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2 Sponsored by Council Members Gaffney, Morgan, Newby, Ferraro,
3 Priestly Jackson, Bowman, Carlucci, White, Becton, Cumber, DeFoor,
4 Diamond, Freeman, Hazouri, Pittman, and Wilson and amended on the
5 Floor of Council:
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8 **ORDINANCE 2020-355-E**

9 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 OF CARES
10 ACT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE
11 2020-243-E FOR THE COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT -
12 CITY STIMULUS RESPONSE FUNDS - MORTGAGE, RENT
13 AND UTILITIES RELIEF PROGRAM TO: \$3,000,000 TO
14 THE COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT
15 PROGRAM AND \$2,000,000 TO THE UTILITY RELIEF
16 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR A PURPOSE; AUTHORIZING
17 THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE
18 AGREEMENT WITH FIDELITY NATIONAL INFORMATION
19 SERVICES; INVOKING THE EXCEPTION OF 126.107(G)
20 (EXEMPTIONS), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),
21 ORDINANCE CODE, TO DIRECT CONTRACT WITH
22 FIDELITY NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.
23 ("FIS") TO PROVIDE PAYMENT CARDS TO THE CITY
24 TO BE PROVIDED TO APPROVED GRANT RECIPIENTS
25 UNDER THE COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT
26 PROGRAM AND THE UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM;
27 AMENDING THE MORTGAGE, RENT AND UTILITIES
28 RELIEF PROGRAM APPROVED IN 2020-243-E TO
29 PROVIDE UP TO 10,000 PAYMENT CARDS IN THE
30 AMOUNT OF \$200; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE

MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER, AN AGREEMENT WITH JEA TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS; INVOKING THE EXCEPTION OF 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE), ORDINANCE CODE, TO ALLOW JEA TO IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS FOR THE COVID-19 UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM \$200 PAYMENT CARDS; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):
(The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See attached **Exhibit 1** \$5,000,000

(b) Appropriated to:

See attached **Exhibit 1** \$5,000,000

(c) **Explanation of Appropriation:**

The funding above is \$5,000,000 previously appropriated in Ordinance 2020-243-E from the COVID-19 Economic Impact - City stimulus response funds - Mortgage, Rent and Utilities Relief program to provide \$3,000,000 in additional funding to the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant program approved in Ordinance 2020-247-E; and \$2,000,000 to the Utility Relief Program as described in Section 5 herein.

1 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
2 section 1 is to provide funding to two programs: an additional
3 \$3,000,000 in funding for grants via pay cards to eligible small
4 businesses located in Duval County to partially combat the economic
5 impacts of the COVID-19 virus and encourage approved businesses to
6 retain their employees for the duration of the declared emergencies
7 as established by Ordinance 2020-247-E; and \$2,000,000 in funding
8 for the Utility Relief Program as described in Section 5 here.

9 **Section 3. Authorizing the City to enter into an**
10 **Amendment to the agreement with Fidelity National Information**
11 **Services (FIS).** The City is hereby authorized to enter into an
12 Amendment to the Agreement with Fidelity National Information
13 Services for the purposes described in Section 2, and to also allow
14 for a negotiated compensation to FIS. The Amendment will provide
15 additional \$3,000,000 in funding, which will be distributed in the
16 form of cards for the same purpose and in the same process
17 described in 2020-247-E. The Amendment will also provide an
18 additional \$2,000,000 in funding and authorize FIS to distribute up
19 to 10,000 prepaid cards for the Utility Relief Program as outlined
20 in Section 5 herein.

21 **Section 4. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g),**
22 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into the
23 Second Amendment to the Agreement with Fidelity National
24 Information Services, Inc. for the purposes described in Section 2
25 and Section 5, as well as allowing for a negotiated compensation to
26 FIS. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General
27 Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such
28 procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the
29 supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically
30 prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the
31 same. With the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of

Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Amending the Mortgage, Rent and Utilities Relief Program approved by 2020-235-E to allow for \$2,000,000 of funding for the Utility Relief Program. The City established the Mortgage, Rent and Utilities Relief Program ("MRU Program") in 2020-235-E to provide Duval County residents, negatively impacted by COVID-19 with \$1,000 COVID-19 mortgage, rent and utilities relief grants. Ordinance 2020-243-E approved an additional \$5,000,000 to the MRU Program. The City Council hereby approves an amendment to the MRU Program to earmark \$2,000,000 from the MRU Program to be utilized to provide COVID-19 assistance in the form of up to 10,000 payment cards in the amount of \$200 to assist Duval County residents who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19, resulting in delinquent bills, including utilities bills and who may be in danger of their utilities being shutoff. The criteria for eligible individuals is described in **Exhibit 2** attached hereto.

Section 6. Authorizing an agreement with JEA. There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, an agreement with JEA for the purposes of assisting in identifying eligible recipients and assisting in determining eligibility for up to 10,000 payment cards as described in Section 5. The Office of General Counsel will prepare an agreement to provide for the identification for distribution of payment cards in the amount of \$200 for assistance for those that have become delinquent in their bills and may be facing imminent shut off of utilities as Florida approaches the hottest months of the summer due to COVID-19.

Section 7. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g), Ordinance Code. The City is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with JEA for assistance in identifying eligible individuals for distribution of cards to 10,000 individuals

1 affected by COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions),
2 Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126, Procurement Code),
3 *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive
4 solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by
5 those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that
6 appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all
7 other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in
8 full force and effect.

9 **Section 8. Rule 4.901 Requesting Emergency Passage Upon**

10 **Introduction.** Emergency passage upon introduction of this
11 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
12 negative health and economic impacts of COVID-19 are ongoing and
13 immediate economic assistance is needed to maintain the viability
14 of businesses and ease the financial needs of the citizens of Duval
15 County impacted by COVID-19.

16 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become

17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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