

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-506**

5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
6 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO: (1)
7 EXECUTE AND DELIVER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
8 CITY, (A) AN AGREEMENT WITH SHANDS
9 JACKSONVILLE MEDICAL CENTER, INC., AND (B)
10 LETTERS OF AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA
11 THROUGH ITS AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE
12 ADMINISTRATION, BOTH CONCERNING PAYMENT AND
13 DISTRIBUTION OF THE CITY'S INDIGENT HEALTH CARE
14 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,000,000 FOR FISCAL
15 YEAR 2026-2027, AND (2) TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTION
16 AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE
17 THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING AN
18 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

21 **Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor, or her designee, and
22 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to: (1) execute and
23 deliver: (a) an agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Shands
24 Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc. ("Shands"), in substantially the
25 same form as is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
26 by this reference, and (b) Letters of Agreement between the City of
27 Jacksonville and the State of Florida Agency for Health Care
28 Administration ("AHCA") in substantially the same forms as are
29 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and **Exhibit 3**, respectively, and
30 incorporated herein by this reference (collectively, the
31 "Agreements"), all of which concern payment and distribution of the

1 City's indigent health care funds in the amount of \$56,000,000 for
2 fiscal year 2026-2027, and (2) take such further action as may be
3 necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this Ordinance,
4 including executing any amendments to the Agreements as mutually
5 agreed to by the parties thereto, subject to review thereof by the
6 Office of General Counsel and provided the same do not increase in
7 the aggregate any financial obligation or liability of the City. No
8 agreements between the City and the State of Florida Agency for Health
9 Care Administration will be executed and no funding disbursed by the
10 City to the State until the City confirms adequate participation in
11 the intergovernmental transfer (IGT) program by other counties and
12 government entities in the State.

13 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to
14 provide for the distribution of the City's contribution to indigent
15 health care funding between Shands and the State of Florida as part
16 of the State's Medicaid Hospital Program.

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

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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