

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville
2 Ethics Commission and amended by the Rules Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2023-53-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ETHICS EDUCATION AND
7 TRAINING; AMENDING SECTION 602.1001 (ETHICS
8 EDUCATION PROGRAM), PART 10 (ETHICS EDUCATION),
9 CHAPTER 602 (JACKSONVILLE ETHICS CODE),
10 ORDINANCE CODE, TO ALLOW THE ETHICS DIRECTOR TO
11 SET THE TIME FOR TRAINING AND TO ALLOW FOR
12 DIGITAL CONFIRMATION OF COMPLETION OF TRAINING;
13 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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15 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Ethics Commission held a public
16 meeting on January 11, 2023, to consider and approve amendments to
17 Chapter 602, Part 10, of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code; and

18 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3.106, Ord. Code, the January 11,
19 2023 minutes of the Jacksonville Ethics Commission are attached as
20 **Exhibit 1**; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1. Amending Section 602.1001 (Ethics education**
23 **program), Part 10 (Ethics Education), Chapter 602 (Jacksonville**
24 **Ethics Code), Ordinance Code.** Section 602.1001 (Ethics education
25 program), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 **Chapter 602. Jacksonville Ethics Code.**

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28 **Part 10. Ethics Education.**

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30 **Sec. 602.1001. Ethics education program.**

31 Officers and employees of the City, as public servants, are

1 considered stewards of the public's trust and should aspire to the
2 highest level of integrity and character. Officers and employees
3 shall be informed of their ethical responsibilities at the start of
4 their work with the City and shall receive updates and training
5 materials on ethics issues throughout the span of their public
6 service, as designated by the City Ethics Office and Ethics
7 Officer(s).

8 (a) Every officer and employee of the City must be responsible
9 for understanding and complying with the provisions of this
10 Chapter.

11 (b) Every elected official shall attend an Ethics in Government
12 Program within a time period set by the Ethics Director, with
13 notification to the Office of General Counsel, ~~with~~
14 ~~the concurrence of the General Counsel, but said time~~
15 ~~period shall not be less than 45 days following~~
16 ~~certification of election.~~ Upon fulfillment of this
17 requirement, each elected official will be issued a digital
18 ~~certificate~~ confirmation of completion by the Jacksonville
19 Ethics Office. Constitutional Officers complying with the
20 State requirements and who submit proof of same and affirm
21 that they have also read and understood the requirements
22 of Chapter 602, Jacksonville Ethics Code, Ordinance Code,
23 shall be issued a digital ~~certificate~~ confirmation of
24 completion by the Jacksonville Ethics Office.

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26 **Section 2. 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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1 Form Approved:
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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

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