

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-850

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: November 23, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: November 24, 2021

Type of Action: Authorizing amendment to interlocal agreement

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of an amended interlocal agreement among the City of Jacksonville, Baker County, Clay County, Nassau County and St. Johns County for operation of the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council, an organization created to help address and reduce the incidence of suicide by military veterans. The amendment will remove the City of Jacksonville as the organization's administrative support entity.

Background Information: In 2019 the 5 Northeast Florida counties created the Fire Watch Council to provide suicide prevention programs and assistance to military veterans in the region. The City of Jacksonville (through its Grants and Compliance Office) was designated by the original interlocal agreement as the entity providing administrative services to the agency, including: serving as fiscal agent; providing meeting support; filing grant applications on the organization's behalf; receiving, accounting for and disbursing funds at the direction of the Fire Watch Council; and assisting with procurement of services. Recently St. Johns County has offered to provide logistical support (meeting space, audio-visual support, posting meeting notifications, etc.) and the Council has determined to hire a contractor to serve as fiscal agent, provide administrative support, fund administration through a commercial bank account, and contract and program compliance review. The amendment to the interlocal agreement outlines these new arrangements and removes the City of Jacksonville as the Council's administrative service provider.

Policy Impact Area: Interlocal agreement amendment

Fiscal Impact: Reduced financial obligation to the City to provide administrative services to the Fire Watch Council.

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