

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-818

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 9, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: November 11, 2021

Type of Action: Authorizing fourth amendment to grant agreement

Bill Summary: The bill makes a fourth amendment to the White Harvest Farms and Market grant agreement between the City and Clara White Mission, Inc. to extend the “completion of construction” date from December 31, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and to extend the “sales commencement” date from January 31, 2022 to July 31, 2022.

Background Information: In 2018 the City gave a grant from the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund to Clara White Mission to finance the development of White Harvest Farms and Market, a project to help combat the Northwest area’s food desert conditions by growing and selling food in the area. The grant agreement originally required the project to commence by January 1, 2020, which was subsequently amended to January 1, 2021. Due to initial project delays in finalizing cost estimates and construction plans the project completion date has been amended from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021 and the sales commencement date has been amended from January 31, 2021 to January 31, 2022. The COVID pandemic and its impact on the supply chain for materials and on the labor market has caused more delays and led to this request for an additional 6-month extension of all deadlines.

Policy Impact Area: Food desert remediation

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Clements