

1 Introduced by Council Members Salem and White:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-888**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,333,728.00 FROM  
6 HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND  
7 DESIGNATED CONTINGENCY ACCOUNTS TO THE  
8 JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT TO  
9 PROVIDE \$634,421.60 TO TRINITY RESCUE MISSION,  
10 INC. ("TRINITY RESCUE"), \$288,970.40 TO THE CITY  
11 RESCUE MISSION, INC. ("CITY RESCUE"), AND  
12 \$410,336.00 TO THE SALVATION ARMY ("SALVATION  
13 ARMY") TO BE USED TO INCREASE HOMELESS SHELTER  
14 CAPACITY IN DUVAL COUNTY AS MORE SPECIFICALLY  
15 DESCRIBED HEREIN; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION IN  
16 SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE  
17 SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS;  
18 ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING),  
19 CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*,  
20 TO ALLOW FOR DIRECT CONTRACTS WITH TRINITY  
21 RESCUE, CITY RESCUE AND SALVATION ARMY; WAIVING  
22 SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING  
23 THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS),  
24 PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY  
25 GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR DIRECT  
26 CONTRACTS WITH TRINITY RESCUE, CITY RESCUE, AND  
27 SALVATION ARMY; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE  
28 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION  
29 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF  
30 THE CITY, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
31 JACKSONVILLE AND TRINITY RESCUE, AN AGREEMENT

1 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND CITY  
2 RESCUE, AND AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
3 JACKSONVILLE AND SALVATION ARMY; PROVIDING FOR  
4 OVERSIGHT BY THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE  
5 DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY  
6 PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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8 **WHEREAS**, commencing on October 1, 2024, the City was required  
9 to begin enforcing Section 125.0231, *Florida Statutes*, which was  
10 enacted by the Florida Legislature and signed into law on March 20,  
11 2024; and

12 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 125.0231, *Florida Statutes*, the  
13 City may not authorize or otherwise allow regular public camping and  
14 sleeping on public properties, including, but not limited to, any  
15 public building or its grounds and any public right of way under the  
16 City's jurisdiction; and

17 **WHEREAS**, commencing on January 1, 2025, this new law authorizes  
18 City residents, the owner of a business located in the City, and the  
19 Attorney General to file an injunction lawsuit against the City for  
20 authorizing or allowing regular public camping and sleeping that is  
21 not otherwise permitted under the statute; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the City desires to comply with Section 125.0231,  
23 *Florida Statutes*, by addressing the acute need for additional homeless  
24 shelter capacity in order to provide those experiencing homelessness  
25 with a safe place to sleep in lieu of public camping and sleeping;  
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, Trinity Rescue Mission, Inc. ("Trinity Rescue"), The  
28 City Rescue Mission, Inc. ("City Rescue") and The Salvation Army  
29 ("Salvation Army") currently operate shelters in Duval County and  
30 these entities have estimated that expanding shelter capacity by an  
31 additional 110 beds in total will provide sufficient capacity to

1 address the immediate need for shelter space to comply with Section  
2 125.0231, *Florida Statutes*, and to provide additional time to assess  
3 future needs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is intended to fund the costs  
5 associated with increasing shelter capacity by 44 additional beds at  
6 Trinity Rescue, 26 additional beds at City Rescue, and 40 additional  
7 beds at Salvation Army to serve Duval County's homeless; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,  
10 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated  
11 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
12 listed in subsection (b):

13 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and  
14 incorporated herein by this reference)

15 (a) Appropriated from:

16 See **Exhibit 1** \$1,333,728.00

17 (b) Appropriated to:

18 See **Exhibit 1** \$1,333,728.00

19 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

20 The funding above is an appropriation of \$1,333,728.00 from  
21 Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund Designated  
22 Contingency accounts to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue  
23 Department ("JFRD") to provide City funds to Trinity  
24 Rescue, City Rescue and Salvation Army to offset costs for  
25 renovations to existing homeless shelters for increased  
26 bed space and for operational expenses related to the  
27 increased shelter capacity as more specifically described  
28 herein.

29 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
30 Section 1 is to provide funds to Trinity Rescue Mission, Inc., The  
31 City Rescue Mission, Inc. and The Salvation Army to expand homeless

1 shelter capacity by an additional 110 beds total to address the needs  
2 of Duval County's homeless population in light of the City's  
3 obligation to comply with Section 125.0231 *Florida Statutes*. The City  
4 funds appropriated herein will be paid to Trinity Rescue, City Rescue  
5 and Salvation Army on a reimbursement basis to offset the operational  
6 costs to increase bed space in their respective shelters (44 beds at  
7 Trinity Rescue, 26 beds at City Rescue, and 40 beds at Salvation  
8 Army) at a flat annual rate of \$11,500.08 per bed so long as the  
9 additional beds are brought into service on or before January 1,  
10 2025. Each entity will also be paid for the capital costs necessary  
11 to add the aforementioned additional capacity to their individual  
12 shelters. In addition, as a condition of receiving these funds,  
13 Trinity Rescue, City Rescue, and Salvation Army are required to  
14 provide 24/7 coordination and intake support, live capacity  
15 information online and via phone, to jointly staff a shelter hotline  
16 on a weekly rotating basis, and to provide secure storage capacity  
17 for personal belongings. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department  
18 ("JFRD") has been identified as the lead agency to respond to  
19 instances of public camping and will coordinate with Trinity Rescue,  
20 City Rescue, and Salvation Army to track data for key results so that  
21 real time adjustments can be made to improve effectiveness and address  
22 areas that are under- or over-resourced.

23       **Section 3.       Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.108(g),**  
24 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure  
25 the professional services of Trinity Rescue, City Rescue, and  
26 Salvation Army to provide additional bed capacity within their  
27 existing homeless shelters as described herein. Pursuant to Section  
28 126.108(g) (Exemptions from competitive solicitation), Part 1  
29 (General Regulations; Ethics and Transparency in Public Contracting),  
30 Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is  
31 exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or

1 services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within  
2 authorizing legislation. With the exception of the foregoing, all  
3 other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full  
4 force and effect.

5         **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*.** The  
6 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
7 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
8 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
9 for direct contracts with Trinity Rescue, City Rescue, and Salvation  
10 Army. This waiver is justified because each of these entities has  
11 extensive experience providing shelter services to the homeless and  
12 are the most familiar with the unique needs of this population.

13         **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is  
14 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation  
15 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of  
16 the City an agreement with Trinity Rescue Mission, Inc. in an amount  
17 not-to-exceed \$634,421.60, an agreement with The City Rescue Mission,  
18 Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$288,970.40, and an agreement with  
19 The Salvation Army in an amount not-to-exceed \$410,336.00, subject  
20 to the Term Sheets attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated  
21 herein by this reference, for a term commencing on October 1, 2024  
22 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts and documents,  
23 including extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and  
24 to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of  
25 this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval by  
26 the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk  
27 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification  
28 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

29         **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Jacksonville Fire and  
30 Rescue Department shall oversee the project described herein.

1           **Section 7.           Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**  
2 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this  
3 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that there  
4 is an immediate need for additional beds to house Duval County's  
5 homeless population. In light of the City's obligation to comply with  
6 Section 125.0231, *Florida Statutes*, and the need for renovations to  
7 be completed at each shelter to bring the additional bed capacity  
8 online, the City desires to make the funds appropriated herein  
9 available as soon as possible.

10           **Section 8.           Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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