Introduced by Council Members Newby, Freeman, and Salem:

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ORDINANCE 2022-94

ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A PEER REVIEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT AUDITORS ("ALGA") TO ALLOW FOR PEER REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL AUDITOR'S OFFICE; WAIVING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT 4 (NONDISCRIMINATION PART SECTION 126.404 (B) AND (C) (NONDISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS IN ALL CITY CONTRACTS), ORDINANCE TO INAPPLICABLE PROVISIONS CODE, RELATED REGARDING EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE COUNCIL AUDITOR'S OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR A ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) is an organization comprised of elected and appointed officials from cities, counties, utility districts, transit agencies, tribal governments and more from around the globe committed to providing an inclusive and thriving community for all local government auditors working together, making a difference for the public good by providing various services and resources to local government auditors; and

WHEREAS, one of the services available to member organizations of ALGA is the ability to participate in ALGA's high quality, low-cost peer review program made possible by the member organization

having only to pay for the travel cost of the volunteer peer review team made up of employees of other member organizations which is significantly more cost effective than having to hire a separate entity to perform the peer review; and

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WHEREAS, as a member of ALGA, the Council Auditor's Office of the City of Jacksonville has utilized ALGA's peer review services since 1999 and desires to continue to utilize these peer review services in order to ensure that it is providing the best service possible to the City of Jacksonville and its citizens as well as to comply with Government Auditing Standards Section 5.84 which requires an external peer review at least once every three years; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 126.404(a) ALGA has adopted and will maintain a policy of nondiscrimination as defined by ordinance during the provision of the peer review services and is evidenced by the policy being posted on ALGA's website; now therefore

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

Section 1. Agreement approved and execution authorized. There is hereby approved and the Council President, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the ALGA Standard Peer Review Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and ALGA, in substantially the same form as attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as **Exhibit 1** (the "Agreement") to allow for peer review of the Council Auditor's Office. The Agreement may include such additions, deletions and changes as may be reasonable, necessary and incidental for carrying out the purposes thereof, as may be acceptable to the Council President, or his designee, with such inclusion and acceptance being evidenced by execution of the Agreement by the Council President, or his designee; provided however, no modification to the Agreement may increase the financial obligations or liability of the City to an amount in excess of the amount stated in the Agreement or decrease the duties and obligations of ALGA as

stated in the Agreement, and any such modification shall be technical only and shall be subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the Office of General Counsel. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "technical changes" is defined as those changes having no financial impact to the City and any other non-substantive changes that do not substantively increase the duties and responsibilities of the City under the provisions of the Agreement.

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Waiving certain inapplicable requirements of Section 2. Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), Part 4 (Nondiscrimination Policy), Section 126.404 (b) and (c) (Nondiscrimination provisions in all city contracts), Ordinance Code. The City hereby waives the access to records and subcontractor requirements set forth in 126.404(b) and 126.404(c), respectively, of the Code. ALGA has adopted and will maintain a policy of nondiscrimination as defined by ordinance throughout the term of this Agreement, in accordance with Section 126.404(a), Ordinance Code. However, since ALGA is a not-forprofit corporation, whose membership is comprised of auditors from local governments around North America, and has no employees of its own, the provisions of 126.404 (b) and (c) are inapplicable in this limited instance and would pose an undue burden on ALGA if forced to comply.

Section 3. Oversight Department. The Council Auditor's Office shall oversee the Agreement and matters described in this ordinance.

Section 4. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the Council Auditor's Office is attempting to have the Peer Review performed the week of April 4, 2022 and to allow for that to occur the agreement has to be executed at least one month in advance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become

effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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