

1 Introduced by the Council Member Arias:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-465**

5 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND  
6 APPROPRIATING \$26,666.66 FROM MUNICIPAL DUES &  
7 AFFILIATION - DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT TO  
8 THE EDED OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -  
9 INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
10 ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE ASIAN CHAMBER  
11 OF COMMERCE OF NORTH FLORIDA INC. ("CHAMBER") AS  
12 AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 2025-842-E, AS INITIATED  
13 BY B.T. 26-078; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER  
14 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO ENTER  
15 INTO A MARKETING FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
16 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ("CITY") AND CHAMBER TO  
17 MARKET JACKSONVILLE AND PROMOTE ECONOMIC  
18 DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION WITHIN THE CITY;  
19 WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE  
20 FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD  
21 PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1  
22 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
23 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT  
24 WITH THE CHAMBER; WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF  
25 SECTION 106.303 (FORMAT AND DETERMINATION OF  
26 AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED), SUBPART A (GENERAL  
27 PROVISIONS), PART 3 (APPROPRIATIONS), CHAPTER  
28 106 (BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING CODE), *ORDINANCE*  
29 *CODE*, TO ALLOW MODIFICATION OF THE APPROPRIATION  
30 OF FUNDS EXHIBIT TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH  
31 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH

1           DISABILITIES ACT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE  
2           GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE  
3           FINANCE DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING EMERGENCY  
4           PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN  
5           EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

8           **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,  
9 found and declared as follows:

10           (a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

11           (b) The location of the Chamber's marketing and economic  
12 development efforts in Jacksonville, Florida ("Program"), is more  
13 particularly described in the Agreement. The Agreement will promote  
14 and further the public and municipal purposes of the City.

15           (c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are matters  
16 of State and City policy and State and City concern in order that the  
17 State and its counties and municipalities, including the City, shall  
18 not continue to be endangered by unemployment, underemployment,  
19 economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and consume an  
20 excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because of the  
21 extra services required for police, fire, accident, health care,  
22 elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and  
23 housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services  
24 and facilities.

25           (d) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in the  
26 Agreement is necessary and appropriate to make the Program feasible;  
27 and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive, taking  
28 into account the needs of the Chamber to make the Program economically  
29 and financially feasible, and the extent of the public benefits  
30 expected to be derived from the Program, and taking into account all  
31 other forms of assistance available.

1 (e) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for public  
2 uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a county,  
3 municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of Florida  
4 and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public interest  
5 for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a matter of  
6 legislative determination.

7 (f) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of  
8 Chapters 163, 166 and 125, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City's  
9 Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

10 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,  
11 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
12 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
13 listed in subsection (b):

14 (B.T. 26-078, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein  
15 by this reference)

16 (a) Appropriated from:

17 See B.T. 26-078 \$26,666.66

18 (b) Appropriated to:

19 See B.T. 26-078 \$26,666.66

20 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

21 The funding above is an appropriation of \$26,666.66 from  
22 the Municipal Dues & Affiliation - Dues and Subscriptions  
23 Account to the EDED Office of Economic Development -  
24 Industry Development - Contractual Services Account to  
25 provide funding to the Asian Chamber of Commerce of North  
26 Florida Inc. ("Chamber") as described herein.

27 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
28 Section 2 is to provide funding to the Chamber to market the City and  
29 promote economic development and job creation within the City.

30 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute a**  
31 **Marketing Funding Agreement Between the City and the Asian Chamber**

1 **of Commerce of North Florida Inc. ("Chamber").** There is hereby  
2 approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation  
3 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of  
4 the City a Marketing Funding Agreement with Asian Chamber of Commerce  
5 of North Florida Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$26,666.66,  
6 substantially in the form placed On File with the Legislative Services  
7 Division, for a term through September 30, 2026, including extensions,  
8 renewals and amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all  
9 action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject  
10 to appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or  
11 his or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for  
12 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance  
13 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

14 **Section 5. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The  
15 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
16 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part  
17 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,  
18 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with Asian Chamber  
19 of Commerce of North Florida Inc. This waiver is justified because  
20 the Chamber offers unique services regarding marketing the City of  
21 Jacksonville in conjunction with attracting business relocations,  
22 expansions, and job creation. The Chamber has provided the Affidavit  
23 of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*,  
24 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** to accompany this waiver.

25 **Section 6. Waiving the Provisions of Section 106.303,**  
26 **Ordinance Code.** Section 106.303 (Format and determination of amounts  
27 appropriated), Subpart A (General Provisions), Part 3  
28 (Appropriations), Chapter 106 (Budget and Accounting Code), *Ordinance*  
29 *Code*, is hereby waived. This waiver is necessary to allow the  
30 modification of the Appropriation of Funds Exhibit to be in the form  
31 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, in order to facilitate compliance with

1 the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. B.T. 26-078  
2 in the form authorized pursuant to Ordinance 2015-428-E and reflecting  
3 the Mayor's approval can be found on file with the Budget Office.

4 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Office of  
5 Economic Development shall oversee the agreement described herein.

6 **Section 8. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction.**  
7 Emergency passage upon introduction is requested as the term of the  
8 agreements authorized hereby expire September 30, 2026, and the  
9 Chamber is requesting funding so that it may fully utilize such  
10 funding within the term authorized.

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

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15 Form Approved:

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17           /s/ John Sawyer          

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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