Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

**RESOLUTION 2025-508**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FUTURE PENSION LIABILITY SURTAX PROCEEDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Florida legislature enacted Section 212.055(9), *Florida Statutes*, establishing a Pension Liability Surtax not to exceed 0.50% which counties may levy to fund defined benefit retirement plans which are below 80% of actuarial funding if certain other criteria as described in the law are met; and

**WHEREAS**, such law requires the county to apply the present value of the total projected proceeds of the Pension Liability Surtax to reduce the unfunded liability of the defined benefit retirement plans; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Duval County approved a local referendum on August 30, 2016, to enact the Pension Liability Surtax if all the criteria set forth by the law are met; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville enacted Ordinance 2017-257-E to meet all of the requirements of the law and to levy the Pension Liability Surtax; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2017-257-E, in part, created Section 776.105, *Ordinance Code*, which established that the present value of future Pension Liability Surtax proceeds shall be calculated assuming a 4.25% annual growth rate, and that the City Council shall approve by legislation the assumed growth rate by October 31 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, once any change to the assumed growth rate is approved

by City Council each year, the rate shall be used by the defined benefit plan actuaries in determining the present value amount of future Pension Liability Surtax proceeds and consider that amount as an asset in the fund when determining the City's required contributions for the following fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS,** City Administration has reviewed various relevant economic indicators and has determined that no change is necessary to the previously established annual growth rate of 4.25%, and recommends the City Council approve using the established rate without changes to calculate the present value of future Pension Liability Surtax proceeds as of the October 1, 2025 actuarial valuation, which will affect the City's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 required contributions to defined benefit plans; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

**Section 1. Adopting Annual Growth Rate.** Based on the review and recommendation of City Administration, no change is necessary to the previously established annual growth rate of 4.25%. The City's defined benefit plan actuaries shall use this rate to calculate the present value of future Pension Liability Surtax proceeds as of the October 1, 2025, actuarial valuation when determining the City's required contributions to defined benefit plans for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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