

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-489**

5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86 (HOMELESSNESS
6 INITIATIVES COMMISSION), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
7 CLARIFY PROCESS FOR MAKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS
8 FOR USE OF HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES SPECIAL
9 REVENUE FUND FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION
10 INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, the City currently maintains the Homelessness
13 Initiatives Special Revenue Fund, created by ordinance and codified
14 in Section 111.920, *Ordinance Code*; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Homelessness Initiatives Commission was
16 established by Ordinance 2024-111-E, and codified in Chapter 86,
17 *Ordinance Code*, as an advisory body to oversee and make
18 recommendations regarding the use and distribution of all funds
19 deposited in the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund; and

20 **WHEREAS**, to ensure funds deposited in the Homelessness
21 Initiatives Special Revenue Fund are utilized in a way that maximizes
22 the impact of those dollars in combatting homelessness and supporting
23 a variety of programs and initiatives to meet the needs of the
24 homeless and chronic unhoused populations in Duval County, the
25 Homelessness Initiatives Commission is tasked to make recommendations
26 to the City Council and the Mayor with regarding the use and
27 distribution of the funds, including for inclusion in the City's
28 annual budget; and

29 **WHEREAS**, during its meeting on May 20, 2026, the Homelessness
30 Initiatives Commission voted unanimously to recommend amendments to
31 Chapter 86, *Ordinance Code*, as described herein; now therefore

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

2 **Section 1. Amending Chapter 86 (Homelessness Initiatives**
3 **Commission), Ordinance Code.** Chapter 86 (Homelessness Initiatives
4 Commission), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **CHAPTER 86 - HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION**

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7 **Sec. 86.103. - Composition; Liaisons; Terms; Removal.**

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9 (b) *Liaisons.* The City Council President shall annually appoint a
10 City Council Member to serve as a liaison to the Commission. The
11 Mayor shall annually appoint a person from the administration
12 to serve as a liaison to the Commission. In addition, the Sheriff
13 shall appoint a liaison to the Commission from amongst his staff
14 with preference given to an officer who regularly works and
15 interacts with the Duval County homeless and/or chronically
16 unhoused populations. These are non-voting positions and the
17 liaisons shall not be considered members of the Commission for
18 Florida's Open Meetings Law purposes.

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20 **Sec. 86.104. - Functions, powers and duties.**

21 In addition to such powers, duties and authority as may be set
22 forth elsewhere in the Ordinance Code, the Commission is hereby
23 authorized to:

24 (a) Review and assess the current unmet needs of Duval County's
25 homeless and chronic unhoused populations and any gaps in
26 existing programs and services targeting these populations;

27 (b) Review ~~Annually review~~ and recommend programs, initiatives and
28 services to be funded by Homelessness Initiatives Special
29 Revenue Fund dollars, including specific amounts to be allocated
30 to those programs, initiatives and services, for inclusion in
31 the City's annual budget. Such recommendations shall be

1 communicated to City Council and the Mayor through the
2 respective Liaisons;

3 (c) Identify funding sources, both public and private, to assist in
4 the provision of appropriate services for Duval County's
5 homeless and chronic unhoused populations and make
6 recommendations to the City Council and the Mayor with respect
7 to how these funding sources are best utilized and administered,
8 including how said funding could be leveraged for additional
9 funds. Such recommendations shall be communicated to City
10 Council and the Mayor through the respective Liaisons;

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12 **Section 2. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the
13 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and
14 division "table of contents" consistent with the changes set forth
15 herein. Such editorial changes and any other necessary to make the
16 *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are
17 approved and directed herein, and the changes to the *Ordinance Code*
18 shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

19 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
20 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
21 without the Mayor's signature.

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation Prepared By: Shannon MacGillis

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