

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor &
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Cumber and Salem and amended by the
3 Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health & Safety
4 Committee:

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7 **ORDINANCE 2020-586-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE
9 MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION
10 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE AMENDED
11 AND RESTATED USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
12 JACKSONVILLE AND SZH HOCKEY, LLC FOR USE OF
13 THE VYSTAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA, LOCATED AT
14 300 A. PHILIP RANDOLPH BLVD, JACKSONVILLE,
15 FLORIDA 32202, BY THE JACKSONVILLE ICEMEN ICE
16 HOCKEY TEAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE
17 SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DIVISION OF THE
18 PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
19 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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21 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville (the "City") owns the VyStar
22 Veterans Memorial Arena (the "Arena") which is used for public
23 gatherings, including but not limited to, the exhibition of sports
24 contests such as amateur and professional ice hockey events; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City and SZH Hockey, LLC (the "Team"), as
26 successor in interest to EI Acquisition, LLC, previously entered
27 into that certain Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Use Agreement with
28 an Effective Date of August 8, 2017 (the "Use Agreement"), for the
29 Team's use of the Arena to operate the Jacksonville IceMen ice

1 hockey team as a member of the ECHL Professional Ice Hockey League;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, Team has requested, and the City has agreed, to amend
4 and restate the Use Agreement to extend the term thereof and
5 implement such other terms and conditions agreed to by the parties;
6 now therefore,

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

8 **Section 1. Approval and authorization.** There is hereby
9 approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary
10 are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of
11 the City of Jacksonville, that certain Amended and Restated VyStar
12 Veterans Memorial Arena Use Agreement between the City of
13 Jacksonville and SZH Hockey, LLC (the "Amended and Restated Use
14 Agreement"), in substantially the same form as has been placed
15 **Revised On File** with the Legislative Services Division. The Amended
16 and Restated Use Agreement provides for the Team's continued use of
17 the Arena for the IceMen ice hockey team for an extended initial
18 term expiring June 30, 2025 with the option to extend the contract
19 term for one additional five-year period, subject to the terms and
20 conditions outlined therein.

21 **Section 2. Oversight Department.** The Sports and
22 Entertainment Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community
23 Services Department shall provide oversight and administration of
24 the Amended and Restated Use Agreement for the remainder of the
25 term thereof.

26 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.

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30 Form Approved:
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1 /s/ Paige H. Johnston
2 Office of General Counsel
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