

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-547

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

Date of Introduction: July 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: July 25, 2024

Type of Action: Approving and authorizing the mayor to execute and deliver an amended funding agreement designation of an oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill approves and authorizes the mayor or her designee to execute and deliver a Fourth Amended and Restated Funding Agreement between the City and JTA to further expand the “Door-To-Store” Program. It designates the Office of Economic Development as the oversight department for the project.

Background Information: The Council established JTA’s “Door-To-Store” program, which is an on-demand service where customers can either call or use a mobile app to request a ride to a destination within a designated zone, as a pilot program via Ordinance 2019-812-E and subsequently extended and expanded the program via Ordinances 2021-46-E, 2021-140-E, 2022-135-E, and 2023-760-E. The original agreement with JTA was funded via the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund, using funds that were set aside specifically to address Food Desert-related issues. 2021-46-E appropriated an additional \$50,000 to the program; 2021-140-E expanded the service zone, adding the Jacksonville Farmer’s Market as a destination; 2022-135-E allowed for an extension of the program through September 30, 2023; and 2023-760-E approved an additional \$150,000 for the program, payable in 12 equal quarterly installments of \$12,500 over a three year period through September 30, 2026.

This amendment to the Funding Agreement seeks to expand the existing boundaries of the program to allow for the inclusion of Deb’s Store and updates the language in the Agreement to allow for the inclusion of additional full-service grocery stores in the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund boundary area.

Policy Impact Area: Food availability; food deserts, Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund

Fiscal Impact: No additional fiscal impact; 2023-760-E approved a \$150,000 appropriation for the Door-To-Store program, payable in 12 equal quarterly installments of \$12,500 over a three year period through September 30, 2026.

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