

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem and (Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Carlucci, DeFoor, Morgan and Wilson:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2020-616-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000.00 FROM
7 THE TREE PROTECTION AND RELATED EXPENSES TRUST
8 FUND, FUND 15304, TO THE "630-CITY TREE
9 PLANTING PROGRAM" TO PROVIDE TREE PLANTING
10 ADMINISTERED BY PUBLIC WORKS IN THE PUBLIC
11 RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN LOCATIONS WHERE ADJACENT
12 PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE MADE REQUESTS THROUGH
13 630-CITY; APPROVING, AND REQUESTING THE MAYOR,
14 OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE
16 PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA HEREIN
17 PROVIDED; PROVIDING A CARRYOVER OF FUNDS INTO
18 SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS; PROVIDING AN
19 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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21 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission, an advisory body of the City of
22 Jacksonville was formed to encourage and coordinate the efforts of
23 the various public and private entities that are concerned with the
24 conservation and enhancement of the City's Tree Canopy; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund
26 is maintained for the purpose of planting trees to replace the tree
27 canopy in the City that has been lost through the process of land
28 development; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission established the "630-CITY Tree
30 Planting Program," also referred to as the "Level 1 Tree Planting
31 Program," (the "Program"), which allowed citizens to request up to

1 two (2) trees per year to be planted on City right-of-way adjacent
2 to their property; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Commission voted on September 16, 2020 to
4 recommend increasing the funding for the Program by \$2,000,000.00,
5 and to remove the limitation on the amount of trees requested
6 instead focusing on planting the right tree in the right place; and

7 **WHEREAS**, when the City's Public Affairs Office actively
8 promoted the Program through community meetings and social media,
9 the requests for trees greatly increased; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there has been a great deal of interest in the
11 Program by the public from all areas of the City, so much so that
12 currently there are no remaining available funds; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the last funding was \$2,000,000 provided to the
14 Program through Ordinance 2019-886-E, now therefore

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

16 **Section 1. Appropriation for the 630-CITY Tree Planting**
17 **Program.** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, within the City's budget,
18 there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the
19 account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in
20 subsection (b):

21 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and
22 incorporated herein by this reference)

23 (a) Appropriated from:

24 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$2,000,000.00

25 (b) Appropriated to:

26 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$2,000,000.00

27 (c) **Explanation of the appropriation** - The funding above is
28 to provide \$2,000,000.00 from the Tree Protection and
29 Related Expenses Trust Fund, Fund 15304, for the "630-
30 CITY Tree Planting Program," also known as the "Level 1
31 Tree Planting Program" (the "Program") administered by

1 the Department of Public Works.

2 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
3 Section 1 is to provide \$2,000,000.00 for Public Works to plant
4 trees within public rights-of-way in Duval County in locations
5 where adjacent property owners have requested trees by calling (904)
6 630-CITY. The Program funds will be expended in this way:

7 (1) When a property owner enlists the help of the City through
8 "630-CITY" asking for a new tree or trees to be installed in the
9 right-of-way adjacent to their property, the Department of Public
10 Works, Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Division, will work with
11 the property owner to determine what species of tree, if any, is
12 appropriate for the locations suggested by the property owner. The
13 location and species must be approved by a City Arborist, City
14 Urban Forester, or City Landscape Architect, who will use the
15 concept of "Right Tree, Right Place"; and

16 (2) If a tree or trees are appropriate based upon the request,
17 the Division staff will counsel the property owner about the
18 necessity for maintaining the tree(s) through proper irrigation,
19 fertilization, and pruning; and

20 (3) The Department of Public Works may use the funds set aside
21 for this Program within Fund 15304 to install trees approved in
22 accordance with the "Tree Commission Approved Tree Planting List,"
23 which is available for view on the Tree Commission's website;

24 **Section 3. Oversight Department.** The Public Works
25 Department shall continue to oversee the Program described herein.
26 The trees that are planted, and any that are removed as part of the
27 planting, shall be recorded electronically on Plan-it Geo, or its
28 equivalent, and shall note the species and size of each, as well as
29 the date of planting or removal.

30 **Section 4. Program Success.** The Program, which launched
31 in the summer of 2019, has been an overwhelming success to date. A

1 color map showing where all the trees have been planted throughout
2 the county is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, and may be viewed
3 electronically through this weblink:

4 <https://pg-cloud.com/JacksonvilleFL/?scenario=630city102>

5 **Section 5. Carryover.** The funds appropriated in this
6 ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to subsequent fiscal
7 years.

8 **Section 6. 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/ Paige H. Johnston

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Susan C. Grandin

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