

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the  
2 Jacksonville Ethics Commission & Co-Sponsored by Council Members  
3 Morgan, Carlucci, DeFoor, Diamond, Salem, Hazouri and Ferraro and  
4 amended by the Rules Committee:  
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7 **ORDINANCE 2020-104-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 602  
9 (JACKSONVILLE ETHICS CODE), PART 12 (GENERAL  
10 PROVISIONS), SECTION 602.1205 (COOPERATION BY  
11 APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN OFFICIAL  
12 INVESTIGATIONS), ORDINANCE CODE, TO ADD  
13 OFFICERS, NON-APPOINTED EMPLOYEES AND  
14 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AS INDIVIDUALS  
15 REQUIRED TO COOPERATE IN OFFICIAL  
16 INVESTIGATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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18 **WHEREAS**, during its January 22, 2020 meeting, the Jacksonville  
19 Ethics Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed  
20 revisions to the Jacksonville Ethics Code. A Resolution of the  
21 Jacksonville Ethics Commission is attached hereto as **Revised**  
22 **Exhibit 1**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev Resolution, April 21,  
23 2020 - Rules"; and therefore

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

25 **Section 1. Amending Chapter 602 (Jacksonville Ethics**  
26 **Code), Part 12 (General Provisions), Section 602.1205 (Cooperation**  
27 **by appointed employees in official investigations.), Ordinance**  
28 **Code. Chapter 602 (Jacksonville Ethics Code), Section 602.1205**  
29 **(Cooperation by appointed employees in official investigations.),**  
30 **Ordinance Code,** is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 602. JACKSONVILLE ETHICS CODE

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PART 12. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Sec. 602.1205. - Cooperation by ~~appointed~~ employees in official investigations.

(a) All officers, appointed 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. Employment discipline of employees for violating this subsection - but not for recourse pursuant to sections 602.1101 and 602.1208 - must comply with collective bargaining requirements, if applicable. For independent contractors, this subsection applies to contracts executed or amended after the effective date of Ordinance 2020-104.

(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.

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

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Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

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