

1 Introduced by Council Member Bowman, Cumber and Freeman & Co-
2 Sponsored by Council Member Hazouri:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-229-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE ENGAGING AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
7 FOR PROVIDING AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE CITY AND
8 CERTAIN OTHER FUNDED PROGRAMS FOR A THREE YEAR
9 CONTRACT PERIOD FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER
10 30, 2020, 2021, AND 2022, UNDER THE SINGLE
11 AUDIT APPROACH; APPROVING THE INDEPENDENT
12 AUDITOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CARR,
13 RIGGS AND INGRAM, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING
14 EXECUTION BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND FINANCE
15 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN; APPROVING PROFESSIONAL
16 FEES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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18 **WHEREAS**, Section 5.11 of Chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as
19 amended, requires the Council to provide for an annual independent
20 audit, certified by an unqualified opinion, of the accounts and
21 financial transactions of the City of Jacksonville; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Section 102.116, *Ordinance Code*, requires the use of
23 requests for proposals to select the auditor to perform the annual
24 independent audit of the City and any electing independent agency;
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26 **WHEREAS**, Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC, submitted a proposal to
27 the City and was the highest ranked audit firm meeting or exceeding
28 the specification; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the intent of Council is to contract for auditing
30 services for the three fiscal years ending September 30, 2022, with
31 the option for two one-year renewals; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Government now requires that Federal
2 Grant Funds be audited together with local, state and other funds
3 in order to perform a single audit of the City; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1. Engaging Independent Auditor.** The Council
6 hereby approves and authorizes the Council President or his
7 designee and Finance Committee Chairman to execute the Independent
8 Auditor Agreement between the City and Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC,
9 in substantially the form **On File** with Legislative Services and by
10 this reference made a part hereof. The independent auditor is
11 hereby engaged for the audit for the fiscal years ending September
12 30, 2020, 2021, and 2022, to conduct the audit of the accounts and
13 transactions of the City in accordance with the terms set forth in
14 the Engagement Letter **On File** with Legislative Services.

15 **Section 2. Auditor's Fee.** The City agrees to pay the
16 independent auditor engaged herein the fees for their services for
17 the three fiscal years ending September 30, 2022, as stated in the
18 Engagement Letter **On File** and by this reference made a part hereof.
19 For the fiscal years September 30, 2020, 2021 and 2022 the fees
20 will not exceed \$320,000, \$327,500 and \$335,000 respectively. The
21 total maximum fee shall not exceed \$982,500, subject to
22 availability of budgeted funds. To the extent practicable, the
23 Council Auditor's Office is directed to make available to the
24 independent auditor engaged a maximum number of hours to be
25 provided by the Council Auditor's Office of six hundred (600)
26 annually. The total maximum fee payable to Carr, Riggs and Ingram,
27 LLC, shall not be reduced by reason of such services furnished by
28 the Council Auditor's Office.

29 **Section 3. Execution of Additional Contracts Authorized.**
30 The Mayor and Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
31 execute additional contracts with Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLC,

1 during the initial contract period set forth in Section 1 herein
2 for the performance of audit services of other funded programs
3 and/or services required on Official Statements regarding debt
4 issuance; provided, that (1) adequate funds have been appropriated
5 for expenditure for such services, (2) prior approval is obtained
6 from the Council Auditor, or his designee, and (3) the applicable
7 City department affected has been notified of the expenditure for
8 such audit services.

9 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Margaret M. Sidman

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