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Mr. Lawrence V. Schmitt
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund
One West Adams Street, Suite 100
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Dear Mr. Schmitt:

We have received your letter requesting that Attorney General Pam Bondi issue an opinion on whether provisions within the City of Jacksonville Charter setting forth the powers of the Board of Trustees of the Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Fund, take precedence over other provisions of the charter that set forth duties of the Office of General Counsel for the consolidated city government. Attorney General Bondi has asked me to respond to you personally.

Your inquiry requires the interpretation of multiple provisions in the city's charter. As discussed in this office's Statement of Policy, this office does not issue opinions on questions requiring an interpretation of federal law, or local codes, ordinances, or charters. This office generally defers questions requiring an interpretation of a local charter to the attorney for the local government in question.

Accordingly, this office must, regrettably, decline to comment upon this matter.

Thank you for contacting the Florida Attorney General's Office.

Sincerely,

Ellen B. Gwynn
Assistant Attorney General

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