

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2022-488**

5 A READOPTION OF PRELIMINARY RATE AND ANNUAL  
6 ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 197,  
7 *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AND CHAPTER 715, *ORDINANCE*  
8 *CODE*, FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN DOWNTOWN  
9 JACKSONVILLE PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2021-292-E;  
10 IDENTIFYING THE SERVICES PROVIDED; INCLUDING THE  
11 SERVICE COST; ESTABLISHING THE 2022 ASSESSMENT  
12 RATE; SCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING  
13 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING; APPROVING THE  
14 2022 FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND METHOD OF  
15 COLLECTION; RETAINING RIGHTS UNDER CHAPTERS 170  
16 AND 197 FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
17 DATE.

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19 **WHEREAS**, by Resolution 2021-03-03, the Downtown Investment  
20 Authority approved the expansion of the Downtown Business Improvement  
21 District, originally created by the City Council in 1999, and approved  
22 expansion of the classes of properties subject to a special assessment  
23 within the Downtown Business Improvement District; and

24 **WHEREAS**, for over 20 years, Downtown Vision, Inc., has provided  
25 enhanced municipal services in Downtown Jacksonville, which advance  
26 the City’s redevelopment goals and benefit the assessed properties  
27 in Downtown; and

28 **WHEREAS**, City of Jacksonville Ordinance 2021-292-E authorized  
29 annual assessments for properties located within the service area;  
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31 **WHEREAS**, annual assessments must be approved by Council through

1 a Final Assessment Roll procedure for the use of the uniform method;  
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3 **WHEREAS**, the preliminary rate has not changed from prior year  
4 and use of a single piece of legislation as the preliminary rate  
5 ordinance and final roll ordinance is consistent with the state  
6 statutes and is not contrary to public interest; now, therefore

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

8 **Section 1. Incorporating the recitals.** The foregoing  
9 "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and  
10 correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon  
11 adoption thereof.

12 **Section 2. Services to be provided.** The services to be  
13 provided were included in ordinance 2021-292-E, and will continue to  
14 include stabilizing and improving the service area through promotion,  
15 management, marketing and other similar services as further defined  
16 in the Enhanced Municipal Services Agreement, **attached hereto as**  
17 **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by reference.

18 **Section 3. Service Cost.** The total estimated revenue to  
19 be collected or service cost is included in the Enhanced Municipal  
20 Services Agreement, **attached hereto as Exhibit 1.**

21 **Section 4. Assessment Rate.** Pursuant to Section 197.3632,  
22 *Florida Statutes*, and Section 715.208, *Ordinance Code*, the special  
23 assessment rate shall be equal to the value of 1.1 mills on each  
24 property. The term of this special assessment shall be from the 2022  
25 Tax Year through the 2031 Tax Year.

26 **Section 5. Public Hearing.** The Council held public hearings  
27 on July 26, 2022 and August 9, 2022, to hear testimony from affected  
28 property owners as to the propriety and advisability of funding the  
29 proposed improvements previously described in Initial Assessment  
30 Ordinance 2021-292-E which authorizes annual special assessments on  
31 property as described therein, and met as an equalizing board to hear

1 and consider any and all complaints as to the special assessments.  
2 The Council hereby confirms the Initial Assessment Ordinance 2021-  
3 292-E, approves the 2022 preliminary rate set forth herein, and  
4 approves continuing the assessment rate as established in Initial  
5 Assessment Ordinance 2021-292-E for the 2022 assessment.

6       **Section 6. Notice.** Proof of first class mailing of the  
7 notices required by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, and Section  
8 715.205, *Ordinance Code*, is **attached hereto** as **Exhibit 2**. In  
9 accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, notices for  
10 previously assessed properties shall be provided through the property  
11 appraiser's notice of property taxes under Section 200.069, *Florida*  
12 *Statutes*. Notice has also been provided via publication pursuant to  
13 the requirements of Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes* is **attached**  
14 **hereto** as **Exhibit 3**.

15       **Section 7. Final Assessment Roll and Method of Collection.**  
16 The Council hereby approves the 2022 Final Assessment Roll **attached**  
17 **hereto** as **Exhibit 4**. The method of collection for 2022 shall be the  
18 uniform method pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*.

19       **Section 8. Retaining All Rights Granted by Chapter 170 and**  
20 **197, Florida Statutes.** The City of Jacksonville hereby retains all  
21 rights granted to municipalities by Chapters 170 and 197, *Florida*  
22 *Statutes*, for the special assessments authorized herein, including  
23 priority of lien, interest and foreclosure; provided, however, that  
24 any legal proceeding to enforce payment of such special assessments  
25 shall require City Council approval.

26       **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
28 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Trisha Bowles

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Trisha Bowles

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