

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-690**

5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS,
6 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, OR HIS
7 DESIGNEE, TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA
8 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
9 (FDACS) FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
10 RENOVATION OF THE JACKSONVILLE CANNING CENTER
11 LOCATED AT 2525 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE ("PROJECT");
12 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION
13 AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO
14 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY ALL
15 GRANT AND FUNDING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY
16 AND FDACS RELATED TO THE PROJECT; PROVIDING
17 OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION
18 AND COMMUNITY SERVICES; REQUESTING ONE-CYCLE
19 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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21 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville Canning Center located at 2525
22 Commonwealth Avenue (the "Canning Center") has a long-established
23 history of serving those in need, including historically to inmates
24 and depression-era families, and most recently to nonprofit
25 organizations and volunteers, churches, school children, seniors, and
26 cottage food entrepreneurs, and providing a space to learn, prepare,
27 and preserve garden produce and innovate with cottage foods; and

28 **WHEREAS,** the Canning Center is a part of the University of
29 Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS)
30 Extension Duval County agricultural complex, including the office on
31 N. McDuff Avenue and the Urban Gardens on Superior Street; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville ("City") desires to renovate
2 the Canning Center (the "Project") in collaboration with the UF/IFAS
3 Extension, in order to expand and modernize its services to the
4 community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in Ordinance 2023-349-E, the City Council approved
6 \$500,000 in funding for the Project which funds will complete the
7 first phase of the Project and bring the electrical, mechanical, and
8 plumbing up to code; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to continue with additional Project
10 renovations which would include the development of
11 kitchenettes/cooking studios, modern canning stations, and a cottage
12 food classroom, to provide citizens with rental and educational
13 opportunities for food preparation, preservation, and cottage food
14 entrepreneurship; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to establish the Canning Center as a
16 qualified agriculture education and promotion facility to qualify for
17 additional funding for the Project by the State of Florida Department
18 of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) pursuant to Section
19 288.1175, Florida Statutes; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Canning Center serves a public purpose and the
21 Project will greatly enhance the City and otherwise promote and
22 further the municipal purposes of the City; now, therefore,

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

24 **Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals above are true and
25 correct and incorporated herein by reference.

26 **Section 2. Approval and Authorization.** There is hereby
27 approved, and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community
28 Services, or his designee, is hereby authorized to apply for grant
29 funding for the Project with the FDACS in substantially the same form
30 as the application attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated
31 herein by this reference, and to execute and deliver on behalf of the

1 City all grant and funding agreements related to the Project between
2 the City and the FDACS, as well as any other documents related to
3 such grants and funding.

4 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Department of Parks, Recreation
5 and Community Services shall oversee the Project and the grant
6 described herein.

7 **Section 4. Requesting One-Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
8 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One-cycle emergency passage of this
9 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is to comply
10 with the requirements of the grant in a timely manner in order to
11 apply by the deadline to receive funding for the Project.

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Joelle J. Dillard

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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