

1 Introduced by the Council President at the Request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-637**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
6 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
7 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THAT CERTAIN
8 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CEDAR GROVE
9 CORPORATION ("COMPANY") AND THE CITY OF
10 JACKSONVILLE ("CITY") FOR PAYMENT OF \$125,000 IN
11 EXCHANGE FOR SATISFACTION OF LIENS HELD BY THE
12 CITY; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT
13 OF NEIGHBORHOODS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Company received a loan in the original principal
16 amount of \$125,000.00 from the City which was secured by a third
17 mortgage, collateral assignment of rents, and personal guaranties;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Company defaulted on repayment of the loan and the
20 City obtained a judgment against the Company on July 18, 2017 for the
21 unpaid principal of \$116,231.99, along with fees, interest, and
22 \$29,400 of related grant money; and

23 **WHEREAS**, a Final Discharge in Bankruptcy was entered in favor
24 of the guarantors on December 28, 2023, rendering the guaranties
25 uncollectible; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the City's recovery of the Judgment amount, or any
27 portion thereof, through a foreclosure action (or otherwise) is
28 uncertain; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in the interest of avoiding further litigation,
30 collection costs, and uncertainty, the City and Company have reached
31 a full and final settlement agreement resolving all claims relating

1 to the loan and judgment; now therefore

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

3 **Section 1. Authorization.** The Mayor, or her designee, and
4 the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver
5 on behalf of the City, that certain Settlement Agreement, between the
6 City and Company and related documents as referenced in the agreement
7 or as necessary to carry out the agreement (collectively, the
8 "Agreement"), in substantially the form placed **On File** with the
9 Legislative Services Division. The Agreement provides that the
10 Company will pay the City \$125,000 (the "Settlement Funds") in
11 exchange for a satisfaction of the Mortgage and Judgment. Upon receipt
12 by the City, the Settlement Funds shall be deposited in the Northwest
13 Jacksonville Economic Development Fund.

14 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Neighborhoods Department shall
15 oversee the Agreement.

16 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 /S/ Christopher M. Garrett

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Christopher M. Garrett

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