

Introduced by Council President Carrico and amended by the Finance Committee:

ORDINANCE 2025-514-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,856,342 FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL CONTINGENCY - CONTRIBUTIONS TO JTA ACCOUNT TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMPONENT UNITS - CONTRIBUTIONS TO JTA ACCOUNT TO FUND THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (JTA) FOR THE PARATRANSIT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR THE JTA; AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL AND THE COUNCIL AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO MAKE ALL CHANGES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNCIL'S ACTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

(The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See **Exhibit 1** \$1,856,342

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$1,856,342

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$1,856,342 from

the Special Council Contingency - Contributions to JTA account to the Contributions to Component Units - Contribution to JTA account to fund the City's contribution to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) for the paratransit program for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 above is to fund the City's contribution to the JTA for the paratransit program.

Section 3. Jacksonville Transportation Authority Budget Approved. The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget is herein appropriated as provided in **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev Schedules, September 16, 2025 - Finance" and in accordance with the below:

(a) Estimated Revenues; Appropriations.

From the estimated revenues and fund balances set forth on **Revised Schedule O** and **Revised Schedule Q** as provided in **Revised Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, there are hereby appropriated the sums set forth on **Revised Schedule P** and **Revised Schedule R** for the indicated purposes of the Mass Transit Division and the Engineering Division of Jacksonville Transportation Authority. The estimated revenues, fund balances and appropriations provided therein, together with the other applicable provisions of this Ordinance, shall constitute the annual budgets and appropriations for Jacksonville Transportation Authority for its fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, which budgets are hereby adopted and approved by the Council pursuant to Section 14.02 of the Charter, as amended, and Section 349.041, *Florida Statutes*. The Jacksonville Transportation Authority's expenditure of funds for which grants are anticipated is permitted upon receipt of the grant award and Jacksonville Transportation Authority's Board acknowledgement and approval of the same. Section 212.055(1)(d)

(Discretionary sales surtaxes; legislative intent; authorization and use of proceeds), *Florida Statutes*, provides that proceeds from the surtax be applied to as many or as few of the uses enumerated in Section 212.055, *Florida Statutes*, in whatever combination the county commission deems appropriate. Based on the statutory language, the JTA and the City Council will meet to discuss the uses of the local option sales tax in excess of the \$102,225,124 budgeted in fiscal year 2025-2026 the City Council deems appropriate. For fiscal year 2025-2026, any sales tax revenue collected in excess of the budgeted amount of \$102,225,124 may not be expended without further Council appropriation.

(b) Allocations, Allotments and Transfers.

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority is authorized to allocate and allot the sums herein appropriated for more specific purposes, within each of the total sums specified on **Revised Schedule P** and **Revised Schedule R**, except for the Fund Balance Reserves, and to transfer from time to time, without City Council approval, appropriated funds from one of the purposes for which funds are appropriated by this Ordinance to another of such purposes if, in the discretion of the JTA, such transfer is necessary to carry out all of the purposes for which funds are hereby appropriated, subject to applicable law. There shall be provided to the Council Auditor, within twenty-four hours after JTA Board approval, a copy of the written documentation of all proposed additional appropriations of funds. There shall also be provided to the Council Auditor at the end of each quarter a copy or a summary of the written documentation of all transfers made between approved budget line items. The number of full-time employees authorized at any one time shall not exceed 861. The Council authorizes 93,203 temporary employee hours.

(c) STAR Card Eligibility and Free Ride Benefit.

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority shall accept a JTA

1 issued Senior STAR card as proof of senior citizen eligibility and
2 shall permit all persons age 65 and over to obtain a Senior STAR card
3 and ride for free at all times.

4 **Section 4. Office of General Counsel and Council Auditor's**
5 **Office Authorization.** The Office of General Counsel and the Council
6 Auditor's Office are hereby authorized to make all changes to titles,
7 tables of content, Ordinance Code, journal entries, schedules,
8 attachments, editorial and text changes consistent with the changes
9 set forth herein to Ordinance 2025-504 to effectuate the Council's
10 action.

11 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /S/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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