

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Johnson, Clark-Murray, Gaffney, Jr., Pittman and Carrico and
3 amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and
4 Safety Committee:

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7 **ORDINANCE 2024-35-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
9 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST
10 FLORIDA, INC. ("UNITED WAY") FOR THE EVICTION
11 DIVERSION PROGRAM; WAIVING SECTION 110.112
12 (ADVANCE OF CITY FUNDS; PROHIBITION AGAINST),
13 PART 1 (THE CITY TREASURY), CHAPTER 110 (CITY
14 TREASURY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A
15 PARTIAL ADVANCE PAYMENT OF \$500,000 TO UNITED
16 WAY; WAIVING SECTION 118.201(F) (7) (RELEASE OF
17 APPROPRIATIONS), PART 2 (DISBURSEMENT OF CITY
18 GRANTS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE*
19 *CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A PARTIAL ADVANCE PAYMENT OF
20 \$500,000 TO UNITED WAY; WAIVING SECTION
21 118.301(A) (3) (EXPENDITURE OF APPROPRIATED
22 FUNDS), PART 3 (ADMINISTRATION OF CITY GRANTS),
23 CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
24 AUTHORIZE USE OF CITY FUNDS TO PAY CERTAIN COURT
25 FEES; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR
26 HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
27 EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AMENDMENT TO THE
28 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
29 UNITED WAY FOR THE EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM
30 ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2023-803-E TO
31 PROVIDE FOR PARTIAL ADVANCE PAYMENT; PROVIDING

1 FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT
2 COMPLIANCE DIVISION; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE
3 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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5 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

6 **Section 1. Waiving Section 110.112, Ordinance Code.**

7 Section 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against), Part 1
8 (The City Treasury), Chapter 110 (City Treasury), *Ordinance Code*, is
9 hereby waived to allow for a partial advance payment in the amount
10 not-to-exceed \$500,000 to United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc.
11 ("United Way") for the Eviction Diversion Program (the "Program").
12 The agreement between the City and United Way for the Program was
13 originally approved and authorized by Ordinance 2023-803-E. After
14 enactment of that legislation United Way requested partial advance
15 payment of the \$1,000,000 appropriated for the Program to pay start-up
16 costs for the Program and to have a portion of the funds on hand for
17 distribution to or on behalf of individuals/households who qualify
18 for assistance through the Program. The City Council hereby authorizes
19 the advance payment of \$500,000 for these purposes.

20 **Section 2. Waiving Section 118.201(f) (7), Ordinance Code.**

21 The provisions of Section 118.201(f) (7) (Release of Appropriations),
22 Part 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants),
23 *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow for advance payment to
24 United Way as outlined in Section 1. This waiver is justified as it
25 will allow United Way to have additional funds on hand for immediate
26 distribution to or on behalf of qualified households who often operate
27 under very tight deadlines to pay overdue rent and other arrears to
28 avoid eviction.

29 **Section 3. Waiving Section 118.301(a) (3), Ordinance Code.**

30 The provisions of Section 118.301(a) (3) (Expenditure of Appropriated
31 Funds), Part 3 (Administration of City Grants), Chapter 118 (City

1 Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to authorize use of City
2 funds to pay appropriate court fees on behalf of Program participants.
3 This waiver is justified because United Way expects that a number of
4 individuals/households who qualify for assistance through this
5 Program may be obligated to pay court fees to avoid eviction.

6 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute an**
7 **Amendment to Agreement.** There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or
8 her designee, and Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
9 execute and deliver an amendment to the agreement between the City
10 and United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. for the Eviction Diversion
11 Program originally authorized and approved by Ordinance 2023-803-E
12 (the "Agreement"), to provide for advance payment in an amount not-to-
13 exceed \$500,000 to United Way for the Program with all other terms
14 and conditions of the Agreement remaining the same.

15 **Section 5. Oversight.** The Grants and Contract Compliance
16 Division shall provide oversight of the Agreement described herein.

17 **Section 6. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
18 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
19 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that United
20 Way anticipates a number of individuals/households will immediately
21 qualify for assistance through the Eviction Diversion Program. Having
22 funds readily on hand will allow United Way and its Program partners
23 to meet the tight deadlines many of the eligible recipients will be
24 required to meet in order to remain in their homes.

25 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
27 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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