

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-0104

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Ethics Commission

Date of Introduction: February 11, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: February 11, 2020

Type of Action: Amending Ordinance Code

Bill Summary: The bill amends Chapter 602 (Jacksonville Ethics 22 Code), Part 12 (General Provisions), Section 602.1205 (Cooperation by appointed employees in official investigations.), of the Ordinance Code. The updated section reads as:

Sec. 602.1205. – Cooperation in official investigations.

(a) All officers, employees, and independent contractors of the City or an independent agency, as a condition of employment, retention, and receipt of City funds, shall agree to cooperate truthfully, honestly, and completely with official government investigations including but not limited to, investigations by the Ethics Commission, Ethics Officer, State Attorney's Office, or United States Attorneys' Office, concerning his or her official duties or matters related to City government or business.

(b) It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any officer, employee, or independent contractor of the City or any independent agency to violate any provision of this Section.

Background Information: The Jacksonville Ethics Commission has a duty under sections 602.911 and 602.921 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code and under section 1.202(d) of the Charter of the City of Jacksonville to "recommend changes in legislation to City Council in the areas of ethics laws and administration, conflicts of interests, hotline policies, ethics education, ethics in procurement, campaign ethics, and lobbying"; and in connection with such duties, the Jacksonville Ethics Commission has reviewed the Jacksonville Ethics Code, section 602.1205, and discussed the proposed changes.

Policy Impact Area: Ordinance code Chapter 602

Fiscal Impact: No financial impacts are anticipated.

Analyst: Baltiero