

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Member Amaro:
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5 **ORDINANCE 2025-661-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE
7 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
8 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER, FOR AND ON
9 BEHALF OF THE CITY, A TRANSFER AND MAINTENANCE
10 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
11 THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
12 TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), PROVIDING FOR THE
13 TRANSFER OF A 2.72± ACRE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY
14 (R.E. NO. 132045-0000) (THE "PROPERTY") FROM
15 FDOT TO THE CITY, FOR NO CONSIDERATION, AS AN
16 ADDITION TO HENRY L. BROWN-KOOKER PARK, AND
17 PROVIDING FOR CITY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
18 OWNERSHIP, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF
19 THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY
20 THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
21 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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23 **WHEREAS,** the State of Florida Department of Transportation
24 ("FDOT") acquired and owns a 2.72± acre parcel of real property at
25 21st Street and Bennett Street, which was formerly a portion of the
26 existing Henry L. Brown-Kooker Park, and upon which FDOT has since
27 constructed a parking lot (R.E. No. 132045-0000) (the "Property");
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29 **WHEREAS,** FDOT desires to transfer the Property to the City,
30 and City desires to acquire such Property, for no consideration, as
31 an addition to Henry L. Brown-Kooker Park, and to assume the

ownership, operation, maintenance, and repair obligations thereof, subject to the terms of the Transfer and Maintenance Agreement described herein; now therefore

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

Section 1. Transfer and Maintenance Agreement Approval and Authorization to Execute. There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City of Jacksonville, the Transfer and Maintenance Agreement between The State of Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") and the City of Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida (the "Agreement"), in substantially the same form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and any ancillary or related documents or resolutions as may be required to effectuate the transfer of the Property and related maintenance obligations to the City. The Agreement authorizes the transfer of the Property and improvements thereon from FDOT to the City, for no consideration, via map transfer or any other means of conveyance as allowed by law, including by a Public Purpose Quitclaim Deed attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, with the contingency that the Property remain open for public use. In addition, the Agreement transfers the responsibility for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the Property from the FDOT to City. Upon completion of the transfer, the City shall own, operate, maintain, and repair the Property and all improvements thereon at its sole expense. Should the Property cease to be used for a public purpose, ownership will revert to FDOT.

Section 2. Oversight Department. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department shall oversee administration of the Agreement described herein.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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