

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Diamond, Lahnen, Freeman, Boylan,
3 Clark-Murray, Carlucci, Carrico, Howland, Arias, Pittman and Gaffney,
4 Jr. and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public
5 Health and Safety Committee:
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8 **ORDINANCE 2024-248-E**

9 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO
10 THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
11 PROTECTION ("FDEP") FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH
12 THE READINESS AND RECREATION INITIATIVE GRANT
13 PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
14 INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AND THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND COMMITTING TO
16 UNDERTAKE A FUTURE PROJECT TO ACQUIRE AND
17 DEVELOP APPROXIMATELY 57± ACRES OF PROPERTY
18 (R.E. NUMBER 168281-0000 AND R.E. NUMBER
19 168437-0000) LOCATED ADJACENT TO NAVAL STATION
20 MAYPORT ALONG STATE ROUTE A1A ("PROJECT")
21 SUBJECT TO THE GRANT AWARD; AUTHORIZING THE
22 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
23 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ALL GRANT
24 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND FDEP, AS WELL AS
25 ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH GRANTS;
26 ACKNOWLEDGING WILLINGNESS TO AMEND THE CITY'S
27 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE THE PROJECT;
28 PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT
29 OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES;
30 REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE;
31 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

1 **WHEREAS,** the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State
2 Assistance and Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration
3 (REPI) Partnership Challenge Program, known as the Readiness and
4 Recreation Initiative Grant Program (the "Program"), is a federal
5 grant opportunity funded by the Department of the Interior, National
6 Park Service, and the Department of Defense, providing for the
7 acquisition or acquisition and development of compatible recreation
8 facilities on public lands within a REPI Partnership Agreement or
9 Sentinel Landscape boundary; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville ("City") in partnership with
11 the United States Navy ("Navy") has identified an approximately
12 57±-acre parcel of land, containing frontage on the Intracoastal
13 Waterway, (the "Property") that is owned by a willing seller, and
14 qualifies for the Program, which Property is shown in context to the
15 neighboring city, state and federal lands on **Exhibit 1** attached hereto
16 and incorporated by reference herein; and

17 **WHEREAS,** the Navy is interested in holding a restrictive
18 easement over the Property and contributing federal funds to the
19 City's acquisition of the Property to increase outdoor recreation
20 opportunities for nearby Navy family housing and the general public,
21 promote compatible land use by preserving the Navy's operational
22 mission, and enhance the resilience of Naval Station Mayport; and

23 **WHEREAS,** Program grant applications may be accompanied by
24 legislation committing the applicant to amend its Capital Improvement
25 Plan and complete the proposed project should it receive the grant;
26 and

27 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community
28 Services has recommended the Project for submission to FDEP; now
29 therefore

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

31 **Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals above are true and

1 correct and incorporated herein by reference.

2 **Section 2. Approved Project.** The Shermans Creek
3 Acquisition project ("Project") as more fully described in the Project
4 Information Sheet attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as
5 "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev PI Sheet, April 1, 2024 - NCSPHS" and
6 incorporated herein by this reference, has been recommended by the
7 Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and is approved
8 for submission to the FDEP for purposes of applying for and receiving
9 grants from the Program. The Project is anticipated to occur in FY
10 2024-2025 and cost \$1,875,000, which includes a 50% acquisition cost
11 of \$625,000 funded through the Program grant and an additional
12 \$1,250,000 funded by the City for passive recreational improvements.
13 In addition to the foregoing, it is expected that the Navy will
14 contribute additional funds at the closing of the acquisition of the
15 Property.

16 **Section 3. Authorization.** The Mayor, for and on behalf of
17 the City, is hereby authorized to apply for the Program grant for
18 funding of the Project.

19 **Section 4. Execution Authorized.** The Mayor, or her
20 designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
21 execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, all grant
22 agreements, including any grant agreement extensions, for the Project
23 between the City and FDEP, as well as any and all documents related
24 to such grants.

25 **Section 5. Acknowledging Willingness to Amend Capital**
26 **Improvement Plan.** The City of Jacksonville is willing to amend its
27 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan to include the Project described
28 in **Revised Exhibit 2** and complete such Project if it receives grant
29 funding from the Program.

30 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Department of Parks,
31 Recreation and Community Services shall oversee the Project.

1 **Section 7. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
2 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
3 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that deadline
4 for the Program grant application is April 15, 2024 and to receive a
5 certain amount of points the application requires an adopted
6 resolution committing the City to amend its Five-Year Capital
7 Improvement Plan to include the proposed project should the City
8 receive Program funds.

9 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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