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Section 2.01. Services districts and their territories.

The territory of the consolidated government is divided into a general services district and five urban services districts. The general services district consists of the total territory within Duval County. The first urban services district initially consists of the territory which immediately prior to the effective date of the original charter of the consolidated government of the City of Jacksonville [October 1, 1968] was included in the corporate limits of the former City of Jacksonville. The second urban services district initially consists of the territory of the City of Jacksonville Beach. The third urban services district initially consists of the territory of the City of Atlantic Beach. The fourth urban services district initially consists of the territory of the City of Neptune Beach. The fifth urban services district initially consists of the territory of the Town of Baldwin.
(Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1535; Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-536, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

Section 2.02. Expansion of first urban services district.

The territory of the first urban services district may, from time to time, be expanded and its territorial limits extended by the council whenever the council determines that a particular territory of the consolidated government outside the urban services district needs urban services and the consolidated government is able to provide such services. No territory may be designated as part of the first urban services district unless the consolidated government provides to such territory all governmental services which the consolidated government is then providing within such first urban services district within a reasonable period of time, which shall not be longer

than 1 year after the particular territory is included in the first urban services district. The tax levy on property in territories hereafter becoming part of the first urban services district shall not include any item for the payment of general obligation bonds issued by the first urban services district prior to the date when the particular territory became a part of the first urban services district. No part of the second, third, fourth, or fifth urban services district may be included within the first urban services district under this section.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1535; Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-536, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

Section 2.03. Consolidation of urban services district.

The five initial urban services districts, or any of them, may be consolidated into one or more other urban services districts by ordinances adopted by two-thirds of the members of each of the legislative bodies of the affected governments. Before any such ordinance shall become effective in either one or more urban services districts, a separate referendum shall be held in each district to be affected by the ordinance, and the ordinance must be approved in each urban services district affected by the ordinance by a majority of those voting. If any of the initial urban services districts are consolidated, the tax levy on property formerly included in one of the urban services dis-

tricts shall not include any item for the payment of general obligation bonds issued by the other former urban services districts.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1535; Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-536, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

Section 2.04. Services in general services district.

Throughout the entire general services district the consolidated government shall furnish the following governmental services; airports, agricultural agent, child care, courts, electricity, fire protection, health, hospitals, library, police protection, recreation and parks, schools, streets and highways, traffic engineering, and welfare services. The foregoing enumeration is intended as a list of those governmental services which shall be performed by the consolidated government within the general services district (except when any of such services is being performed by the second, third, fourth, or fifth urban services district) and is not intended to limit the right of the consolidated government to perform other governmental services within the general services district. In the second, third, fourth, and fifth urban services districts, the consolidated government shall provide only those governmental services that are normally provided by counties to municipalities and are normally considered to be county public functions.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1535; Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-536, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

Section 2.05. Additional services in first urban services district.

In addition to the services provided to the general services district, the consolidated government shall furnish the following additional services within the first urban services district: water supply, sanitary sewers, street lighting, street cleaning, and garbage and refuse collection. The foregoing enumeration is intended as a list of those governmental services which shall be performed by the consolidated government within the first urban services district and is not intended to limit the right of the consolidated government to perform other governmental services within the first urban services district.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1535; Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-536, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

Section 2.06. Homestead law.

That part of the general services district not included in the urban services district shall be deemed to be a rural area, and a homestead in such rural area shall not be limited as if in a city or town. Whenever any urban services district is altered, created, or expanded pursuant to this charter or legislative act, a homestead within such urban services district shall be limited as if in a city or town.

(Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1535; Laws of Fla., Ch. 78-536, § 2; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

ARTICLE 3. POWERS OF CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT*

Sec. 3.01. General powers.
Sec. 3.02. Construction.

Section 3.01. General powers.

The consolidated government:

- (a) Shall have and may exercise any and all powers which counties and municipalities are or may hereafter be authorized or required to exercise under the Constitution and the general laws of the State of Florida, including, but not limited to, all powers of local self-government and home rule not inconsistent with general law conferred upon counties operating under county charters by s. 1(g) of Article VIII of the State Constitution; conferred upon municipalities by s. 2(b) of Article VIII of the State Constitution; conferred upon consolidated governments of counties and municipalities by section 3 of Article VIII of the State Constitution; conferred upon counties by ss. 125.85 and 125.86, Florida Statutes; and conferred upon municipalities by ss. 166.021, 166.031, and 166.042, Florida Statutes; all as fully and completely as though the powers were specifically enumerated herein.

*Editor's note—Section 4 of Ch. 78-536, Laws of Fla., amended Art. 3 hereof and prior to enactment of this legislation, former Art. 3, §§ 3.01—3.03, pertained to similar subject matter and was derived from Laws of Fla., Ch. 67-1320, as amended by Laws of Fla., Chs. 71-707, 72-572, 75-404 and 77-575.