

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 amended by the Finance Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2022-488-E**

6 A READOPTION OF PRELIMINARY RATE AND ANNUAL
7 ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 197,
8 *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AND CHAPTER 715, *ORDINANCE*
9 *CODE*, FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN DOWNTOWN
10 JACKSONVILLE PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2021-292-E;
11 IDENTIFYING THE SERVICES PROVIDED; INCLUDING THE
12 SERVICE COST; ESTABLISHING THE 2022 ASSESSMENT
13 RATE; SCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING
14 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING; APPROVING THE
15 2022 FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND METHOD OF
16 COLLECTION; RETAINING RIGHTS UNDER CHAPTERS 170
17 AND 197, *FLORIDA STATUTES*; PROVIDING AN
18 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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20 **WHEREAS**, by Resolution 2021-03-03, the Downtown Investment
21 Authority approved the expansion of the Downtown Business Improvement
22 District, originally created by the City Council in 1999, and approved
23 expansion of the classes of properties subject to a special assessment
24 within the Downtown Business Improvement District; and

25 **WHEREAS**, for over 20 years, Downtown Vision, Inc., has provided
26 enhanced municipal services in Downtown Jacksonville, which advance
27 the City's redevelopment goals and benefit the assessed properties
28 in Downtown; and

29 **WHEREAS**, City of Jacksonville Ordinance 2021-292-E authorized
30 annual assessments for properties located within the service area;
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1 **WHEREAS**, annual assessments must be approved by Council through
2 a Final Assessment Roll procedure for the use of the uniform method;
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4 **WHEREAS**, the preliminary rate has not changed from prior year
5 and use of a single piece of legislation as the preliminary rate
6 ordinance and final roll ordinance is consistent with the state
7 statutes and is not contrary to public interest; now, therefore

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

9 **Section 1. Incorporating the recitals.** The foregoing
10 "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and
11 correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon
12 adoption thereof.

13 **Section 2. Services to be provided.** The services to be
14 provided were included in ordinance 2021-292-E, and will continue to
15 include stabilizing and improving the service area through promotion,
16 management, marketing and other similar services as further defined
17 in the Enhanced Municipal Services Agreement, **attached hereto as**
18 **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev Agmt, August
19 2, 2022 - Finance" and incorporated herein by reference.

20 **Section 3. Service Cost.** The total estimated revenue to
21 be collected or service cost is included in the Enhanced Municipal
22 Services Agreement, attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled as
23 "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev Agmt, August 2, 2022 - Finance".

24 **Section 4. Assessment Rate.** Pursuant to Section 197.3632,
25 *Florida Statutes*, and Section 715.208, *Ordinance Code*, the special
26 assessment rate shall be equal to the value of 1.1 mills on each
27 property. The term of this special assessment shall be from the 2022
28 Tax Year through the 2031 Tax Year.

29 **Section 5. Public Hearing.** The Council held public hearings
30 on July 26, 2022 and August 9, 2022, to hear testimony from affected
31 property owners as to the propriety and advisability of funding the

1 proposed improvements previously described in Initial Assessment
2 Ordinance 2021-292-E which authorizes annual special assessments on
3 property as described therein, and met as an equalizing board to hear
4 and consider any and all complaints as to the special assessments.
5 The Council hereby confirms the Initial Assessment Ordinance 2021-
6 292-E, approves the 2022 preliminary rate set forth herein, and
7 approves continuing the assessment rate as established in Initial
8 Assessment Ordinance 2021-292-E for the 2022 assessment.

9 **Section 6. Notice.** Proof of first class mailing of the
10 notices required by Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, and Section
11 715.205, *Ordinance Code*, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**. In
12 accordance with Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, notices for
13 previously assessed properties shall be provided through the Property
14 Appraiser's notice of property taxes under Section 200.069, *Florida*
15 *Statutes*. Notice has also been provided via publication pursuant to
16 the requirements of Section 197.3632, *Florida Statutes*, is attached
17 hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

18 **Section 7. Final Assessment Roll and Method of Collection.**
19 The Council hereby approves the 2022 Final Assessment Roll **attached**
20 **hereto** as **Exhibit 4**. The method of collection for 2022 shall be the
21 uniform method pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*.

22 **Section 8. Retaining All Rights Granted by Chapter 170 and**
23 **197, Florida Statutes.** The City of Jacksonville hereby retains all
24 rights granted to municipalities by Chapters 170 and 197, *Florida*
25 *Statutes*, for the special assessments authorized herein, including
26 priority of lien, interest and foreclosure; provided, however, that
27 any legal proceeding to enforce payment of such special assessments
28 shall require City Council approval.

29 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Trisha Bowles

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