

1 Introduced by Council Member Arias:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-465-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
6 APPROPRIATING \$24,866.66 FROM MUNICIPAL DUES &
7 AFFILIATION - DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT AND
8 \$1,800.00 FROM THE CIP DEBT SERVICE REPAYMENT -
9 ISA-DEBT MANAGEMENT FUND - INTEREST ACCOUNT TO
10 THE EDED OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -
11 INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES
12 ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE ASIAN CHAMBER
13 OF COMMERCE OF NORTH FLORIDA INC. ("CHAMBER") AS
14 AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 2025-842-E, AS INITIATED
15 BY B.T. 26-078; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
16 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO ENTER
17 INTO A MARKETING FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
18 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ("CITY") AND CHAMBER TO
19 MARKET JACKSONVILLE AND PROMOTE ECONOMIC
20 DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION WITHIN THE CITY;
21 WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE
22 FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD
23 PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1
24 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
25 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
26 WITH THE CHAMBER; WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF
27 SECTION 106.303 (FORMAT AND DETERMINATION OF
28 AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED), SUBPART A (GENERAL
29 PROVISIONS), PART 3 (APPROPRIATIONS), CHAPTER
30 106 (BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING CODE), *ORDINANCE*
31 *CODE*, TO ALLOW MODIFICATION OF THE APPROPRIATION

1 OF FUNDS EXHIBIT TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH
2 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH
3 DISABILITIES ACT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE
4 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; REQUESTING
5 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
6 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

12 (b) The location of the Chamber's marketing and economic
13 development efforts in Jacksonville, Florida ("Program"), is more
14 particularly described in the Agreement. The Agreement will promote
15 and further the public and municipal purposes of the City.

16 (c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are matters
17 of State and City policy and State and City concern in order that the
18 State and its counties and municipalities, including the City, shall
19 not continue to be endangered by unemployment, underemployment,
20 economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and consume an
21 excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because of the
22 extra services required for police, fire, accident, health care,
23 elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and
24 housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services
25 and facilities.

26 (d) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in the
27 Agreement is necessary and appropriate to make the Program feasible;
28 and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive, taking
29 into account the needs of the Chamber to make the Program economically
30 and financially feasible, and the extent of the public benefits
31 expected to be derived from the Program, and taking into account all

1 other forms of assistance available.

2 (e) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for public
3 uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a county,
4 municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of Florida
5 and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public interest
6 for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a matter of
7 legislative determination.

8 (f) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of
9 Chapters 163, 166 and 125, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City's
10 Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

11 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
12 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
13 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
14 listed in subsection (b):

15 (B.T. 26-078, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
16 by this reference)

17 (a) Appropriated from:

18 See B.T. 26-078 \$26,666.66

19 (b) Appropriated to:

20 See B.T. 26-078 \$26,666.66

21 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

22 The funding above is an appropriation of \$24,866.66 from
23 the Municipal Dues & Affiliation - Dues and Subscriptions
24 Account and \$1,800.00 from the CIP Debt Service Repayment
25 - ISA-Debt Management Fund - Interest Account to the EDED
26 Office of Economic Development - Industry Development -
27 Contractual Services Account to provide funding to the
28 Asian Chamber of Commerce of North Florida Inc. ("Chamber")
29 as described herein.

30 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
31 Section 2 is to provide funding to the Chamber to market the City and

1 promote economic development and job creation within the City.

2 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute a**
3 **Marketing Funding Agreement Between the City and the Asian Chamber**
4 **of Commerce of North Florida Inc. ("Chamber").** There is hereby
5 approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
6 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
7 the City a Marketing Funding Agreement with Asian Chamber of Commerce
8 of North Florida Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$26,666.66,
9 substantially in the form placed **Revised On File** with the Legislative
10 Services Division, for a term through September 30, 2026, including
11 extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise
12 take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance,
13 subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the General
14 Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk Management
15 Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements
16 in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

17 **Section 5. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
18 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
19 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
20 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
21 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with Asian Chamber
22 of Commerce of North Florida Inc. This waiver is justified because
23 the Chamber offers unique services regarding marketing the City of
24 Jacksonville in conjunction with attracting business relocations,
25 expansions, and job creation. The Chamber has provided the Affidavit
26 of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*,
27 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** to accompany this waiver.

28 **Section 6. Waiving the Provisions of Section 106.303,**
29 **Ordinance Code.** Section 106.303 (Format and determination of amounts
30 appropriated), Subpart A (General Provisions), Part 3
31 (Appropriations), Chapter 106 (Budget and Accounting Code), *Ordinance*

1 Code, is hereby waived. This waiver is necessary to allow the
2 modification of the Appropriation of Funds Exhibit to be in the form
3 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, in order to facilitate compliance with
4 the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. B.T. 26-078
5 in the form authorized pursuant to Ordinance 2015-428-E and reflecting
6 the Mayor's approval can be found on file with the Budget Office.

7 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Office of
8 Economic Development shall oversee the agreement described herein.

9 **Section 8. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction.**
10 Emergency passage upon introduction is requested as the term of the
11 agreements authorized hereby expire September 30, 2026, and the
12 Chamber is requesting funding so that it may fully utilize such
13 funding within the term authorized.

14 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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