

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville  
2 Housing Finance Authority:  
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5 **RESOLUTION 2023-255**

6 A RESOLUTION, UPON AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DUE  
7 AUTHORIZATION AND THE MAKING OF FINDINGS,  
8 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE JACKSONVILLE  
9 HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ITS MULTIFAMILY  
10 HOUSING REVENUE BONDS (WESTGATE APARTMENTS),  
11 SERIES 2023, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT  
12 NOT TO EXCEED \$22,825,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
13 FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS RELATED  
14 TO THE ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF A  
15 MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITY FOR  
16 PERSONS OR FAMILIES OF LOW, MIDDLE OR MODERATE  
17 INCOME, TO BE LOCATED AT 5202 LA VENTURA DRVIE  
18 EAST, JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND  
19 TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "WESTGATE APARTMENTS";  
20 DETERMINING CREDIT NOT BEING PLEDGED; PROVIDING  
21 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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23 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority (the  
24 "Authority") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of the  
25 Constitution and laws of the State of Florida to issue mortgage  
26 revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds to finance the debt  
27 of a "qualifying housing development" as defined in the Florida  
28 Housing Finance Authority Law, Part IV, Chapter 159, Florida Statutes,  
29 and Chapter 52 of the Ordinance Code of the City of Jacksonville,  
30 Florida, and other applicable provisions of law, including  
31 approximately 168 units of a multifamily residential housing facility

1 to be commonly known as Westgate Apartments to be located at 5202 La  
2 Ventura Drive East, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida (the  
3 "Project"); and

4 **WHEREAS**, Westgate Apartments, LLC, a Florida limited liability  
5 company, and its permitted successors and assigns (the "Borrower"),  
6 desires to construct the Project, and the Borrower has requested the  
7 Authority to issue its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Westgate  
8 Apartments), Series 2023 (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal  
9 amount not to exceed \$22,825,000 and to loan the proceeds thereof to  
10 the Borrower for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs  
11 related to the acquisition and construction of the Project by the  
12 Borrower; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Authority believes that the Project assists in  
14 alleviating the shortage of residential housing for eligible persons  
15 and families of low, moderate or middle income, and the issuance of  
16 the Bonds to provide financing for the debt and for construction of  
17 the Project will assist in alleviating the shortage of capital  
18 available for investment in such residential housing, and thereby  
19 increase the health, safety, welfare, and tax base of the State and  
20 Duval County; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Authority (pursuant to the Resolution of the  
22 Authority made at its general meeting on December 7, 2022, and placed  
23 **On File** with the Legislative Services Division) has requested that  
24 the Council of the City of Jacksonville, Florida (the "Council")  
25 approve the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority for purposes of  
26 Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and  
27 the issuance of the Bonds for purposes of Chapter 52 of the *Ordinance*  
28 *Code of the City of Jacksonville* in an aggregate principal amount not  
29 to exceed \$22,825,000; now therefore

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

31 **Section 1. Authority.** This Resolution is adopted pursuant

1 to the Constitution of the State of Florida, the *Ordinance Code of*  
2 *the City of Jacksonville*, and other applicable provisions of law.

3 **Section 2. Findings.** The Council hereby finds, determines,  
4 and declares as follows:

5 A. Notice of a public hearing inviting comments and discussion  
6 concerning the issuance of the Bonds to finance certain of the debt  
7 of the Borrower relating to the construction of the Project, and the  
8 nature and location of the Project was published in a newspaper of  
9 general circulation in Duval County, at least seven (7) days prior  
10 to the date of such public hearing and proof of such publication is  
11 attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit 1.**

12 B. Following publication of such notice, a public hearing was  
13 held on behalf of the Authority by its Hearing Officer on March 24,  
14 2023, for comments and discussions concerning the issuance of the  
15 Bonds and the Project but no persons appeared and requested to be  
16 heard. A report of such public hearing is attached hereto and  
17 incorporated herein as **Exhibit 2.**

18 C. The financing of all or a portion of the costs associated  
19 with the acquisition and construction of the Project through the  
20 issuance of the Bonds will have a substantial public benefit.

21 D. The Council is the elected legislative body of Duval  
22 County, Florida, and has jurisdiction over the entire area in which  
23 the Project is located.

24 **Section 3. Approval.** For purposes of Section 147(f) of the  
25 Internal Revenue Code (as such relates to the Bonds), and Chapter 52  
26 of the *Ordinance Code of the City of Jacksonville*, the Council hereby  
27 approves the issuance of the Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed  
28 \$22,825,000 to finance all or a portion of the costs associated with  
29 the Project, and the execution of all documents necessary to  
30 effectuate the issuance and the sale of the Bonds. Financing details  
31 concerning the use of budgeted funds and costs of issuance are

