9 are to be filled in the special election, the date set for the special
10 election, the dates fixed for qualifying for office, the dates fixed
11 for qualifying by the petition process pursuant to Section 99.095,
12 *Florida Statutes*, and the dates fixed for filing campaign expense
13 statements. The Supervisor of Elections shall thereafter have the
14 notice published in accordance with Section 100.141, *Florida*
15 *Statutes*.

16 **Section 4. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
17 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
18 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
19 emergency is that in the event of a vacancy on the City Council, time
20 is needed for a qualifying period and to establish the candidates to
21 be included on the printed August ballot. In addition, the City
22 Council desires to ensure the Duval County Supervisor of Elections
23 has sufficient time to properly assess petitions and meet the ballot
24 printing deadlines.

25 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution 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 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

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