

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-407**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR,
6 OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
7 EXECUTE AND DELIVER, A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
8 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND NASSAU COUNTY
9 FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER AUTOPSY SERVICES AND
10 REIMBURSEMENT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE
11 MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
12 DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, the
15 District IV Medical Examiner has been appointed by the Governor to
16 serve the three county area of Nassau, Clay, and Duval Counties;
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18 **WHEREAS**, the District IV Medical Examiner is to be compensated
19 for his or her services by the three counties; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Duval County has allocated the annual salary to be
21 paid the District IV Medical Examiner for the full services
22 rendered to all three counties; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Nassau County should reimburse Duval County for the
24 value of the District IV Medical Examiner's autopsy services it
25 receives; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Nassau County and Duval County desire to enter into a
27 Cooperative Agreement for Medical Examiner Services under which
28 Nassau County is to reimburse Duval County for the value of the
29 District IV Medical Examiner's services it receives; now, therefore

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

1 **Section 1. Approval and authorization to execute and**
2 **deliver Cooperative Agreement and other documents.** There is hereby
3 approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary
4 are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, a Cooperative
5 Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Nassau County for
6 Medical Examiner Services and Reimbursement, in substantially the
7 same form as is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated
8 herein by this reference, and all other documents necessary or
9 appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this ordinance.
10 Reimbursement from Nassau County for services provided to Nassau
11 County by the District IV Medical Examiner shall be as set forth in
12 Ordinance 2017-370-E, and the term of the agreement shall be for a
13 period of three (3) years commencing October 1, 2020, and ending
14 September 30, 2023. The Medical Examiner will review the fees
15 annually no later than June of each year and should it be
16 determined by the Medical Examiner that fees do not sufficiently
17 cover the City's financial exposure, a notice of increase will be
18 given to Nassau County with an effective date of October 1, 2021
19 and/or 2022, thus providing a ninety (90) day notice on an increase
20 in fees.

21 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Medical Examiner's Office
22 shall oversee the project described herein.

23 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall
24 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming
25 effective without the Mayor's signature.

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27 Form Approved:

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29 /s/ James R. McCain, Jr.

30 Office of General Counsel

31 Legislation prepared by James R. McCain, Jr.

