

1 Introduced by the Land Use and Zoning Committee:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-637**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SIGN WAIVER APPLICATION
6 SW-25-04 FOR A SIGN LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT
7 8 AT 2416 DUNN AVENUE, BETWEEN PINE ESTATES ROAD
8 WEST AND PINE ESTATES ROAD EAST (R.E. NO(S).
9 020530-0000), AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, OWNED BY 2416
10 DUNN AVE HOLDINGS, LLC, REQUESTING TO REDUCE THE
11 MINIMUM SETBACK FROM TEN FEET TO ONE FOOT IN
12 ZONING DISTRICT COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY/GENERAL-1
13 (CCG-1), AS DEFINED AND CLASSIFIED UNDER THE
14 ZONING CODE; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING A
15 DISCLAIMER THAT THE WAIVER GRANTED HEREIN SHALL
16 NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN EXEMPTION FROM ANY OTHER
17 APPLICABLE LAWS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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19 **WHEREAS,** an application for a waiver of requirements for signs,
20 **On File** with the City Council Legislative Services Division, was
21 filed by Charles Knight, on behalf of the owner of property located
22 in Council District 8 at 2416 Dunn Avenue, between Pine Estates Road
23 West and Pine Estates Road East (R.E. No(s). 020530-0000) (the
24 "Subject Property"), requesting to reduce the minimum setback from
25 ten feet to one foot in Zoning District Commercial Community/General-
26 1 (CCG-1); and

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

30 **WHEREAS,** the Land Use and Zoning Committee, after due notice
31 held a public hearing and having duly considered both the testimonial

1 and documentary evidence presented at the public hearing, has made
2 its recommendation to the Council; and

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

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

10 **Section 1. Sign Waiver Approved.** The Council has
11 considered the sign waiver criteria pursuant to Section 656.133(c),
12 *Ordinance Code*, the recommendation of the Land Use and Zoning
13 Committee, and has reviewed the Staff Report of the Planning and
14 Development Department concerning sign waiver Application SW-25-04
15 and finds that the waiver is in harmony with the spirit and intent
16 of the Zoning Code, considering the following criteria, as applicable:

17 (1) The effect of the sign waiver is compatible with the
18 existing contiguous signage or zoning and consistent with the general
19 character of the area considering population, density, scale and
20 orientation of the structures in the area;

21 (2) The result will not detract from the specific intent of
22 the Zoning Code by promoting the continued existence of nonconforming
23 signs that exist in the vicinity;

24 (3) The effect of the proposed waiver will not diminish
25 property values in, or negatively alter the aesthetic character of
26 the area surrounding the site, and will not substantially interfere
27 with or injure the rights of others whose property would be affected
28 by the same;

29 (4) The proposed waiver will not have a detrimental effect on
30 vehicular or pedestrian traffic or parking conditions, or result in
31 the creation of objectionable or excessive light, glare, shadows, or

1 other effects, taking into account existing uses and zoning in the
2 vicinity;

3 (5) The proposed waiver will not be detrimental to the public
4 health, safety or welfare, and will not result in additional public
5 expense, creation of nuisances, or cause conflict with any other
6 applicable law;

7 (6) The Subject Property exhibits specific physical
8 limitations or characteristics which are unique to the site and which
9 would make imposition of the strict letter of the regulation unduly
10 burdensome;

11 (7) The request is not based exclusively upon a desire to
12 reduce the costs associated with compliance and is the minimum
13 necessary to obtain a reasonable communication of one's message;

14 (8) If the request is the result of a violation that has existed
15 for a considerable length of time without receiving a citation,
16 whether the violation that exists is a result of construction that
17 occurred prior to the owner's acquisition of the Subject Property,
18 and not as a direct result of the actions of the current owner;

19 (9) The request accomplishes a compelling public interest, such
20 as, for example, furthering the preservation of natural resources by
21 saving a tree or trees; and

22 (10) Strict compliance with the regulation will create a
23 substantial financial burden when considering cost of compliance.

24 Therefore, Sign Waiver Application SW-25-04, is hereby approved.

25 **Section 2. Owner, Property and Sign Description.** The
26 Subject Property is owned by 2416 Dunn Ave Holdings, LLC, and is
27 legally described in **Exhibit 1**, attached hereto, dated August 7,
28 2025, and graphically depicted in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto. The
29 applicant is Charles Knight, PO Box 236, Green Cove Springs, FL,
30 32043; (904) 529-7446.

31 **Section 3. Notice.** Legislative Services is hereby directed

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

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

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

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26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Dylan Reingold

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Connor Corrigan

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