

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0778

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: October 14, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver an Economic Development Agreement; authorize approval of technical amendments by the Director of the Office of Economic Development (OED); affirm project's compliance with NWJEDF guidelines approved and adopted by 2016-779-E; affirm the project's compliance with the Public Investment Policy adopted by 2024-286-E; provide for oversight.

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$50,000 from the Northwest OED Fund-Contingency account to the Northwest OED Fund-Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account to provide a Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (NWJEDF) Business Infrastructure Grant to Springfield Animal Hospital, LLC to fund infrastructure improvements connected to the renovation of an existing building and construction of a dog park located at 1632 N. Main Street, as initiated by BT 25-121. The bill also authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver an Economic Development Agreement between the City and the company, along with technical amendments by the Executive Director of the OED. The bill affirms the project's compliance with NWJEDF guidelines per 2016-779-E and with the Public Investment Policy per 2024-286-E. The bill provides for oversight by the OED.

Background Information: Springfield Animal Hospital, LLC, is seeking public investment of \$50,000 through the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund to support infrastructure improvements related to renovating an existing building and constructing a dog park. The company estimates a capital investment of about \$1,000,000 and anticipates creating six full-time equivalent job opportunities in the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund area.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$50,000 from the Northwest OED Fund-Contingency account, as initiated by BT 25-121

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