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SUBJECT: Annual Report – Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB)

As required by Ordinance 2016-521-E, please find below a summary of the JEPB activities for the reporting period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

The JEPB meets as a body on a monthly basis and for special meetings as required. During the reporting period, we conducted 15 meetings. In addition, each member is assigned to at least one of two standing regulatory committees – Air, Odors and Noise or the Water & Hazardous Materials Committee. The JEPB has also established the Education & Public Outreach Committee to coordinate non-regulatory functions and to review requests for funding from the Environmental Protection Trust Fund. Each of the committees also meet on a monthly basis. A monthly Steering Committee meeting organizes and sets and discusses the agenda for each. During the reporting period, we held 10 meetings each of the Air Committee and Water Committee and 6 meetings of the Education & Outreach Committee.

In fulfilling our regulatory role, each meeting includes a review and action on any consent orders and a review of enforcement activities. During the period the JEPB considered, and approved, two noise variances for construction projects, the Water Committee met with the St Johns Riverkeeper organization and EQD staff to discuss ways the public can help improve erosion and sediment control and the Air Committee has nearly finalized a noise variance request template that will expedite the process for the applicants, Board members, and staff. Other standing items on each monthly agenda include a staff report and legislative report from the EPB Program Administrator, a report from the Environmental Quality Division Chief, and updates from JEPB representatives to the Waterways Commission and the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful (KJB) Commission. Periodically, the JEPB will have presentations from various entities that are relative to our mission of preserving and protecting natural resources. During the reporting period, the JEPB hosted presentations from from JEA on sanitary sewer system failures following Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, Solid Waste on the Recycling Program and from JEA on the decommissioning of the St. Johns River Power Park.

Another key responsibility of the JEPB is to administer the Environmental Protection Trust Fund which consists of non-General Revenue monies collected by the City pursuant to Ordinance Code Chapter 362, Chapter 368 or Chapter 376. During the reporting period, the JEPB, or committees, considered several new funding requests for various environmental projects but did not proceed with approval. The Board did take action to ratify their approval of a 2016 funding request from Groundwork Jacksonville for their S-Line/Hogans Creek project in the amount of \$50,000 and their approval of a \$165,000 funding request to the Jacksonville Zoo Living Shoreline Project. We also received status reports on several previously funded projects such as the Tree Canopy Study and the annual State of the River Report.

Rulemaking is also a JEPB responsibility. During the reporting period, the JEPB held rulemaking hearings as follows:

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| • June 2018 | Rule 2 – Air Pollution Control | Annual update required by FDEP |
| • June 2018 | Rule 6 – Mobile Sources | Annual update required by FDEP |

The JEPB administers an extensive outreach program designed to educate citizens on their impact to the environment. As a part of this program, the JEPB hosted or sponsored the annual Environmental Symposium at UNF, Envirofest at the Cummer Museum, Aquafest festivals held at MOSH and made several presentations to school-based and community organizations. Partnerships are also critical to ensuring the populace is educated on the status of the environment and their impact to it. To that end, the JEPB has partnered with entities such as the St Johns Riverkeeper, USGBC Florida, Baptist Health Systems, Nemours, UF Health, Duval County Public Schools, several environmentally focused organizations and the Clinton Health Matters Initiative on several projects and education opportunities.

All meetings of the JEPB, including committees, are digitally recorded. Meeting summaries, including reports and presentations, are produced, maintained and posted to the JEPB website (www.coj.net/epb). There is one current vacancy on the JEPB (Council – Medical Professional). We are currently working with the Duval County Medical Society and other community and academic organizations to identify someone for the position. The current member roster is attached.

The JEPB, established in 1965, continues to serve a unique and critical role in our local government as the primary regulatory agency for all environmental matters that occur within Duval County. Over the years we have devised an effective and efficient way to conduct business which is open to the public, and we are continuously looking for process improvements. We are proud of the service we provide and offer ourselves to be of service to you, members of the City Council, and to the Administration. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know. Thank you.

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