

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-765**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE HOMELESSNESS  
6 INITIATIVES COMMISSION ("COMMISSION"); AMENDING  
7 SECTION 86.103 (COMPOSITION; LIAISONS; TERMS;  
8 REMOVAL) AND SECTION 86.104 (FUNCTIONS, POWERS  
9 AND DUTIES), CHAPTER 86 (HOMELESSNESS  
10 INITIATIVES COMMISSION), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ADD  
11 A LIAISON FROM THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE  
12 DEPARTMENT TO THE COMMISSION AND EXTEND BY ONE  
13 YEAR THE DEADLINES TO CREATE A FIVE-YEAR  
14 STRATEGIC PLAN AND AN ANNUAL ACTION PLAN;  
15 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS;  
16 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Council established the Homelessness Initiatives  
19 Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Ordinance 2024-111-E (the  
20 "Enabling Ordinance"); and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Commission is unable to meet the September 1, 2024  
22 deadline for the creation of an annual Action Plan and the December  
23 31, 2024 deadline for the creation of a five-year Strategic Plan, all  
24 as set forth in the Enabling Ordinance, due to an unforeseen delay  
25 in the initial member appointments to the Commission; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Commission voted at its August 15, 2024 meeting to  
27 request the Council to extend the Strategic Plan and Action Plan  
28 deadlines by one year to permit the Commission to have enough time to  
29 prepare the same, as reflected in the Meeting Minutes attached hereto  
30 as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference; now therefore

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

1           **Section 1.           Recitals.** The recitals above are incorporated  
2 herein by this reference.

3           **Section 2.           Amending Section 86.103 (Composition; Liaisons;  
4 Terms; Removal) and Section 86.104 (Functions, powers and duties),  
5 Chapter 86 (Homelessness Initiatives Commission), Ordinance Code.**  
6 Section 86.103 (Composition; Liaisons; Terms; Removal) and Section  
7 86.104 (Functions, powers and duties), Chapter 86 (Homelessness  
8 Initiatives Commission), *Ordinance Code*, is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10                           **CHAPTER 86 - HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION**

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12 **Sec. 86.103. - Composition; Liaisons; Terms; Removal.**

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14           (b) Liaisons. The City Council President shall annually appoint  
15 a City Council Member to serve as a liaison to the Commission. In  
16 addition, the Sheriff shall appoint a liaison to the Commission from  
17 amongst his staff with preference given to an officer who regularly  
18 works and interacts with the Duval County homeless and/or chronically  
19 unhoused populations. In addition, the Director of Fire and Rescue  
20 shall appoint a liaison to the Commission from the Jacksonville Fire  
21 and Rescue Department with preference given to an employee who  
22 regularly works and interacts with the Duval County homeless and/or  
23 chronically unhoused populations. These are non-voting positions and  
24 the liaisons shall not be considered members of the Commission for  
25 Florida's Open Meetings Law purposes.

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27 **Sec. 86.104. - Functions, powers and duties.**

28           In addition to such powers, duties and authority as may be set  
29 forth elsewhere in the Ordinance Code, the Commission is hereby  
30 authorized to:

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2 (d) Create a five-year Strategic Plan outlining appropriate  
3 programs, services and initiatives to combat homelessness -  
4 this Strategic Plan should be tailored to address the unique  
5 needs of Duval County's homeless and chronic unhoused  
6 populations; the initial Strategic Plan shall be presented  
7 to the Council committee of reference tasked with reviewing  
8 and making recommendations on measures addressing  
9 homelessness on or before December 31, ~~2024~~2025;

10 (e) Create an annual Action Plan that includes specific goals  
11 and measurables to effectuate the Strategic Plan; the  
12 initial Action Plan shall be presented to the Council  
13 committee of reference tasked with reviewing and making  
14 recommendations on measures addressing homelessness on or  
15 before September 1, ~~2024~~2025;

16 (f) Annually review the Strategic Plan and Action Plan and make  
17 recommendations to the Council committee of reference tasked  
18 with reviewing and making recommendations on measures  
19 addressing homelessness for updates and changes to both  
20 Plans on or before March 1 each year beginning March 1,  
21 2026;

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23 **Section 3. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and the  
24 Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and  
25 division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth  
26 herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the  
27 *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation are  
28 approved and directed herein, and changes to the *Ordinance Code* shall  
29 be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.

30 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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Office of General Counsel

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