

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-379-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AND/OR
6 DISCLAIMING AN OPENED AND IMPROVED PORTION OF
7 IONIC AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY, ESTABLISHED IN THE
8 PLAT OF ORTEGA, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE
9 40, OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS OF DUVAL
10 COUNTY, FLORIDA, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7,
11 AT THE REQUEST OF ST. MARKS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
12 FOUNDATION INC. AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE
13 DIOCESE OF FLORIDA, INC., SUBJECT UNTO
14 RESERVATION TO CITY AND JEA OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE
15 ALL-UTILITIES, FACILITIES, AND ACCESS EASEMENT
16 ON, OVER, UNDER, THROUGH, AND ACROSS THE CLOSURE
17 AREA; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO
18 CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

21 **Section 1. Closure and Abandonment.** An opened, improved,
22 portion of Ionic Avenue Right-of-Way established in the Plat of
23 Ortega, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 40, of the current public
24 records of Duval County, Florida, located in Council District 7, a
25 depiction and description in substantially the forms placed **On File**
26 with the Legislative Services Division and incorporated herein by
27 this reference, is hereby closed and abandoned and/or disclaimed at
28 the request of St. Marks Episcopal Church Foundation Inc. and The
29 Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, Inc. (the "Applicants"),
30 subject unto reservation to City and JEA of a non-exclusive
31 all-utilities, facilities, and access easement on, over, under,

1 through, and across the closure area.

2 The Applicants have paid the closure application fee in the
3 amount of \$2,091.00 and this sum has been deposited into the City's
4 General Fund. This closure request was reviewed and approved by the
5 various city, state, and utility agencies that might have an interest
6 in the right-of-way. Although the City's Planning and Development
7 Department discourages the closure due to its location within the
8 boundaries of Old Ortega National Register Historic District where
9 the historic grid system is recognized as a contributing and defining
10 feature, there were no objections to the Applicants' request.

11 **Section 2. Purpose.** St. Marks Episcopal Church Foundation
12 Inc., and The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, Inc. have
13 requested this closure (see R.E. No. 101533-0000 for location
14 purposes) to modify on-street parking and to create new off-street
15 parking.

16 **Section 3. Hold Harmless Covenant.** The closure and
17 abandonment by the City of its interests in the right-of-way is
18 subject to Applicants' execution and delivery to the City of a Hold
19 Harmless Covenant, in substantially the form placed **On File** with the
20 Legislative Services Division and incorporated herein by this
21 reference. Accordingly, the closure and abandonment of the
22 right-of-way shall not be recorded in the public records until
23 execution and delivery to the City by the Applicants of the required
24 Hold Harmless Covenant.

25 **Section 4. 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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3 /s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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