

1 Introduced by the Council Member Arias:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-462**

5 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND  
6 APPROPRIATING \$26,666.67, FROM MUNICIPAL DUES &  
7 AFFILIATION - DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT TO  
8 THE EDED OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -  
9 INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES  
10 ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE FIRST COAST  
11 HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY  
12 DEVELOPMENT, INC. ("CHAMBER"), AS AUTHORIZED BY  
13 ORDINANCE 2025-842-E, AS INITIATED BY B.T.  
14 26-076; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE,  
15 AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO A  
16 MARKETING FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
17 JACKSONVILLE ("CITY") AND THE CHAMBER TO MARKET  
18 JACKSONVILLE AND PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
19 AND JOB CREATION WITHIN THE CITY; WAIVING  
20 SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING  
21 THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS;  
22 WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1 (GENERAL  
23 PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
24 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT  
25 WITH THE CHAMBER; WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF  
26 SECTION 106.303 (FORMAT AND DETERMINATION OF  
27 AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED), SUBPART A (GENERAL  
28 PROVISIONS), PART 3 (APPROPRIATIONS), CHAPTER  
29 106 (BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING CODE), *ORDINANCE*  
30 *CODE*, TO ALLOW MODIFICATION OF THE APPROPRIATION  
31 OF FUNDS EXHIBIT TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH

1 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH  
2 DISABILITIES ACT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE  
3 GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE  
4 FINANCE DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING EMERGENCY  
5 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN  
6 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

9 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,  
10 found and declared as follows:

11 (a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

12 (b) The location of the Chamber's marketing and economic  
13 development efforts in Jacksonville, Florida ("Program"), is more  
14 particularly described in the Agreement. The Agreement will promote  
15 and further the public and municipal purposes of the City.

16 (c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are matters  
17 of State and City policy and State and City concern in order that the  
18 State and its counties and municipalities, including the City, shall  
19 not continue to be endangered by unemployment, underemployment,  
20 economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and consume an  
21 excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because of the  
22 extra services required for police, fire, accident, health care,  
23 elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and  
24 housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services  
25 and facilities.

26 (d) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in the  
27 Agreement is necessary and appropriate to make the Program feasible;  
28 and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive, taking  
29 into account the needs of the Chamber to make the Program economically  
30 and financially feasible, and the extent of the public benefits  
31 expected to be derived from the Program, and taking into account all

1 other forms of assistance available.

2 (e) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for public  
3 uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a county,  
4 municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of Florida  
5 and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public interest  
6 for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a matter of  
7 legislative determination.

8 (f) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of  
9 Chapters 163, 166 and 125, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City's  
10 Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

11 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,  
12 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
13 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
14 listed in subsection (b):

15 (B.T. 26-076, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein  
16 by this reference)

17 (a) Appropriated from:

18 See B.T. 26-076 \$26,666.67

19 (b) Appropriated to:

20 See B.T. 26-076 \$26,666.67

21 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

22 The funding above is an appropriation of \$26,666.67 from  
23 the Municipal Dues & Affiliation - Dues and Subscriptions  
24 Account to the EDED Office of Economic Development -  
25 Industry Development - Contractual Services Account to  
26 provide funding to the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of  
27 Commerce Community Development, Inc. ("Chamber") as  
28 described herein.

29 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
30 Section 2 is to provide funding to the Chamber to market the City and  
31 promote economic development and job creation within the City.

1           **Section 4.           Approval and Authorization to Execute a**  
2 **Marketing Funding Agreement Between the City and the First Coast**  
3 **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Community Development, Inc. ("Chamber").**

4 There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the  
5 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver  
6 on behalf of the City a Marketing Funding Agreement with First Coast  
7 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Community Development, Inc. in an amount  
8 not-to-exceed \$26,666.67, substantially in the form placed **On File**  
9 with the Legislative Services Division, for a term through September  
10 30, 2026, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the  
11 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate  
12 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and  
13 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the  
14 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and  
15 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,  
16 *Ordinance Code*.

17           **Section 5.           Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The  
18 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
19 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part  
20 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,  
21 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with First Coast  
22 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Community Development, Inc. This waiver  
23 is justified because the Chamber offers unique services regarding  
24 marketing the City of Jacksonville in conjunction with attracting  
25 business relocations, expansions, and job creation. The Chamber has  
26 provided the Affidavit of Disclosure required by subsection  
27 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** to  
28 accompany this waiver.

29           **Section 6.           Waiving the Provisions of Section 106.303,**  
30 **Ordinance Code.** Section 106.303 (Format and determination of amounts  
31 appropriated), Subpart A (General Provisions), Part 3

1 (Appropriations), Chapter 106 (Budget and Accounting Code), *Ordinance*  
2 *Code*, is hereby waived. This waiver is necessary to allow the  
3 modification of the Appropriation of Funds Exhibit to be in the form  
4 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, in order to facilitate compliance with  
5 the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. B.T. 26-076  
6 in the form authorized pursuant to Ordinance 2015-428-E and reflecting  
7 the Mayor's approval can be found on file with the Budget Office.

8 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Office of  
9 Economic Development shall oversee the agreement described herein.

10 **Section 8. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction.**  
11 Emergency passage upon introduction is requested to as the term of  
12 the agreements authorized hereby expire September 30, 2026, and the  
13 Chamber is requesting funding so that it may fully utilize such  
14 funding within the term authorized.

15 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21           /s/ John Sawyer          

22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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