

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-185-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000.00 FROM THE  
6 CITY HALL ST. JAMES - JUDGEMENTS RECOVERED  
7 ACCOUNT WITHIN THE PUBLIC BUILDING ALLOCATIONS  
8 FUND, TO PAY THE COSTS FOR REPAIRS TO THE ST.  
9 JAMES BUILDING (CITY HALL) ELEVATORS; PROVIDING  
10 FOR PROJECT OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS DIVISION;  
12 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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14 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

15 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,  
16 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
17 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
18 listed in subsection (b):

19 (B.T. 26-050, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and incorporated herein  
20 by this reference)

21 (a) Appropriated from:

22 B.T. 26-050 \$100,000.00

23 (b) Appropriated to:

24 B.T. 26-050 \$100,000.00

25 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

26 The funding above is an appropriation of \$100,000.00 from  
27 the City Hall St. James - Judgements Recovered account to  
28 the City Hall St. James - Contractual Services account  
29 within the Public Building Allocations Fund, to pay for  
30 costs associated with elevator repairs for the St. James  
31 Building (City Hall). This appropriation of funds is

1 subject to the City's receipt of funds from a settlement  
2 of the lawsuit filed by the City in the Fourth Judicial  
3 Circuit styled City of Jacksonville v. Otis Elevator  
4 Company, Duval County Circuit Court Case No. 16-2024-CA-  
5 000270 (the "Lawsuit"), which related to breach of contract  
6 and damages arising out of elevator service and elevator  
7 maintenance at several buildings owned by the City.

8 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
9 Section 1 is to provide funding for repairs to the City Hall elevator  
10 systems needed to address ongoing elevator maintenance and service  
11 issues. The funds appropriated are to be paid to the City pursuant  
12 to a Settlement Agreement and Release to be entered into by Otis  
13 Elevator Company and the City, subject to Council approval, resolving  
14 the Lawsuit.

15 **Section 3. Oversight Department.** The Department of  
16 Public Works, Public Buildings Division, shall oversee the project  
17 described herein.

18 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /S/ Joelle J. Dillard

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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