

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-188**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
6 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
7 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THAT CERTAIN
8 STIPULATION OF PARTIES FOR THE PERMANENT
9 CLOSURE OF 8th STREET EAST RAILROAD-HIGHWAY
10 GRADE CROSSING, FDOT CROSSING NUMBER 713594W,
11 AND THE OPENING OF OTIS ROAD PUBLIC RAILROAD-
12 HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSING, BETWEEN THE CITY OF
13 JACKSONVILLE AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA
14 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("FDOT");
15 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 PUBLIC WORKS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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18 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to CIP Project entitled Cecil Mega Site Rail
19 Spur project, the City of Jacksonville ("City") authorized the
20 construction of a new rail spur into the 600-acre City-owned Mega
21 Site at Cecil Commerce Center (the "Project"); and

22 **WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the Project, it is necessary
23 to close the 8th Street East Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing,
24 Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") Crossing Number
25 713594W, and to open the Otis Road Public Railroad-Highway Grade
26 Crossing;

27 **WHEREAS**, in order to open and close the respective crossings,
28 FDOT requires that a Stipulation of Parties for the opening and
29 closure be executed by the City, Norfolk Southern Railway, and the
30 FDOT, and legislation is required to authorize execution of the
31 Stipulation of Parties by the City; now therefore,

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

2 **Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor, or her designee, and
3 the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and
4 deliver on behalf of the City, that certain Stipulation of Parties
5 for the Closure of 8th Street East Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing,
6 FDOT Crossing Number 713594W, and the opening of the Otis Road
7 Public Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing (collectively, the
8 "Project"), between City of Jacksonville, FDOT, and Norfolk
9 Southern Railway (the "Stipulation of Parties"), in substantially
10 the form placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division.
11 The city filed applications with FDOT to permanently close the 8th
12 Street East Public Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing and to open the
13 Otis Road Public Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing. Pursuant to the
14 Stipulation of Parties, the City will undertake: (i) all work
15 necessary for the 8th Street East closure, which shall include
16 closure of the Public Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing, including
17 but not limited to, removal of all evidence of the track crossing
18 within the City's right-of-way and restoration of the roadway and
19 sidewalks within the right-of-way; and (ii) all work necessary to
20 install and maintain the Otis Road Public Railroad-Highway Grade
21 Crossing, inclusive of automated railroad grade crossing warning
22 devices, and traffic control devices, signs, pavement markings,
23 flashing light signals and automated gates. All costs associated
24 with the Project will be borne by the City and paid utilizing
25 funding from the Capital Improvement Program under the project
26 entitled "Cecil Mega Site Rail Spur."

27 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Department of Public Works
28 shall oversee the project described herein.

29 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /S/ John Sawyer

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation prepared by: John Sawyer

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