

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-235

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** April 11, 2023

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F

**Date of Analysis:** April 13, 2023

**Type of Action:** Authorization to execute medical examiner service agreement

**Bill Summary:** The bill authorizes a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Hamilton County for Medical Examiner services and reimbursement. The Medical Examiner will review the fees annually no later than June of each year and if fees do not cover the services rendered then Hamilton County will be provided with a ninety (90) day notice of any increase in fees. The Medical Examiner's Office will provide oversight of the contract/agreement.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to address the reimbursement of Medical Examiner's fees for autopsy services performed for Hamilton County. The District IV Medical Examiner has been appointed by the Florida Governor to serve the three-county area of Nassau, Clay, and Duval Counties and serves several additional counties that have requested to use District IV's services on a contractual basis. Jacksonville has allocated the annual salary for the Medical Examiner's Office and Hamilton County will reimburse the City for the value of the District IV Medical Examiner's autopsy services it receives. The reimbursement reflects the fees as defined by Ordinance 2017-0370-E and will be in effect for five years from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028.

**Policy Impact Area:** District IV Medical Examiner services and reimbursement

**Fiscal Impact:** The City will be reimbursed for the cost of services provided pursuant to a fee schedule, estimated at a total of approximately \$65,000.

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