

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2018-256**

5 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
6 JEA; AMENDING SECTION 21.03 (COMPOSITION;
7 COMPENSATION; OFFICERS; MEETINGS), ARTICLE 21
8 (JEA), CITY OF JACKSONVILLE CHARTER, TO
9 PROVIDE THAT FOUR OF THE SEVEN BOARD MEMBERS
10 BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL AND ALSO BE
11 SUBJECT TO REMOVAL BY THE COUNCIL; PROVIDING
12 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 21, Section 21.11, the
15 Legislature granted unique powers to the City Council to amend or
16 repeal provisions of Article 21; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this Ordinance has been noticed as required in
18 Section 21.11, Charter, now therefore

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

20 **Section 1. Charter Amended.** The Charter of the City of
21 Jacksonville is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 **CHARTER AND RELATED LAWS**

23 **PART A - CHARTER LAWS CHARTER OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

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25 **ARTICLE 21. JEA**

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27 **Sec. 21.03. - Composition; compensation; officers; meetings.**

28 (a) The governing body of JEA shall consist of 7 members,
29 ~~appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the council each~~
30 of whom shall serve for a term of 4 years or until such member's
31 successor has been appointed and has qualified. Four members shall

1 be appointed by the council, and three members shall be appointed
2 by the mayor and confirmed by the council. Each member of JEA shall
3 have been a resident and elector of the city for at least 6
4 ~~consecutive months~~ three consecutive years prior to such member's
5 appointment. No member of JEA shall hold any other public office or
6 position. If at any time during a member's tenure on JEA, such
7 member shall cease to possess the qualifications required for
8 membership on JEA, such member shall cease to be a member and a
9 vacancy shall exist on JEA. Any vacancy on JEA, however created,
10 shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the
11 position was originally filled, and the person filling the vacancy
12 shall have and retain all the qualifications prescribed for
13 membership on JEA. Any member appointed to JEA for 2 consecutive
14 full terms shall not be eligible for the succeeding term. The
15 members appointed by the mayor may be removed by the mayor at any
16 time with or without cause, but a removal must be approved by a
17 two-thirds vote of the council. The members appointed by the
18 council may be removed by the council at any time with or without
19 cause, but a removal must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the
20 council. After the effective date of Ordinance 2018-256, the mayor
21 shall identify three members to complete their respective four-year
22 terms. The terms of other incumbent members shall expire upon
23 appointment of his or her successor by council. Any vacancies on
24 the board as of the effective date of Ordinance 2018-256, shall be
25 filled by the council. Should more than four vacancies exist as of
26 such effective date, then the mayor shall appoint any of that
27 number greater than four.

28 (b) The members of JEA shall not be entitled to compensation,
29 pension, or other retirement benefits on account of service on JEA,
30 but members and employees shall be entitled to payment of
31 reasonable expenses as provided by the council. Members of JEA

1 shall be subject to the provisions of s. 286.012, Florida Statutes,
2 relating to voting at meetings of JEA, and to the provisions of ss.
3 112.311 through 112.3175, inclusive, Florida Statutes, as from time
4 to time amended, relating to financial disclosure and conflicts of
5 interest.

6 (c) JEA shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary
7 and may elect one or more assistant secretaries, each of whom shall
8 serve for one year or until such officer's successor is chosen. JEA
9 may meet at such times and places designated by it but shall hold
10 regular meetings as necessary, and generally once a month. Special
11 meetings may be held upon the call of the chairperson or any 3
12 members of JEA. A majority of the membership shall constitute a
13 quorum for the purpose of meeting and transacting business. Each
14 member of JEA shall have one vote. JEA may adopt bylaws and make
15 rules and regulations not inconsistent with this article or general
16 law.

17 **Section 2. Effective Date.** Pursuant to Section 21.11,
18 Charter, this Ordinance shall become effective only upon approval
19 of 2/3 of the membership of the council and upon signature by the
20 Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.
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22 Form Approved:
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25 Office of General Counsel

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