

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-805**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT
6 OF TAMARA G. BAKER, A DUVAL COUNTY RESIDENT, TO
7 THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD,
8 REPLACING GEORGE R. SAOUD, ESQUIRE, PURSUANT TO
9 SECTION 55.107(DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY
10 BOARD), PART 1(DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY),
11 CHAPTER 55 (DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY),
12 *ORDINANCE CODE*, FOR A FIRST FULL TERM TO EXPIRE
13 ON JUNE 30, 2026; WAIVING SUBSECTION
14 55.107(B) (BOARD MEMBERSHIP; TERM OF OFFICE AND
15 APPOINTMENT; REMOVAL; VACANCIES; OFFICE-
16 HOLDING), SECTION 55.107 (DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT
17 AUTHORITY BOARD), PART 1 (DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT
18 AUTHORITY), CHAPTER 55 (DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT
19 AUTHORITY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ENABLE
20 APPOINTMENT OF MS. BAKER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
21 DATE.
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23 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

24 **Section 1. Appointment.** The Council hereby confirms the
25 Mayor's appointment of Tamara G. Baker, a Duval County resident, to
26 the Downtown Investment Authority Board, replacing George R. Saoud,
27 Esquire, pursuant to Section 55.107(Downtown Investment Authority
28 Board), Part 1 (Downtown Investment Authority), Chapter 55 (Downtown
29 Investment Authority), *Ordinance Code*, for a first full term to expire
30 on June 30, 2026.
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1 **Section 2. Waiver of Subsection 55.107 (b) (Board**
2 **membership; term of office and appointment; removal; vacancies;**
3 **office-holding), Ordinance Code.** Subsection 55.107 (b) (Board
4 membership; term of office and appointment; removal; vacancies;
5 office-holding), Section 55.107 (Downtown Investment Authority
6 Board), Part 1 (Downtown Investment Authority), Chapter 55 (Downtown
7 Investment Authority) is hereby waived to enable the appointment of
8 Tamara G. Baker to the Downtown Investment Authority Board. As
9 required by Section 55.107(b), *Ordinance Code*, Mr. Saoud was the
10 downtown real property owner for the Downtown Investment Authority.
11 Ms. Baker is the founder and owner of Baker Design Build and a
12 licensed professional engineer. While she does not meet one of the
13 professional or property ownership requirements for board membership
14 enumerated in Section 55.107(b), *Ordinance Code*, her business is
15 located in downtown Jacksonville, and she is accordingly familiar
16 with the challenges and opportunities of downtown. In addition, her
17 background as a professional engineer provides expertise in
18 understanding design and construction matters related to downtown
19 development.

20 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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