

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Sheriff:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-491**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000.00 FROM
6 THE HUD CDBG-DR IRMA FUNDING THROUGH THE
7 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO
8 THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE CDBG-DR HURRICANE
9 IRMA VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM TO ALLOW
10 THE CITY TO ADDRESS DIRECTLY THE DAMAGE FROM
11 HURRICANE IRMA BY REMOVING STRUCTURES THAT
12 WERE IMPACTED BY STORM SURGE AND RIVERINE
13 FLOODING, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 20-100;
14 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS
15 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
16 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THE
17 FEDERALLY-FUNDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
18 GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) VOLUNTARY
19 HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT;
20 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE HOUSING AND
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE
22 NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
23 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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25 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

26 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year,
27 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the
28 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to
29 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

30 (B.T. 20-100 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
31 by this reference)

1 (a) Appropriated from:

2 See B.T. 20-100 \$5,000,000.00

3 (b) Appropriated to:

4 See B.T. 20-100 \$5,000,000.00

5 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

6 The funding above is an appropriation from the HUD CDBG-
7 DR Irma Funding through the Florida Department of
8 Economic Opportunity to the City of Jacksonville CDBG-DR
9 Hurricane Irma Voluntary Home Buyout Program (the
10 "Program") to allow the City to address directly the
11 damage from Hurricane Irma by removing structures that
12 were impacted by storm surge and riverine flooding.

13 **Section 2. Background.** One of the communities hardest
14 hit by Hurricane Irma was the Ken Knight Drive Neighborhood in
15 Washington Heights. This community has a very high concentration of
16 individuals and families living at or below the poverty level. The
17 homes in the community were built in the 1960s or earlier and are
18 well below the base flood elevation. Very few, if any, of the
19 properties were covered by flood insurance and nearly all of the
20 properties were severely damaged by the flooding event. Given the
21 condition of a majority of these structures, repairing the homes is
22 not a feasible option.

23 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
24 Section 1 is to allow the City to address directly the damage from
25 Hurricane Irma by removing structures that were impacted by storm
26 surge and riverine flooding through the Program. The Program will
27 reduce future public costs associated with evacuation and rescue,
28 emergency shelter, temporary housing, home repairs, financial
29 assistance, and debris removal services following tropical cyclone
30 and flooding events. In addition, the Program will reduce the
31 financial burden on taxpayers caused by having to fund repeatedly

1 subsidized repairs of these properties that were built within the
2 100-year floodplain. The Program will also remove current
3 residents from immediate dangers as well as from the emotional and
4 financial toll associated with future flooding events. Finally, the
5 Program will provide the residents of the neighborhood the
6 opportunity to obtain alternative, affordable housing outside of
7 the floodplain. The properties acquired through the Program will be
8 returned to green space, which will also improve local flood
9 storage and conveyance, and will be deed-restricted so as to
10 prohibit the building of new structures that inevitably would be
11 damaged by future flooding.

12 **Section 4. Approval and authorization.** There is hereby
13 approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and the Corporation
14 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
15 the City the Federally-Funded Community Development Block Grant
16 Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Voluntary Home Buyout Program
17 Subrecipient Agreement, in substantially the same form placed **ON**
18 **FILE** with the Office of Legislative Services.

19 **Section 5. Oversight.** The Housing and Community
20 Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department shall oversee
21 the Program.

22 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
23 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
24 without the Mayor's signature.

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ James R. McCain, Jr.

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation prepared by: James R. McCain, Jr.

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