

1 Introduced by the Council Member Dennis & amended by the
2 Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health & Safety
3 Committee:

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6 **ORDINANCE 2020-367-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE FORGIVING AND TERMINATING CERTAIN
8 HISTORICAL GRANT AND/OR LOAN OBLIGATIONS AND
9 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
10 AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
11 ORGANIZATIONS ("CHDOS") AND OTHER NON-PROFIT
12 ENTITIES WHO PARTNERED WITH THE CITY TO
13 PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH THE CITY'S
14 NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES PROGRAM; APPROVING
15 AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF OUTSTANDING
16 LOANS AND/OR GRANTS MADE BY THE CITY OF
17 JACKSONVILLE TO THESE CHDOS AND OTHER NON-
18 PROFIT ENTITIES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND
19 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER
20 APPROPRIATE TERMINATION, RELEASE AND/OR
21 SATISFACTION DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO EACH
22 CHDO AND NON-PROFIT ENTITY LOAN/GRANT TO
23 EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE;
24 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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26 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville recognizes there is a great
27 and continuing need to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing
28 for some of its most vulnerable residents; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to provide vital affordable housing in
30 some of its most vulnerable neighborhoods, the City administers a
31 number of programs and projects in partnership with various

1 neighborhood based CHDOs and other non-profit entities; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City's Neighborhoods Department, Housing and
3 Community Development Division, oversees a Neighborhood Initiatives
4 Program (the "Program") which provides local (City) dollars in the
5 form of loans and/or grants to CHDOs and other non-profit entities
6 who provide neighborhood-based affordable housing, homebuyer
7 assistance and counseling; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in excess of ten (10) years ago, the City issued
9 several loans and grants under the Program totaling \$5,000,000 in
10 the amounts and to the entities identified on **Revised Exhibit 1**,
11 labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev Entities List, August 3, 2020 -
12 NCSPHS", attached hereto; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the CHDOs and other non-profit entities receiving
14 Program dollars as a grant are not obligated to repay those funds;
15 however, Program dollars identified on **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled
16 as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev Entities List, August 3, 2020 - NCSPHS"
17 as a loan are required to be repaid and remain as historical debt
18 on the City's financial accountings and records; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to forgive and "write off" the
20 historical Program loans identified on **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled
21 as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev Historical Loans List, August 3, 2020 -
22 NCSPHS", attached hereto, and to terminate certain loan and grant
23 agreements with the affected CHDOs and non-profit entities,
24 recognizing several of these entities have been dissolved and to
25 allow those still existing to clear old debt with the hopes this
26 will put them in better financial standing to pursue additional
27 affordable housing opportunities in the City of Jacksonville; now
28 therefore

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

30 **Section 1. Forgiving and terminating loan/grant obligations**

1 **and agreements.** The City Council hereby forgives and terminates the
2 loan/grant obligations and contracts between the City and the
3 subject CHDOs and non-profit entities identified in **Revised Exhibit**
4 **2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev Historical Loans List, August
5 3, 2020 - NCSPHS."

6 **Section 2. Approval and authorization of release of loans.**

7 The City Council hereby approves and authorizes the release of the
8 outstanding loan amounts identified on **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled
9 as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev Historical Loans List, August 3, 2020 -
10 NCSPHS." This release is limited to those dollars loaned in
11 accordance with the City contract numbers identified in **Revised**
12 **Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev Historical Loans
13 List, August 3, 2020 - NCSPHS."

14 **Section 3. Authorization for Mayor and Corporation Secretary**
15 **to execute termination, release and/or satisfaction documents.** The
16 Mayor and Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute
17 and deliver appropriate documentation to effectuate the
18 termination, release and/or satisfaction of said loan/grant
19 obligations and debts which shall be in a form or forms approved by
20 the Office of General Counsel.

21 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation prepared by Mary E. Staffopoulos

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