

1 Introduced by Council Member Amaro:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-749**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE 2025 DUVAL COUNTY  
6 LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY UPDATE; MAKING  
7 FINDINGS; ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE 2025 DUVAL  
8 COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY UPDATE;  
9 ASSIGNING REVIEW, MAINTENANCE, AND COORDINATION  
10 RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PERIODIC REVIEW  
11 AND RE-ADOPTION; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY  
12 THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT'S  
13 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIVISION; PROVIDING AN  
14 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy (the "LMS")  
17 is intended to provide a strategy to mitigate dangers and costs  
18 associated with natural and man-made hazards and to provide a priority  
19 for mitigation activities before and after a hazardous event occurring  
20 in Duval County; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the LMS provides a legal basis for FEMA mitigation  
22 planning requirements for local governments as a condition of  
23 mitigation grant assistance and is required in order for the City to  
24 remain eligible to apply for certain types of pre- and post-disaster  
25 funding; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Security and Emergency Preparedness  
27 Planning Council (SEPPC) serves as the Local Mitigation Strategy  
28 Working Group; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the LMS has been updated in 2025 by the Local Mitigation  
30 Strategy Working Group and the Emergency Preparedness Division to  
31 meet federal requirements (the "2025 Duval County Local Mitigation

Strategy"); and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Duval County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

**WHEREAS** adoption of the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy by the City Council demonstrates Duval County's commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy has been reviewed and approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management, as evidenced by the letter dated July 22, 2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy has been placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division; now therefore

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

**Section 1. Findings.** The above-stated recitals are true and correct, and by this reference are incorporated herein and are adopted as findings of the Council.

**Section 2. Acceptance, Adoption, Review, Maintenance, Coordination, Review and Re-adoption.** The 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy, in substantially the same form as has been placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division, is hereby accepted and adopted as the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy. Review and maintenance of the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy, including revisions to meet any subsequent plan approval requirements, shall be assigned to the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group and such revisions will not require Council re-adoption. Such review and maintenance responsibilities shall be coordinated by the Emergency Preparedness Division of the City of

1 Jacksonville's Fire and Rescue Department. Notwithstanding the  
2 foregoing, the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy shall be  
3 reviewed and re-adopted by the Council at least once every five (5)  
4 years or at such other earlier times as directed by the Council.

5 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue  
6 Department's Emergency Preparedness Division shall oversee the  
7 project described herein.

8 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /S/ Joelle J. Dillard

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation prepared by: Joelle J. Dillard

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