

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

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 25, 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; DIRECTING THE
17 COUNCIL SECRETARY TO PREPARE AND DELIVER A
18 NOTICE TO THE DUVAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF
19 ELECTIONS PROVIDING CERTAIN DATES RELATED TO THE
20 SPECIAL ELECTION AS FURTHER DESCRIBED HEREIN;
21 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;
22 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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24 **WHEREAS**, the City Council is aware that the upcoming First
25 Election and General Election will include seats on the State
26 Legislature and there is the potential that a City Council Member or
27 Members may have an interest in running for State office; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.06, *Jacksonville City Charter*, provides that
29 if a Council Member submits a resignation which is effective at a
30 date later than that on which it is submitted, the City Council may,
31 by Resolution, call a special election for the election of a successor

1 in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 5.06 of the
2 Charter; and

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

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

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

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

30 **Section 2. Directing the Council Secretary to Provide**
31 **Notice.** The Council Secretary shall prepare and deliver a notice to

1 the Duval County Supervisor of Elections stating which Council seat(s)
2 are to be filled in the special election, the date set for the special
3 election, the dates fixed for qualifying for office, the dates fixed
4 for qualifying by the petition process pursuant to Section 99.095,
5 *Florida Statutes*, and the dates fixed for filing campaign expense
6 statements. The Supervisor of Elections shall thereafter have the
7 notice published in accordance with Section 100.141, *Florida*
8 *Statutes*.

9 **Section 3. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
10 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
11 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
12 emergency is that in the event of a vacancy on the City Council, time
13 is needed for a qualifying period and to establish the candidates to
14 be included on the printed August ballot. In addition, the City
15 Council desires to ensure the Duval County Supervisor of Elections
16 sufficient has sufficient time to properly assess petitions and meet
17 the ballot printing deadlines.

18 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

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