

Jacksonville Beach Charter Amendment Petition Form

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Your name: _____
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Your address: _____

City _____ **Zip** _____ **County** _____

Please change my legal residence address on my voter registration record to the above residence address (Check box, if applicable)

Voter Registration Number _____ **or** **Date of Birth** _____

I am a registered voter of Florida and Duval County with a residence within the city limits of Jacksonville Beach, and I hereby petition the Consolidated City of Jacksonville, in care of the Duval County Supervisor of Elections, to place the following proposed amendment to the Charter of the Consolidated City of Jacksonville Florida on the **November 8, 2022** general election ballot.

BALLOT TITLE: Amending Charter to Preserve Corps' Operation, Alongside JBOR, from American Red Cross Lifeguard Station

BALLOT SUMMARY: Amending the Charter adding a section continuing the practice of the Volunteer Life Saving Corps ("Corps"), working together with the Jacksonville Beach Ocean Rescue Division (from the location of the American Red Cross Lifeguard Station), to save the lives of residents and visitors of Jacksonville Beach. The City will execute a deed permitting the American Red Cross to convey the Station to the Corps and to allow the Corps to resume its operations.

ARTICLE AND SECTION BEING CREATED OR AMENDED: Section 57(b) will be added to Chapter IX of the City of Jacksonville Beach Charter.

FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

CHAPTER IX – ENUMERATION OF PARTICULAR POWERS

Section 57. – Ocean Beach.

Section 57(b). – Preservation of Volunteer Life Saving Corps’ Operations at the American Red Cross Lifeguard Station

The City shall not operate in such a manner as to depart from the longstanding practice of the Volunteer Life Saving Corps, Inc. (“Corps”), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, working alongside and together with the Jacksonville Beach Ocean Rescue Division (“JBOR”) from the location of the American Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps Station (“Station”) to save the lives of residents and visitors of Jacksonville Beach. “Working together” with the JBOR means working alongside and together in substantially the same manner the parties have historically worked together including, but not limited to, the Corps’ providing lifeguard services on Sundays and major holidays (designated by the Corps), as well as the Corps being permitted to access the Station 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for lifeguarding, training, charitable outreach, and recruitment purposes.

The City shall immediately execute a (new) deed of conveyance permitting the American National Red Cross to convey a fee simple absolute interest in the Station and the property on which it sits (as described and recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 28 of the current public records of Duval County, Florida)(collectively, “the Property”) with the City of Jacksonville Beach retaining no title or interest in said Property. The Corps will continue to allow the JBOR to work alongside and together with the Corps in substantially in safeguarding the beach in the same manner the parties have historically worked together.

Further, the City will take all necessary actions to permit the Corps to immediately resume its operations at the Station. The City and the Corps shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that: 1) sets forth how the Corps and JBOR will maneuver through their continued co-existence at the Station; 2) complies with federal, state, and local law; and 3) can be adhered to regardless of who owns the Station. The memorandum of understanding will have no conditions that affect the Corps’ ability to continue operating from the Station and will, instead, serve only as an operating agreement in furtherance of the Corps’ mission to save lives in providing lifeguarding services, lifesaving training, charitable outreach, and recruitment of new members.

DATE OF SIGNATURE

X _____

SIGNATURE AND OATH/AFFIDAVIT OF CIRCULATOR

I swear or affirm (1) that I personally circulated the foregoing petition, (2) that the signature of the above-named petitioner was affixed in my presence, and (3) that I believe the foregoing signature to be the genuine signature of the person’s name that it purports to be. The provisions of the Oath-Affidavit are incorporated into the General Oath of Circulator to which this petition is being attached, and the provisions of the General Oath of Circulator are likewise incorporated into this Oath-Affidavit for purposes of verifying the same to the notary public taking my oath.

Circulator:
