

AN ORDINANCE OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESTATING AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-47 TO REQUIRE A MAJORITY, PLUS ONE VOTE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FURTHER CHANGE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ST. JOHNS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **SHORT TITLE.** This Ordinance to be amended is known as and may be referred to as the ST. JOHNS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ORDINANCE.

Section 2. **STATUTORY BASIS.** This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, and other applicable law.

Section 3. **PURPOSE.** The Purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for a form of County administration that best assures the adequate and efficient provision of services to the citizens of St. Johns County, Florida; provide for coordinated administration of County departments to better protect the health, welfare, safety and quality of life of the residents of St. Johns County, Florida; and place in the hands of a County Administrator the multitude of details which must necessarily arise from the operation of the County as a unit of local government and thus, enable the Board of County Commissioners to perform, without unnecessary interruption, its fundamental intended purpose of making policies and providing direction to the County Administrator pertaining to administration within the framework of law applicable to County government in this state. Further, the purpose of this Ordinance is to provide a structure for the economic and efficient conduct of County affairs by making the County Administrator responsible for handling all matters necessary to accomplish and bring to fruition the policies and directives established by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND COMPENSATION.**

a. The County Administrator shall be the Administrative Head of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida and shall be responsible for the administration of all Departments of County Government (with the exception of the Office of the County Attorney) which the Board of County Commissioners has authority to control pursuant to this Ordinance, the General Laws of Florida and other applicable legislation. (It is intended that the Office of the County Attorney report directly to the Board of County Commissioners.)

b. The County Administrator shall be appointed and may be terminated with or without cause (after a hearing, if such be requested by the County Administrator), by a vote of a majority plus one of the membership of the Board of County Commissioners.

c. Minimum Qualifications. The County Administrator shall, at a minimum, have earned a Bachelor's Degree in Public or Business Administration or related field from an accredited college or university and shall have at least five years of responsible administrative experience in federal, state and/or local government, including agencies or the military or in the private sector, or in any combination thereof. The County Administrator shall have experience in growth management, public utilities, economic development, financing and budgeting, and management of staff.

d. Compensation. The compensation of the County Administrator shall be fixed by the Board of County Commissioners unless otherwise provided by law. The County Administrator shall be hired on a contract basis only.

Section 5. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.**

a. The County Administrator shall be responsible for the administration of all departments (other than the legal department) that are responsible to the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida and for the proper administration of all affairs (excluding the affairs of the legal department) under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners. To that end, the County Administrator shall, by way of enumeration and not by way of limitation, have the following specific powers and duties pertaining thereto:

1. Administer and carry out the directives and policies of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida (hereafter, the "Board") and enforce all orders, resolutions, ordinances, and regulations of the Board to assure that they are faithfully executed.

2. Report to the Board on action taken pursuant to any Board directive or policy within the time set by the Board and provide an annual report to the Board on the state of the County, the work of the previous year, and any recommendations as to actions or programs the County Administrator deems necessary for the improvement of the County and the welfare of its residents.

3. Provide the Board, or individual members thereof, upon request, with data or information concerning County government and provide advice and recommendations on County government operations to the Board.

4. Prepare and submit to the Board for its consideration and adoption an annual operating budget, a capital budget, and a capital program.

5. Establish the schedules and procedures to be followed by all County departments, offices, and agencies in connection with the Board's budget and supervise and administer all phases of the Board's budgetary process.

6. Prepare and submit to the Board after the end of each fiscal year a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the County for the preceding year and submit recommendations.
7. Supervise the care and custody of all property that is under the control or ownership of the Board.
8. Recommend to the Board a current position classification and pay plan for all positions under the Board (other than the legal department).
9. Develop, install, and maintain centralized budgeting, personnel, and purchasing procedures at the direction of the Board and in accordance with Florida Statutes.
10. Organize the work of the departments and offices (other than the legal department) that are under the jurisdiction of the Board, subject to an administrative policy developed by the County Administrator and adopted by the Board, and review the departments, administration, and operation thereof and make recommendations pertaining thereto for reorganization by the Board.
11. Select, employ, and supervise all non-legal personnel and fill all non-legal vacancies, positions, or employment under the jurisdiction of the Board. The employment of all department heads shall require confirmation by the Board. As used in this ordinance, the term “non-legal” shall refer to County personnel or functions that are not part of the County legal department.
12. Suspend, discharge, or remove any non-legal employee under the jurisdiction of the Board pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board.
13. Negotiate leases, contracts, and other agreements, including consultant services, for the Board, subject to approval of the Board, and make recommendations concerning the nature and location of Board funded improvements.
14. See that all terms and conditions in all Board leases, contracts, and agreements are performed and notify the Board of any noted violation thereof.
15. Order, and promptly advise the Board thereof, any department or agency under the County Administrator’s jurisdiction to undertake any task for any other department or agency on a temporary basis when the County Administrator deems it necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the County government to do so.
16. Attend all meetings of the Board with authority to participate in the discussion of any matter, and to make recommendations to the Board.
17. Propose a project priority list, revised semi-annually, for confirmation or revision by the Board, and prepare and submit quarterly status reports on each project.

18. Prepare an agenda for all Board meetings and workshops in accordance with Board instructions.

19. Maintain a citizen suggestion system to prevent possible deficiencies within Board Departments, Offices and activities.

20. Cooperate with other County officers in the performance of their duties.

21. Perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.

22. Negotiate and execute contracts, leases, purchase orders, and other agreements, including consulting services, for the Board pursuant to procedures authorized or approved by the Board.

23. Delegate any of the powers set forth in paragraph 1 of Section 5 to County employees operating under the direction and control of the County Administrator.

24. Maintain an employee suggestion system to prevent possible deficiencies or grievances within Board Departments, offices and activities.

b. It is intended that this Ordinance grant to the County Administrator only those powers and duties which are administrative or ministerial in nature and not to delegate any governmental power imbued in the Board of County Commissioners as the governing body of the County pursuant to Section 1(e), Art. VIII of the Florida Constitution. To that end, the above specifically enumerated powers shall be construed as administrative in nature, and in any exercise of governmental power the County Administrator shall only be performing the duty of advising the Board in its role as the policy-setting governing body of St. Johns County.

Section 6. **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORKING RELATIONSHIPS TO EMPLOYEES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.** Board instruction or directives to non-legal employees of County government under the jurisdiction and control of the Board of County Commissioners shall be issued only through the County Administrator. A County Commissioner shall not give orders or instructions, publicly or privately, to any County official or employee who is subject to the direction and supervision of the County Administrator. However, interaction, communication and observance will be permitted so long as no direction is given. If a majority of the Board of County Commissioners finds that a County Commissioner has violated this section, the Board may declare the violation an act of misfeasance.

Section 7. **DESIGNATION OF DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR COUNTY DESIGNATED POSITIONS OR PERSONNEL TO PERFORM TASKS AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DUTIES THAT ARE DELEGATED OR DESIGNATED BY COUNTY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TO OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS, OTHER COUNTY DESIGNATED POSITIONS OR OTHER COUNTY PERSONNEL.**

a. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County hereby finds and determines that the determination of which County Department or County Position is best suited to perform tasks and/or to be responsible for the performance of duties that have been or are established and/or provided by separate County Ordinances or County Resolutions and the designation of such County Departments and/or County Positions to perform and be responsible for such tasks and duties is administrative and not legislative in nature and that changing or altering the County Department or County Position that is to be responsible for the performance of those tasks and duties does not by itself alter any substantive or procedural rights of the general public.

b. Notwithstanding that a County ordinance or County resolution designates a particular County Department, County Department Head, County Position or particular County personnel to perform certain tasks and/or to be responsible for the performance of certain duties, the County Administrator may, by written directive, change or alter the County Department, County Department Head, County Position and/or particular County personnel that is to be responsible for the performance of those tasks and duties without amending the County ordinance or County resolution.

Section 8. **POLITICAL ACTIVITY.** The County Administrator shall not engage in political activity involving candidates for St. Johns County elective office other than casting his or her ballot at the polls.

Section 9. **AMENDMENTS.** St. Johns County Ordinance 2010-47 is hereby amended and St. Johns County Ordinances numbered 90-10, 96-70, 97-6, 97-35, 99-44, 97-50, and any related amending ordinances remain repealed. Any subsequent or future amendments to this St. Johns County Administrator Ordinance shall be made only by a vote of a majority plus one of the membership of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 10. **CONFLICT.** All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of said conflict, hereby repealed. Any references to specific chapters or sections of Florida Statutes are intended to remain consistent with Florida Statutes if they are subsequently amended or re-numbered.

Section 11. **SEVERABILITY.** It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Section 12. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Florida Department of State.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 15th day of October 2024.

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of the
Circuit Court & Comptroller

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Crystal Smith
Deputy Clerk

By: [Signature]
Sarah Arnold, Chair

Effective Date: OCT 16 2024

Rendition Date: OCT 15 2024



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Brandon Patty, Clerk of Circuit Attn: Artricia Allen Deputy Cler
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF BROWN

Before the undersigned authority personally appeared, who on oath says that he or she is the Legal Coordinator of the St Augustine Record, published in St Johns County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Public Notices, was published on the publicly accessible website of St Johns County, Florida, or in a newspaper by print in the issues of, on:

10/03/2024

Affiant further says that the website or newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by the legal clerk, who is personally known to me, on 10/03/2024

Legal Clerk

Notary, State of WI, County of Brown

My commission expires

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held to consider the enactment of the following proposed ordinance at a regular meeting, as follows:

Board of County Commissioners
Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

The public hearing will be held in the St. Johns County Auditorium, located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

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The proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at the Richard O. Watson Judicial Center, 4010 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, Florida, and may be examined by interested parties prior to said public hearing. Please take note that the proposed ordinance is subject to revision prior to hearing or enactment. All parties having any interest in the said ordinance will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

NOTICE TO PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO ALL HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSONS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact ADA Coordinator, at (904)-209-0400 or at the Facilities Management Department, 2416 Dobbs Road, St. Augustine, FL 32086. For hearing impaired individuals: Florida Relay Service: 1-800-955-8770, no later than 5 days prior to the date of this hearing.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
BRANDON J. PATTY, ITS CLERK
By: ARTRICIA K. ALLEN, Deputy Clerk
Pub: Oct. 3, 2024; #10629795

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Notary Public
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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Governor

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Secretary of State

October 17, 2024

Honorable Brandon Patty
Clerk of Courts
St. Johns County
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, FL 32084

FILED **OCT 16 2024**
St. Johns County
Clerk of Court

By: *Crystal Smith*
Deputy Clerk

Dear Honorable Brandon Patty,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, this will acknowledge receipt of your electronic copy of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2024-53, which was filed in this office on October 16, 2024.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Leijon
Administrative Code and Register Director

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