

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Miller and Peluso:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-337-A**

6 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING AND REQUESTING THE
7 MAYOR TO CONDUCT A COUNTY-WIDE ASSESSMENT TO
8 IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAPITAL
9 IMPROVEMENTS, STUDIES OR NEEDS ASSESSMENTS, AND
10 OTHER INITIATIVES AIMED AT ADDRESSING BLIGHT,
11 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, REVITALIZATION,
12 REHABILITATION AND REDEVELOPMENT IN
13 ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES AND
14 NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF
15 JACKSONVILLE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
16 WOODLAND ACRES, MIXON TOWN/LACKAWANNA AND
17 MAGNOLIA GARDENS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATE
18 FUNDING IN THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
19 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TO PAY FOR
20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, STUDIES OR NEEDS
21 ASSESSMENTS, AND OTHER INITIATIVES IDENTIFIED
22 THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
23 DATE.

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25 **WHEREAS,** the City Council recently discussed the need and
26 desire to undertake a county-wide assessment of the City's most
27 economically distressed communities and neighborhoods to identify
28 opportunities for revitalization and improvement of these areas; and

29 **WHEREAS,** the Council recognizes this type of assessment is a
30 significant effort that would require coordination between the Mayor
31 and her Administration and the City Council to identify the true

1 needs of these communities and to propose effective and appropriate
2 solutions that address blight, infrastructure needs, and
3 opportunities for capital improvements and revitalization of these
4 important and historic neighborhoods of the City; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the Council believes it is in the best interests of
6 the City to initiate this assessment in conjunction with the
7 Administration's preparation of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for
8 the City of Jacksonville with the hope that appropriate funding can
9 be included in the proposed budget; now therefore

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

11 **Section 1. Encouraging the Mayor to Conduct a County-wide**
12 **Assessment of Economically Distressed Areas of the City and to Provide**
13 **for Appropriate Funding in the Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget to Address**
14 **Identified Needs.** The Council hereby encourages and requests the
15 Mayor to conduct a county-wide assessment to identify opportunities
16 for capital improvements, studies or needs assessments, and other
17 programs and initiatives aimed at addressing blight, infrastructure
18 improvements, revitalization, rehabilitation and redevelopment of
19 economically distressed communities and neighborhoods throughout the
20 City of Jacksonville. This assessment should specifically include,
21 but is not limited to, the Woodland Acres, Mixon Town/Lackawanna and
22 Magnolia Gardens neighborhoods. Furthermore, the Council requests the
23 Mayor to include appropriate funding in the proposed Fiscal Year
24 2024-2025 budget of the City of Jacksonville to pay for capital
25 improvements, studies or needs assessments, and other initiatives
26 identified through the county-wide assessment.

27 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
28 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
29 without the Mayor's signature.
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1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

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