

1 Introduced by Council Member Diamond & Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Cumber, Salem and Ferraro and amended by the
3 Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2020-40-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING RESPONSES TO THE
8 COUNCIL AUDITOR; AMENDING SECTION 21.07
9 (FISCAL AND BUDGETARY FUNCTIONS), ARTICLE 21
10 (JEA), *CITY CHARTER*, TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS
11 TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS MADE BY THE COUNCIL
12 AUDITOR WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS FROM RECEIPT
13 OF THE COUNCIL AUDITOR'S REQUEST AND PROVIDE A
14 TIMEFRAME FOR SUBMITTING REQUESTED INFORMATION
15 TO THE COUNCIL AUDITOR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
16 DATE.
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18 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.10 of the Charter of the City of
19 Jacksonville empowers the Council Auditor to request certain
20 financial information from various offices and departments of City
21 government including independent authorities and other agencies and
22 entities of City government as described therein; and

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

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

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

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

4 **Section 1. Amending Section 21.07 (Fiscal and budgetary**
5 **functions), Article 21 (JEA), *City Charter*.** Section 21.07, Article
6 21, *City Charter*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

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9 **ARTICLE 21. JEA.**

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

12 JEA shall have fiscal and budgetary functions, subject to the
13 limitations herein expressed:

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

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

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Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

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