

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-455**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000.00 FROM
6 THE TREE PROTECTION AND RELATED EXPENSES TRUST
7 FUND, FUND 15304, FOR THE LEVEL 2 COUNTY-WIDE
8 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TREE PLANTING ON PUBLIC
9 LAND IN DUVAL COUNTY SUGGESTED BY INDIVIDUALS,
10 GROUPS, OR COUNCIL MEMBERS; APPROVING, AND
11 REQUESTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO
12 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
13 CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN
14 ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA HEREIN PROVIDED;
15 PROVIDING A CARRYOVER OF FUNDS INTO SUBSEQUENT
16 FISCAL YEARS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission, is an advisory body of the City
19 of Jacksonville that was formed to encourage and coordinate the
20 efforts of the various public and private entities that are
21 concerned with the conservation and enhancement of the City's Tree
22 Canopy; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission established the Level 2 Tree
24 Planting Program, (the "Level 2 Program"), which was approved and
25 funded by Ordinance 2019-89-E, and further funded with \$2,000,000
26 by Ordinance 2020-632-E; and

27 **WHEREAS**, there has been a great deal of interest in the Level
28 2 Program by the public from all areas of the City; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the \$2,000,000.00 that was appropriated to the Level
30 2 Program through Ordinance 2020-732-E has been expended or
31 encumbered, thus there will shortly be no funding for further

1 utilization in the Level 2 Program; and

2 **WHEREAS**, on May 19, 2021 the Tree Commission voted to
3 recommend increasing the funding for the Level 2 Program by another
4 \$2,000,000.00 due to the amount and scope of proposed new projects,
5 now therefore

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

7 **Section 1. Appropriation for the Level 2 Tree Planting**
8 **Program.** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, within the City's budget,
9 there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the
10 account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in
11 subsection (b):

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

14 (a) Appropriated from:

15 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$2,000,000.00

16 (b) Appropriated to:

17 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$2,000,000.00

18 (c) **Explanation of the appropriation** - The funding above is
19 to provide \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection and
20 Related Expenses Trust Fund, Fund 15304, for the Level 2
21 Tree Planting Program, administered by the Department of
22 Public Works.

23 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
24 Section 1 is to provide \$2,000,000.00 for Public Works to work with
25 applicants that are individuals, groups, and Council Members to
26 plant trees on public property in Duval County.

27 The Level 2 Tree Planting Program (the "Level 2 Program")
28 provides individual citizens, organizations, or Council Members
29 with the opportunity to suggest a location for a tree planting
30 project on public property within Duval County that proposes to use
31 funds from the City of Jacksonville Tree Protection and Related

1 Expenses Trust Fund. City Council sponsorship through separate
2 legislation is not required. If someone is interested in
3 suggesting a planting location for the City to implement, then the
4 following are the requirements to utilize this Program.

5 1. The location of the proposed planting must be:

6 a. In Duval County; and

7 b. On public property (i.e. a road right-of-way; a local,
8 state or national park; Duval County School Board
9 property, etc.); and

10 2. It is preferred, but not required, that the citizen or
11 organizations request be at least in a schematic format for
12 locations and species of trees proposed;

13 3. It is preferred, but not required, that the number of trees
14 for each project not exceed 200;

15 4. The Public Works Department's certified City Arborist shall
16 approve the schematic design proposed, or generate a design
17 for implementation;

18 5. Upon receipt or generation of a schematic design for a
19 planting project, the Department of Public Works shall provide
20 a copy of same to the District Council Member representing the
21 location of the project;

22 6. The request shall be heard by the Tree Commission for a
23 recommendation to the Mayor's Budget Review Committee for
24 approval; and

25 7. The project shall be administered by the Public Works
26 Department which may separately bid the project, or may
27 utilize the City's Continuous Tree Contractor.

28 **Section 3. Oversight Department.** The Public Works
29 Department shall continue to oversee the Level 2 Program described
30 herein. The trees that are planted, and any that are removed as
31 part of the planting, shall be recorded electronically on Plan-it

1 Geo, or its equivalent, and shall note the species and size of
2 each, as well as the date of planting or removal, and the Ordinance
3 number, if applicable, appropriating the funding.

4 **Section 4. Carryover.** The funds appropriated in this
5 ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to subsequent fiscal
6 years.

7 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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11 Form Approved:

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14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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