

1 Introduced by Council Members Bowman, Freeman, Gaffney, Carlucci,
2 Cumber, Salem, Diamond, Newby, Boylan, Morgan, White, DeFoor,
3 Hazouri and Pittman and Co-Sponsored by CM Ferraro:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2020-276**

7 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
8 APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM CARES ACT FUNDS
9 PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE 2020-235-
10 E TO THE COVID-19 SENIOR AND DISABLED
11 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE
12 CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FIDELITY
13 NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES; INVOKING THE
14 EXCEPTION OF 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS), CHAPTER
15 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
16 DIRECT CONTRACT WITH FIDELITY NATIONAL
17 INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. ("FIS") TO PROVIDE
18 PAYMENT CARDS TO THE CITY TO BE PROVIDED TO
19 APPROVED GRANT RECIPIENTS UNDER THE COVID-19
20 SENIOR AND DISABLED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
21 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY
22 COUNCIL; REQUESTING THAT THE FINANCE AND
23 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF
24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERSEE THE GRANT PROCESS
25 AND PROGRAM; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY
26 PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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28 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,
29 found and declared as follows:

30 (a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

31 (b) By promoting and furthering the public and municipal

1 purposes of the City and serve to limit the severe economic impacts
2 of COVID-19.

3 (c) The Program is designed to provide rapid economic relief
4 to Duval county senior and disabled residents in order to assist
5 them in negative impacts caused by COVID-19 such as a reduction in
6 income or increased expenses.

7 (d) The Program will provide economic relief to low income
8 seniors and disabled residents in Duval County, thus encouraging
9 ongoing compliance with the Emergency Measures and benefitting the
10 health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Duval County.

11 (e) The provision of the City's assistance is necessary and
12 appropriate to make the Program feasible; and the City's assistance
13 is reasonable and not excessive, taking into account the extent of
14 the public benefits expected to be derived from the Program, and
15 taking into account all other forms of assistance available.

16 (f) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for
17 public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a
18 county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of
19 Florida and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public
20 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a
21 matter of legislative determination.

22 (g) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of
23 Chapters 163, 166 and 125, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City's
24 Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

25 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year,
26 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the
27 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to
28 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

29 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
30 incorporated herein by this reference)

31 (a) Appropriated from:

1 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$1,000,000

2 (b) Appropriated to:

3 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$1,000,000

4 (c) **Explanation of Appropriation:**

5 The funding above is from CARES Act Grant funds
6 previously appropriated by 2020-235-E to the COVID-19
7 Senior and Disabled Financial Assistant program. The
8 funds will be used to provide financial assistance to
9 senior citizens (72 years or older) and non-dependent
10 residents with SSA-defined disabilities that are on fixed
11 income that experienced increased expenses or a decrease
12 in income during the COVID-19 pandemic.

13 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
14 Section 2 is to provide grants via pay cards to provide financial
15 assistance to senior citizens (72 years or older) and non-dependent
16 residents with SSA-defined disabilities that are on fixed income
17 that experienced increased expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic.
18 The funds can be used for food, supplies, home healthcare,
19 utilities, transportation, and other expenses necessary as a result
20 of the COVID-19 pandemic.

21 **Section 4. COVID-19 Senior and Disabled Financial**
22 **Assistance Program approved.** For a period of six months from the
23 effective date of this Ordinance, the City is authorized to award
24 COVID-19 Senior and Disabled Financial Assistance to eligible
25 senior and disabled residents in Duval County in the amount of \$300
26 to approved applicants in accordance with the criteria attached
27 hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein reference. The program
28 is designed to provide financial assistance to senior citizens (72
29 years or older) and non-dependent residents with SSA-defined
30 disabilities that are on fixed income that experienced increased
31 expenses or a reduction in income during the COVID-19 pandemic. The

1 funds can be used for food, supplies, home healthcare, utilities,
2 transportation, and other expenses. The City will make a one-time
3 payment of \$300 to approved applicants. The eligibility criteria
4 include that an applicant: (i) must reside in Duval County; (ii)
5 must attest that the individual did not qualify for or receive
6 funds from the City of Jacksonville VyStar Assistance Loan Program;
7 (iii) must attest that the individual did not qualify for or
8 receive funds from the City of Jacksonville Mortgage, Rent and
9 Utility Assistance Program; (iii) must attest that the individual
10 is a senior citizen (72 years or older) and/or a non-dependent with
11 disabilities as defined by the Social Security Administration; (iv)
12 must have experienced a reduction in income or an increase in
13 expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic; (v) must attest that income
14 did not exceed \$30,000 in 2019; (vi) must sign a certification that
15 you have received the debit card; and (vii) must sign a
16 certification that you meet all eligibility requirements. For the
17 purpose of eligibility for SSA Disability: The law defines
18 disability as the inability to engage in any substantial gainful
19 activity (SGA) by reason of any medically determinable physical or
20 mental impairment(s) which can be expected to result in death or
21 which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period
22 of not less than 12 months.

23 **Section 5. Authorizing the City to enter into an**
24 **agreement with Fidelity National Information Services (FIS).** The
25 City is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Fidelity
26 National Information Services for the purposes described in Section
27 3, and to also allow for a negotiated compensation to FIS.

28 **Section 6. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g),**
29 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into the
30 Agreement with Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. for the
31 purposes described in Section 3, as well as allowing for a

1 negotiated compensation to FIS. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g)
2 (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126
3 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted
4 from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are
5 to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing
6 legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the
7 foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*,
8 shall remain in full force and effect.

9 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Finance and
10 Administration Department and Office of Economic Development shall
11 provide oversight for the Program herein.

12 **Section 8. Monthly Report.** The Finance and
13 Administration Department is required to make a report monthly to
14 the City Council concerning the use of the funds authorized hereby
15 for the Program, including the number of recipients and dollar
16 amounts of the Grants.

17 **Section 9. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage**
18 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** One cycle emergency passage of this
19 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
20 negative health and economic impacts of COVID-19 are ongoing and
21 immediate economic assistance will assist in the immediate needs of
22 senior and disabled residents of Duval county, who meet criteria in
23 **Exhibit 2**, which includes an income of less than \$30,000.

24 **Section 10. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
26 without the Mayor's signature.

27 Form Approved:

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29 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

30 Office of General Counsel

31 Legislation prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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