

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-107**

5 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
6 APPROPRIATING \$3,500,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL
7 FUND - PROPERTY TAXES ACCOUNT TO JACKSONVILLE
8 UNIVERSITY TO OFFSET OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR
9 THE RELOCATION OF THE JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY
10 COLLEGE OF LAW, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 24-058;
11 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE
12 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN
13 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
14 JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
15 CERTAIN EXPENSES RELATED TO THE RELOCATION OF
16 THE JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW;
17 WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE
18 FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD
19 PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER
20 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW A
21 DIRECT CONTRACT WITH JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY;
22 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE OFFICE OF
23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
24 DATE.
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26 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

27 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,
28 found, and declared that the authorizations provided by this Ordinance
29 are for public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers
30 as a county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State
31 of Florida to expend public funds, and the necessity in the public

1 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a
2 matter of legislative determination.

3 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
4 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
5 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
6 listed in subsection (b):

7 (B.T. 24-058, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and incorporated herein
8 by this reference)

9 (a) Appropriated from:

10 See B.T. 24-058 \$3,500,000.00

11 (b) Appropriated to:

12 See B.T. 24-058 \$3,500,000.00

13 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

14 The funding above represents an appropriation of
15 \$3,500,000.00 from the General Fund - Property Taxes
16 account to General Fund - Subsidies and Contributions to
17 Private Organizations.

18 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
19 Section 2 is to appropriate funds to pay for costs associated with
20 the operation and relocation of the Jacksonville University College
21 of Law to a new facility including, but not limited to, any lease or
22 loan payments associated with the facilities, staff payroll and
23 overhead expenses, and professional expenses related to the design,
24 occupancy, use, and operation of the new facility.

25 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute an**
26 **Agreement between the City and Jacksonville University ("JU").** The
27 Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby
28 authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver, for and on behalf of
29 the City, a funding agreement with JU in an amount not-to-exceed
30 \$3,500,000 for the operation of the Jacksonville University College
31 of Law to be relocated in downtown Jacksonville, consistent with the

1 term sheet attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by
2 this reference, and all other contracts, memorandums of understanding
3 and documents, including extensions, renewals or amendments thereto,
4 and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent
5 of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval
6 by the Office of General Counsel and the City's Risk Management
7 Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements
8 in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

9 **Section 5. Waiving Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive**
10 **funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1**
11 **(General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*.** The
12 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
13 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
14 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
15 for a direct contract between the City of Jacksonville and JU. JU
16 is a non-profit organization and has established a new College of Law
17 in downtown Jacksonville. The City finds that this direct contract
18 is justified because JU intends to make a significant investment in
19 downtown Jacksonville as it grows and moves to its new location and
20 the College of Law will meet a pressing need for quality legal
21 education in northeast Florida.

22 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Office of Economic
23 Development shall oversee the Agreement and the project described
24 herein.

25 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
27 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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4 /s/ Joelle J. Dillard

5 Office of General Counsel

6 Legislation prepared by: Joelle J. Dillard

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