

1 Introduced by Council Member Amaro and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
2 Miller and Lahnen:
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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-557-A**

6 A RESOLUTION REGARDING TRANSPARENCY IN
7 GOVERNMENT; REQUESTING THE MAYOR, OR HER
8 DESIGNEE, PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL
9 FINANCE COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 7, 2025,
10 PERTAINING TO: (1) FEDERAL GRANTS, (2) HOUSING
11 OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS, AND (3) ALL FISCAL YEAR
12 2024-2025 BUDGETED AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES, IN
13 WHATEVER FORM, ON OR TO NON-PROFIT ENTITIES;
14 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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16 **WHEREAS,** the City Council has repeatedly stated that
17 transparency in government is of tantamount importance as it not only
18 fosters good government, but highlights and bolsters the trust of the
19 people of Jacksonville in both the operation of this consolidated
20 government and its stewardship of the taxpayer's dollars; and

21 **WHEREAS,** recently the City Council considered Ordinance 2025-
22 138 which, in part, sought to further this goal of increased
23 transparency by requiring the Mayor, or her designee, to provide a
24 report to the City Council Finance Committee pertaining to federal
25 grants, policies and practices regarding diversity, equity and
26 inclusion, housing of unauthorized aliens, and Fiscal Year 2024-2025
27 budgeted and actual expenditures on or to non-profit entities; and

28 **WHEREAS,** for reasons not centered on the aforementioned report,
29 Ordinance 2025-138 was vetoed by the Mayor and the veto was sustained
30 by the City Council on June 24, 2025; and

31 **WHEREAS,** the City Council still finds value in receiving

1 information regarding federal grants, housing of unauthorized aliens,
2 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 expenditures on or to non-profits as it can
3 assist the Council in making a variety of decisions pertaining to
4 City budgeting, implementation or modification of City policies, and
5 furtherance of transparency in government; now therefore

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

7 **Section 1. Request for Report.** The Mayor, or her
8 designee(s), is hereby requested to present a report to the City
9 Council Finance Committee on or before October 7, 2025, as follows:

10 a) Federal Grants:

11 (1) Provide a list of all grants between the City of
12 Jacksonville/Duval County and the federal government and
13 any of its offices, divisions, agencies, etc. Included in
14 the report must be a brief description of the grant, the
15 funding entity, and information as to whether the City has
16 received notice of any intent to withhold funds or to cease
17 reimbursement under any grant or if the Mayor or Grant
18 Administrator anticipates such action to occur.

19 (2) Confirmation that the City of Jacksonville is in compliance
20 with all applicable federal and state anti-discrimination
21 laws, rules, regulations and policies. For instances in
22 which the City is not in compliance with a law, rule,
23 regulation or policy, the Mayor must outline a plan and
24 timeline to achieve compliance with such law, rule,
25 regulation or policy.

26 b) Housing of Unauthorized Aliens:

27 (1) Information regarding the number of unauthorized aliens,
28 if any, residing in public housing under the jurisdiction
29 and control of the City or any of its independent agencies.
30 The term "unauthorized alien" shall have the same meaning
31 as found in Section 908.111, *Florida Statutes*.

1 c) Expenditures on Non-Profits:

2 (1) Information regarding any and all budgeted and actual
3 expenditures, in whatever form, on or to non-profit
4 entities in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

5 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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