Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

**ORDINANCE 2017-161**

AN ORDINANCE Confirming the Mayor’s APPOINTMENT OF Devron S. Cody AS CHIEF OF THE animal care and protective services DIVISION OF THE neighborhoodS DEPARTMENT; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 34.602, *ORDINANCE CODE,* THAT THE CHIEF OF animal care and protective services DIVISION OF THE neighborhoods DEPARTMENT HAVE A BACHELOR’S DEGREE OR HIGHER FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Appointment.** The Council hereby confirms the Mayor’s appointment of Devron S. Cody as Chief of the Animal Care and Protective Services Division of the Neighborhoods Department. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is the *curriculum vitae* for Devron S. Cody.

**Section 2. Section 34.602, *Ordinance Code*, Waived or Exception Provided.** The provision of Section 34.602, *Ordinance Code*, requiring that the Chief of the Animal Care and Protective Services Division of the Neighborhoods Department have a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited college or university is hereby waived. The waiver is required because Mr. Cody does not meet the total educational requirement of Section 34.602, *Ordinance Code*. Mr. Cody is currently pursuing his Bachelor’s Degree in Public Safety Management. Moreover, Mr. Cody is uniquely qualified for this position because he has more than 10 years of City experience in code compliance, primarily in management and supervision, eight (8) years of experience as a deputy at a law enforcement agency, and almost 10 years in the U.S. Army Reserves. Mr. Cody has extensive government experience and has demonstrated excellent leadership skills in the positions that he has held and will continue to serve the community well as the Chief of the Animal Care and Protective Services Division of the Neighborhoods Department.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor’s signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ James R. McCain, Jr.

Office of General Counsel

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