Introduced by Council Member Dennis:

**ORDINANCE 2020-559**

AN ORDINANCE creating a new Chapter 797 (Local Option Vessel Registration Fee), *Ordinance Code*, ADOPTING THE LOCAL OPTION VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE PERMITTED BY STATE LAW; setting effective date of new local option vessel registration fee as january 1, 2021; DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO FORWARD A COPY OF THE ordinance upon enactment TO THE TAX COLLECTOR and to the Mayors of baldwin, atlantic beach, jacksonville beach and neptune beach; directing the tax collector to notify THE STATE of imposition of the new local option vessel registration fee; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Section 1. Creating a new Chapter 797 (Local Option Vessel Registration Fee), *Ordinance Code*.** Chapter 797 (Local Option Vessel Registration Fee), Ordinance *Code*, is hereby created to read as follows:

**Chapter 797. local option vessel registration fee.**

**Sec. 797.101. - Local option vessel registration fee.**

Pursuant to the authority in Section 328.66, Florida Statutes, and beginning on January 1, 2021 for all new and renewal registrations, the City of Jacksonville hereby imposes a local option registration fee on vessels registered within Duval County.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, any and all vessels required to register with the State of Florida that obtain such registration in Duval County shall pay a Duval County Local Option Vessel Registration Fee. Such registration fee shall be in addition to the fees paid to the state and shall be an annual recurring fee in the amount of fifty (50) percent of the applicable state fee provided under Section 328.72(1), Florida Statutes.

**Sec. 797.102.- Purpose of the local option vessel registration fee.**

The first $1.00 of every registration imposed under this Section shall be remitted to the state for deposit in the Save the Manatee Trust Fund created within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which sum shall be expended solely for activities related to the preservation of manatees. The remaining monies shall be used for the purpose of providing funding for patrol, regulation and maintenance of the lakes, rivers and waters and for boating-relating activities within Duval County pursuant to Section 328.66, Florida Statutes.

**Sec. 797.103.- Manner of collection.**

The local option vessel registration fee shall be collected by the Tax Collector. As required by Section 328.66, Florida Statutes, the Tax Collector shall remit the first one dollar ($1.00) of every registration fee imposed hereunder to the State of Florida for deposit in the Save the Manatee Trust Fund, for use for the purposes specified in Section 379.2431(4), Florida Statutes, and the remaining monies shall be deposited into the Florida Boater Improvement Program revenue share account as provided in Section 110.413, Ordinance Code.

**Sec. 797.104.- Territorial application.**

This Chapter shall apply throughout the General Services District. The City is exercising its powers as a County in the enactment of this Chapter and the imposition of the local option vessel registration fee, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 3.01 of the Charter.

**Section 2.** **Effective date of implementation of new local option vessel registration fee**. The effective date of implementation of the local option vessel registration fee adopted herein shall be on January 1, 2021.

**Section 3.**  **Directing to Legislative Services to forward.** The Chief of the Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to forward a copy of this ordinance upon enactment to the Duval County Tax Collector and the Mayors of Baldwin, Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach.

**Section 4.**  **Directing Tax Collector to forward.** The City is required to notify the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of the imposition of the new local option vessel registration fee at least 30 calendar days prior to activation of the fee and to provide the name of the county tax collector responsible for collecting the fee. The Tax Collector is hereby directed, upon receipt of this Ordinance from Legislative Services and at least 30 days prior to activation of the fee, to provide notification to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, to the attention of the Director of the Division of Motorist Services, that the City has adopted this Ordinance and to provide the Tax Collector’s contact information to the Department as the person responsible for collecting the fee.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

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