

1 Introduced by Council Member Diamond and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Cumber, Salem and Ferraro:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-40**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING RESPONSES TO THE
7 COUNCIL AUDITOR; AMENDING SECTION 21.07
8 (FISCAL AND BUDGETARY FUNCTIONS), ARTICLE 21
9 (JEA), *CITY CHARTER*, TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS
10 TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS MADE BY THE COUNCIL
11 AUDITOR WITHIN 48 HOURS FROM RECEIPT OF THE
12 COUNCIL AUDITOR'S REQUEST AND PROVIDE A
13 TIMEFRAME FOR SUBMITTING REQUESTED INFORMATION
14 TO THE COUNCIL AUDITOR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
15 DATE.

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17 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.10 of the Charter of the City of
18 Jacksonville empowers the Council Auditor to request certain
19 financial information from various offices and departments of City
20 government including independent authorities and other agencies and
21 entities of City government as described therein; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Charter does not prescribe a process in which
23 those parties acknowledge receipt of a request by the Council
24 Auditor or a timeframe for providing an estimate of the time
25 required to fulfill such request; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Council would like to create a process in Article
27 21 (JEA), *City Charter*, for JEA, so that a uniform procedure is in
28 place for JEA to communicate and timely comply with the Council
29 Auditor's requests for information; and

30 **WHEREAS**, an amendment to Article 21, *City Charter*, is required
31 to implement such changes; now therefore

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

2 **Section 1. Amending Section 21.07 (Fiscal and budgetary**
3 **functions), Article 21 (JEA), City Charter.** Section 21.07, Article
4 21, *City Charter*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **PART A. CHARTER LAWS CHARTER OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**

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7 **ARTICLE 21. JEA.**

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9 **Sec. 21.07. Fiscal and budgetary functions.**

10 JEA shall have fiscal and budgetary functions, subject to the
11 limitations herein expressed:

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13 (m) When JEA is in receipt of a request for information from
14 the Council Auditor pursuant to the authority of the
15 Council Auditor under Section 5.10, Charter of the City
16 of Jacksonville, it shall, within 48 business hours of
17 receipt of the request, 1) acknowledge receipt of the
18 request by electronic mail to the Council Auditor, and 2)
19 submit to the Council Auditor an estimated timeframe for
20 which the information requested will be available to the
21 Council Auditor for review. If the information requested
22 by the Council Auditor is not within the purview of JEA
23 or JEA is unsure of the request or unfamiliar with the
24 information that is requested, it should provide such
25 explanation in its response to the Council Auditor.

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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Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

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