

1 Introduced by Council President at the request of the DIA:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-147-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT  
6 AUTHORITY TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING (FORMERLY  
7 KNOWN GENERALLY AS THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND  
8 HISTORY BUILDING) AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS OWNED  
9 BY THE CITY AND LOCATED GENERALLY AT 1025 MUSEUM  
10 CIRCLE IN THE CITY WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN SOUTHBANK  
11 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING FOR CITY  
12 OVERSIGHT OF THE PROJECT BY THE DIA AND  
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; PROVIDING AN  
14 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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16 **WHEREAS**, the City and the Museum of Science and History have  
17 previously entered into that certain lease agreement dated October  
18 31, 1967 (as subsequently amended, the "Lease") for the lease by MOSH  
19 of the southerly portion of that certain City-owned real property  
20 located generally at 1025 Museum Circle in the Downtown Southbank  
21 Community Redevelopment Area (the "Project Parcel"); and

22 **WHEREAS**, MOSH intends to construct a new facility in the Downtown  
23 Northbank Community Redevelopment Area as previously authorized by  
24 the City, and the City and MOSH have terminated the Lease, and the  
25 City desires to demolish the buildings and related improvements  
26 located on the Project Parcel to facilitate existing development in  
27 the area and of the Project Parcel; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the DIA approved Resolution 2026-01-04 (the  
29 "Resolution") to authorize the demolition contemplated hereby, said  
30 Resolution being attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; and

31 **WHEREAS**, it has been determined to be in the interest of the

1 City to approve of the matters set forth in this Ordinance; now,  
2 therefore,

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

4 **Section 1. Demolition Project Authorized.** The City Council  
5 hereby authorizes the Downtown Investment Authority to demolish the  
6 building and related improvements (exclusive of Friendship Fountain  
7 and park related improvements) located at the southern edge of 1025  
8 Museum Circle, Jacksonville, Florida, being a portion of R.E. number  
9 080269-0100, comprised of the facility formerly known as the Museum  
10 of Science and History building and related improvements.

11 **Section 2. Oversight Department.** The Downtown Investment  
12 Authority and the Department of Public Works shall oversee the Project  
13 described herein.

14 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /S/ John Sawyer

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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