

Introduced by Council President Carrico:

**ORDINANCE 2025-514**

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

1 account to the Contributions to Component Units -  
2 Contribution to JTA account to fund the City's contribution  
3 to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) for the  
4 paratransit program for fiscal year 2025-2026.

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

8 **Section 3. Jacksonville Transportation Authority Budget**  
9 **Approved.** The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) Fiscal  
10 Year 2025-2026 budget is herein appropriated as provided in **Exhibit**  
11 **2** and in accordance with the below:

12 **(a) Estimated Revenues; Appropriations.**

13 From the estimated revenues and fund balances set forth on  
14 **Schedule O** and **Schedule Q** as provided in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto  
15 and incorporated herein by this reference, there are hereby  
16 appropriated the sums set forth on **Schedule P** and **Schedule R** for the  
17 indicated purposes of the Mass Transit Division and the Engineering  
18 Division of Jacksonville Transportation Authority. The estimated  
19 revenues, fund balances and appropriations provided therein, together  
20 with the other applicable provisions of this Ordinance, shall  
21 constitute the annual budgets and appropriations for Jacksonville  
22 Transportation Authority for its fiscal year beginning October 1,  
23 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, which budgets are hereby adopted  
24 and approved by the Council pursuant to Section 14.02 of the Charter,  
25 as amended, and Section 349.041, *Florida Statutes*. The Jacksonville  
26 Transportation Authority's expenditure of funds for which grants are  
27 anticipated is permitted upon receipt of the grant award and  
28 Jacksonville Transportation Authority's Board acknowledgement and  
29 approval of the same. Section 212.055(1)(d) (Discretionary sales  
30 surtaxes; legislative intent; authorization and use of proceeds),  
31 *Florida Statutes*, provides that proceeds from the surtax be applied

1 to as many or as few of the uses enumerated in Section 212.055,  
2 *Florida Statutes*, in whatever combination the county commission deems  
3 appropriate. Based on the statutory language, the JTA and the City  
4 Council will meet to discuss the uses of the local option sales tax  
5 in excess of the \$102,225,124 budgeted in fiscal year 2025-2026 the  
6 City Council deems appropriate. For fiscal year 2025-2026, any sales  
7 tax revenue collected in excess of the budgeted amount of \$102,225,124  
8 may not be expended without further Council appropriation.

9 **(b) Allocations, Allotments and Transfers.**

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

27 **(c) STAR Card Eligibility and Free Ride Benefit.**

28 The Jacksonville Transportation Authority shall accept a JTA  
29 issued Senior STAR card as proof of senior citizen eligibility and  
30 shall permit all persons age 65 and over to obtain a Senior STAR card  
31 and ride for free at all times.

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

8           **Section 5.           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/Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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