

1 Introduced by Council Member Gaffney, Jr.:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-263**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE
6 TRAFFIC CALMING - DISTRICT 08 - OTHER
7 CONSTRUCTION COSTS ACCOUNT TO THE RIVERVIEW
8 COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION - SUBSIDIES
9 AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO
10 PROVIDE FUNDING TO RIVERVIEW COLLECTIVE
11 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, INC. ("RCCO") FOR THE
12 OYSTERFEST PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED
13 HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER TO FISCAL YEAR
14 2026-2027; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS
15 TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE
16 EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS; WAIVER AND
17 DISCLOSURES), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS),
18 CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
19 ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH RCCO;
20 APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
21 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
22 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN
23 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
24 RIVERVIEW COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION,
25 INC. FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY
26 THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF
27 THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE
28 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

31 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,

1 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
2 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
3 listed in subsection (b):

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

6 (a) Appropriated from:

7 See **Exhibit 1** \$25,000

8 (b) Appropriated to:

9 See **Exhibit 1** \$25,000

10 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

11 The funding above is an appropriation of \$25,000 from the
12 Traffic Calming - District 08 - Other Construction Costs
13 account to the Riverview Collective Community Organization
14 - Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to
15 provide funding to Riverview Collective Community
16 Organization, Inc. ("RCCO") for the OysterFest Program (the
17 "Program").

18 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
19 Section 1 is to provide City grant funds to RCCO for the Program as
20 described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by
21 this reference. OysterFest is an education and awareness event that
22 will take place at Riverview Park along the Trout River. The Program
23 will highlight the role that oyster reef restoration plays in
24 improving water quality, restoring marine habitat, and strengthening
25 natural shoreline protection. The Program will also provide
26 opportunities for education on heirs' property to assist families
27 seeking to protect generational land and build long-term community
28 wealth. The City funds will pay Program expenses to support the
29 environmental education, oyster reef stewardship activities, and
30 heirs' property awareness programming. This will include costs for
31 equipment storage, event insurance, office and other supplies,

1 printing and advertising, publications, professional services, and
2 equipment.

3 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein
4 shall not lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year 2026-2027.

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; waiver and disclosures), Part
8 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
9 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with Riverview
10 Collective Community Organization, Inc. This waiver is justified
11 because the OysterFest event offers multiple educational components
12 that address the unique environmental and generational challenges
13 faced by residents in the Riverview community. RCCO has provided the
14 Affidavit of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2),
15 *Ordinance Code*, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** to accompany this waiver.

16 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
17 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
18 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
19 the City an agreement with Riverview Collective Community
20 Organization, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000, subject to the
21 Scope of Services and Budget more particularly described in **Exhibit**
22 **2**, for a term commencing on April 1, 2026 through March 30, 2027, and
23 all other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
24 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
25 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
26 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
27 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
28 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
29 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

30 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
31 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the grant

1 described herein.

2 **Section 7. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
3 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
4 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
5 OysterFest event is scheduled to occur on April 18, 2026, and the
6 City Council would like to make the funds appropriated herein
7 available as soon as possible to assist with the event costs.

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

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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