

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Office of
2 General Counsel:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2025-459**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING, AND
7 AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL COUNSEL, OR HIS
8 DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
9 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE
10 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
11 SERVICES OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL,
12 PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE CITY'S
13 REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERPAYMENTS MADE TO THE
14 JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
15 ("JFRD") FOR CERTAIN AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION
16 SERVICES RENDERED BY JFRD BETWEEN DECEMBER 1,
17 2022 AND JANUARY 31, 2023, INCLUDING
18 RESTITUTION AND PENALTIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT
19 OF \$154,654.79; AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL
20 COUNSEL, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO TAKE FURTHER
21 ACTION AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE
22 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED HEREIN;
23 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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25 **WHEREAS,** for the period of December 1, 2022 through January
26 31, 2023, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department ("JFRD")
27 mistakenly presented invoices to Medicare, the Florida Medicaid
28 program, Tricare, and the Veteran's Administration (collectively
29 "the Federal Government") for services that were provided by
30 several JFRD Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians whose
31 licenses had recently expired; and

1 **WHEREAS**, payments were made to JFRD for these services by the
2 Federal Government resulting in overpayment to the City of
3 Jacksonville; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville desires to correct the
5 overpayments made by entering into a Settlement Agreement with the
6 United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of
7 Inspector General ("OIG") in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**,
8 which includes restitution and payment of a penalty, and resolves
9 the City of Jacksonville's liability to the Federal Government for
10 the improper claims and overpayments made; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the total amount of this settlement is \$167,111.31,
12 including overpayments to the City in the amount of \$111,407.54 and
13 a penalty of \$55,703.77; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City has already repaid \$12,456.52 of the
15 overpayment, leaving \$98,951.02 due to be repaid; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the total remaining settlement balance to be paid to
17 the OIG is \$154,654.79 (including the remaining repayment balance
18 of \$98,951.02 plus a penalty of \$55,703.77), and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Council finds that it is in the best interest of
20 the City and the public that the Federal Government's claim be
21 resolved without resorting to litigation and related costs and
22 expenses; now therefore

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

24 **Section 1. Approval and Ratification of Settlement**
25 **Agreement.** The City Council hereby approves and ratifies the
26 Settlement Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the
27 United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of
28 Inspector General in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
29 incorporated herein. The General Counsel, or his designee, is
30 hereby authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the
31 City, the Settlement Agreement.

Section 2. Further Action Authorized. The General Counsel, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take such further action and to execute all other documents necessary to effectuate the approved and ratified Settlement Agreement.

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/ Sean Granat

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Sean Granat

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