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ORDINANCE 2024-35

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC. ("UNITED WAY") FOR THE EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM; WAIVING SECTION 110.112 (ADVANCE OF CITY FUNDS; PROHIBITION AGAINST), PART 1 (THE CITY TREASURY), CHAPTER 110 (CITY TREASURY), ORDINANCE CODE, TO ALLOW FOR A PARTIAL ADVANCE PAYMENT OF \$500,000 TO UNITED WAY; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND UNITED WAY FOR THE EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2023-803-E TO PROVIDE FOR PARTIAL ADVANCE PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Waiving Section 110.112, Ordinance Code. Section 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against), Part 1 (The City Treasury), Chapter 110 (City Treasury), Ordinance Code, is hereby waived to allow for a partial advance payment in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 to United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. ("United Way") for the Eviction Diversion Program (the "Program"). The agreement between the City and United Way for the Program was

originally approved and authorized by Ordinance 2023-803-E. After enactment of that legislation United Way requested partial advance payment of the \$1,000,000 appropriated for the Program to pay start-up costs for the Program and to have a portion of the funds on hand for distribution to or on behalf of individuals/households who qualify for assistance through the Program. The City Council hereby authorizes the advance payment of \$500,000 for these purposes.

Amendment to Agreement. There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver an amendment to the agreement between the City and United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. for the Eviction Diversion Program originally authorized and approved by Ordinance 2023-803-E (the "Agreement"), to provide for advance payment in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 to United Way for the Program with all other terms and conditions of the Agreement remaining the same.

Section 3. Oversight. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division shall provide oversight of the Agreement described herein.

Section 4. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that United Way anticipates a number of individuals/households will immediately qualify for assistance through the Eviction Diversion Program. Having funds readily on hand will allow United Way and its Program partners to meet the tight deadlines many of the eligible recipients will be required to meet in order to remain in their homes.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.