

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 Co-Introduced by Council Member Salem and Co-Sponsored by Council
3 Member Clark-Murray:

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6 **ORDINANCE 2022-865-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
8 JACKSONVILLE TO JOIN WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA
9 AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AS A
10 PARTICIPANT IN THE STATE'S SETTLEMENT WITH
11 WALMART INC.; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
12 MAYOR AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND
13 DELIVER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF
14 JACKSONVILLE, THE SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT
15 PARTICIPATION FORM TO EXERCISE THE CITY'S OPTION
16 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WALMART SETTLEMENT;
17 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;
18 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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20 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has suffered harm from the
21 opioid epidemic and further recognizes that the entire State of
22 Florida has suffered harm from the opioid epidemic; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has entered into a settlement
24 agreement with Walmart Inc. ("Walmart Settlement"); and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville is a participant in the State
26 of Florida's unified plan, known as the "Florida Plan", for the
27 allocation and use of prospective settlement dollars from opioid
28 related litigation, inclusive of the allocation and use of prospective
29 settlement dollars from the Walmart Settlement; now therefore

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

31 **Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to

1 authorize the City of Jacksonville's participation in the Walmart
2 Settlement as memorialized in the fully-executed Settlement Agreement
3 and Release by and among Walmart Inc., the State of Florida and its
4 Office of the Attorney General, effective October 19, 2022, as placed
5 **On File** with the Legislative Services Division.

6 **Section 2. Authorization to Execute and Implement.** The
7 Council hereby approves, and the Mayor, or his designee, and the
8 Corporation Secretary, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver,
9 for and on behalf of the City of Jacksonville, the Subdivision
10 Settlement Participation Form in substantially the form attached
11 hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and to take, or cause to be taken, for and on
12 behalf of the City, such further action as is necessary to effectuate
13 the purpose of this Ordinance.

14 **Section 3. Requesting Emergency Passage upon Introduction**
15 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
16 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
17 emergency is that the State of Florida has requested execution and
18 return of the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form on or before
19 November 18, 2022.

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

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Tiffiny Douglas Pinkstaff

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