

## Section 21.03. - Composition; compensation; officers; meetings.

- (a) The governing body of JEA shall consist of 7 members, appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the council, for a term of 4 years or until such member's successor has been appointed and has qualified. Each member of JEA shall have been a resident and elector of the city for at least 6 consecutive months prior to such member's appointment. No member of JEA shall hold any other public office or position. If at any time during a member's tenure on JEA, such member shall cease to possess the qualifications required for membership on JEA, such member shall cease to be a member and a vacancy shall exist on JEA. Any vacancy on JEA, however created, shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the position was originally filled, and the person filling the vacancy shall have and retain all the qualifications prescribed for membership on JEA. Any member appointed to JEA for 2 consecutive full terms shall not be eligible for the succeeding term. The members may be removed by the mayor at any time with or without cause, but a removal must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the council.
- (b) The members of JEA shall not be entitled to compensation, pension, or other retirement benefits on account of service on JEA, but members and employees shall be entitled to payment of reasonable expenses as provided by the council. Members of JEA shall be subject to the provisions of s. 286.012, Florida Statutes, relating to voting at meetings of JEA, and to the provisions of ss. 112.311 through 112.3175, inclusive, Florida Statutes, as from time to time amended, relating to financial disclosure and conflicts of interest.
- (c) JEA shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary and may elect one or more assistant secretaries, each of whom shall serve for one year or until such officer's successor is chosen. JEA may meet at such times and places designated by it but shall hold regular meetings as necessary, and generally once a month. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the chairperson or any 3 members of JEA. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of meeting and transacting business. Each member of JEA shall have one vote. JEA may adopt bylaws and make rules and regulations not inconsistent with this article or general law.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 75-538, § 1; Laws of Fla., Ch. 80-515, § 1; Ord. 83-693-582, § 1; Ord. 84-1307-754, § 25; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1; Ord. 93-82-1385, § 1; Ord. 98-253-E, § 1; Ord. 2016-764-E, § 2)

## Section 21.08. - Employees.

All employees of the utilities system shall be employees of JEA and shall be subject to articles 16 and 17 unless otherwise provided by the council, which shall be and continue to be the legislative body as provided in section 447.203(10), Florida Statutes. JEA shall be fully responsible for the administration and operation of all utility services as set out in this article and in order to meet its administrative and operational responsibilities, JEA shall have full and independent authority to hire, transfer, promote, discipline, terminate and evaluate employees engaged to provide any and all of the utilities services for which it is responsible and accordingly, consistent with the provisions of article 17, JEA may establish employment policies relating to hiring, promotion, discipline and termination, and other terms and conditions of employment, and enter into negotiations with employee organizations with respect to wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment and take such other employment related action as needed to assure effective and efficient administration and operation of the utilities system. In order to effectively implement the foregoing, JEA shall perform all functions with regard to its own employees that are performed by the City department or division which oversees city employees in regard to personnel matters. JEA, at its expense, shall provide accidental death benefits for all employees engaged in hazardous duty as determined by JEA, in the amount of \$50,000 payable to the beneficiary named by the employee, or as otherwise provided, in the event said employee dies as a result of an accident occurring to any employee in the course of his/her employment. Nothing contained in this section 21.08 shall be construed to supersede or repeal any provision of section 12 of Chapter 80-513, Laws of Florida, as amended.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-538, § 1; Laws of Fla., Ch. 80-515, § 1; Ord. 84-1307-754, § 25; Ord. 87-203-345, § 1; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1; Ord. 97-12-E, § 2; Ord. 98-253-E, § 1; Ord. 2011-732-E; Ord. 2015-764-E, § 3)

**Editor's note**— Ordinance 2007-839-E, § 18, authorized updated department/division names pursuant to reorganization.

## Section 21.09. - Awards of contracts.

- (a) JEA shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 126, Ordinance Code of the City of Jacksonville, as the same may be amended from time to time, however, JEA in entering into any contracts relating to the construction, reconstruction, repair, operation or maintenance of the utilities system or the purchase of supplies, equipment, machinery and materials for the utilities system or the contracting or otherwise purchasing for any advisory, professional or any other services may establish such rules, regulations or procedures as it may deem desirable or necessary in connection therewith. In the absence of such specific authority, rules, regulations or procedures, JEA shall follow the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Ordinance Code of the City of Jacksonville, as the same may be amended from time to time. JEA shall have the right to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, in the best interests of JEA. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the power of JEA to construct, repair, or improve the utilities system, or any part thereof, or any addition, betterment or extension thereto, directly by the officers, agents, and employees of JEA, or otherwise by contract. JEA is authorized to implement and to take all actions necessary to administer a purchasing and procurement program directed to Minority Business Enterprises including, but not limited to, prime contractors, subcontractors, consultants, subconsultants, and suppliers. Any such Minority Business Enterprise program shall be implemented by JEA to remedy discrimination or the present effects of past discrimination, if any, suffered by Minority Business Enterprises in the business community in the area served by JEA. For purposes of this chapter, the term "Minority Business Enterprise" shall be defined by JEA and shall include, at a minimum, those business entities that are legitimately owned, operated and controlled by persons who have been shown to have been discriminated against or who suffer from the present effects of past discriminations, if any, in the business community in the area served by JEA. Such program shall be used to redress and remedy discrimination or the present effects of past discrimination, if any, as may be determined by JEA, and which are shown to have been suffered by Minority Business Enterprises, in the business community in the area served by JEA.
- (b) No member of JEA or officer or employee thereof shall either directly or indirectly be a party to, or be in any manner interested in, any contract or agreement with JEA for any matter, cause or thing whatsoever in which such member shall have a financial interest or by reason whereof any liability or indebtedness shall in any way be created against JEA. If any contract or agreement shall be made in violation of the provisions of this section the same shall be null and void and no action shall be maintained thereon against JEA.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-538, § 1; Laws of Fla., Ch. 80-515, § 1; Ord. 80-113-169, § 1; Ord. 81-921-490, § 2; Ord. 84-1307-754, § 25; Ord. 84-229-307, § 1; Ord. 86-1475-875, § 1; Ord. 88-989-705, § 1; Ord. 91-678-447, § 1; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1; Ord. 93-82-1385, § 1; Ord. 97-12-E, § 2; Ord. 98-253-E, § 1)