

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2025-858

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Members Johnson, Pittman and Gaffney, Jr.

**Date of Introduction:** November 12, 2025

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R, F

**Date of Analysis:** November 13, 2025

**Type of Action:** Appropriation, waiver, agreement authorization, designation of oversight agency and emergency passage upon introduction

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$2 million (\$1,000,000 from a Special Council Reserve Contingency account created by Ordinance 2025-385-E and \$1,000,000 from General Fund Operating Reserves). Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code* is waived to allow for a direct contract with Feeding Northeast Florida, and a grant agreement is authorized. The Neighborhoods Department will provide oversight. Emergency passage upon introduction of this legislation is requested due to the immediate food shortage crisis arising from the federal government shutdown.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for Feeding Northeast Florida to purchase and distribute food to Duval County residents facing food insecurity. City funds appropriated herein will remain available for reimbursement for a period of 60 days from the effective date of this Ordinance or until the federal government shutdown has ceased, whichever occurs first. More than 50,000 Duval County households rely on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, and the federal government shutdown has resulted in the suspension, partial suspension or delay of SNAP benefit and other food assistance payments. This legislation will provide funds on an emergency basis to ensure Jacksonville residents do not go hungry due to delays or reductions in federally administered food assistance programs.

**Policy Impact Area:** Food insecurity

**Fiscal Impact:** \$2 million (\$1,000,000 from a Special Council Reserve Contingency account created by Ordinance 2025-385-E and \$1,000,000 from General Fund Operating Reserves)

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