Introduced by the Land Use and Zoning Committee:

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ORDINANCE 2025-313-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SIGN WAIVER APPLICATION SW-25-02 FOR A SIGN LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 AT 2320 ATLANTIC BOULEVARD, BETWEEN MERRILL AVENUE AND FLESHER AVENUE (R.E. NO(S). 130105-0000), AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, OWNED BY MAYFAIR ENTERPRISES, LLC, REQUESTING TO REDUCE MINIMUM SETBACK FROM TEN FEET TO TWO AND A HALF FEET ZONING DISTRICT ΙN COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY/GENERAL-2 (CCG-2), AS DEFINED AND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE ZONING CODE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING A DISCLAIMER THAT THE WAIVER GRANTED HEREIN SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN EXEMPTION FROM ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, an application for a waiver of requirements for signs, On File with the City Council Legislative Services Division, was filed by Michael Herzberg, on behalf of the owner of property located in Council District 5 at 2320 Atlantic Boulevard, between Merrill Avenue and Flesher Avenue (R.E. No(s). 130105-0000) (the "Subject Property"), requesting to reduce the minimum setback from ten feet two and a half feet in Zoning District Commercial Community/General-2 (CCG-2); and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has considered the application and all attachments thereto and has rendered an advisory recommendation (the "Staff Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Zoning Committee, after due notice

held a public hearing and having duly considered both the testimonial and documentary evidence presented at the public hearing, has made its recommendation to the Council; and

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the above recommendations and all other evidence entered into the record and testimony taken at the public hearings, the Council has considered the criteria for sign waivers pursuant to Section 656.113(c), Ordinance Code, and finds that the request is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Code and should be approved; now therefore

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

Section 1. Sign Waiver Approved. The Council has considered the sign waiver criteria pursuant to Section 656.133(c), Ordinance Code, the recommendation of the Land Use and Zoning Committee, and has reviewed the Staff Report of the Planning and Development Department concerning sign waiver Application SW-25-02 and finds that the waiver is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Code, considering the following criteria, as applicable:

- (1) The effect of the sign waiver is compatible with the existing contiguous signage or zoning and consistent with the general character of the area considering population, density, scale and orientation of the structures in the area;
- (2) The result will not detract from the specific intent of the Zoning Code by promoting the continued existence of nonconforming signs that exist in the vicinity;
- (3) The effect of the proposed waiver will not diminish property values in, or negatively alter the aesthetic character of the area surrounding the site, and will not substantially interfere with or injure the rights of others whose property would be affected by the same;
- (4) The proposed waiver will not have a detrimental effect on vehicular or pedestrian traffic or parking conditions, or result in

the creation of objectionable or excessive light, glare, shadows, or other effects, taking into account existing uses and zoning in the vicinity;

- (5) The proposed waiver will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, and will not result in additional public expense, creation of nuisances, or cause conflict with any other applicable law;
- (6) The Subject Property exhibits specific physical limitations or characteristics which are unique to the site and which would make imposition of the strict letter of the regulation unduly burdensome;
- (7) The request is not based exclusively upon a desire to reduce the costs associated with compliance and is the minimum necessary to obtain a reasonable communication of one's message;
- (8) If the request is the result of a violation that has existed for a considerable length of time without receiving a citation, whether the violation that exists is a result of construction that occurred prior to the owner's acquisition of the Subject Property, and not as a direct result of the actions of the current owner;
- (9) The request accomplishes a compelling public interest, such as, for example, furthering the preservation of natural resources by saving a tree or trees; and
- (10) Strict compliance with the regulation will create a substantial financial burden when considering cost of compliance.

Therefore, Sign Waiver Application SW-25-02, is hereby approved.

Section 2. Owner, Property and Sign Description. The Subject Property is owned by Mayfair Enterprises, LLC, and is legally described in **Exhibit 1**, attached hereto, dated April 17, 2025, and graphically depicted in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto. The applicant is Michael Herzberg, 12483 Aladdin Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32223; (904) 673-6336.

Section 3. Notice. Legislative Services is hereby directed to mail a copy of this legislation, as enacted, to the applicant and any other parties to this matter who testified before the Land Use and Zoning Committee or otherwise filed a qualifying written statement as defined in Section 656.140(c), Ordinance Code.

Section 4. Disclaimer. The sign waiver granted herein shall <u>not</u> be construed as an exemption from any other applicable local, state, or federal laws, regulations, requirements, permits or approvals. All other applicable local, state or federal permits or approvals shall be obtained before commencement of the development or use, and issuance of this sign waiver is based upon acknowledgement, representation and confirmation made by the applicant(s), owner(s), developer(s) and/or any authorized agent(s) or designee(s) that the subject business, development and/or use will be operated in strict compliance with all laws. Issuance of this sign waiver does <u>not</u> approve, promote or condone any practice or act that is prohibited or restricted by any federal, state or local laws.

Section 5. Effective Date. The enactment of this Ordinance shall be deemed to constitute a quasi-judicial action of the City Council and shall become effective upon signature by the Council President and Council Secretary. Failure to exercise the waiver, if herein granted, by the commencement of the use or action herein approved within one (1) year of the effective date of this Ordinance shall render this waiver invalid and all rights arising therefrom shall terminate.