

1 Introduced by Council Member Arias:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-464-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
6 APPROPRIATING \$26,666.67, FROM MUNICIPAL DUES &
7 AFFILIATION - DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT TO
8 THE EDED OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -
9 INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES
10 ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE JACKSONVILLE
11 BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC. ("CHAMBER"), AS
12 AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 2025-842-E, AS INITIATED
13 BY B.T. 26-077; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
14 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO ENTER
15 INTO A MARKETING FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
16 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ("CITY") AND THE CHAMBER TO
17 MARKET JACKSONVILLE AND PROMOTE ECONOMIC
18 DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION WITHIN THE CITY;
19 WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE
20 FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD
21 PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1
22 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
23 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
24 WITH THE CHAMBER; WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF
25 SECTION 106.303 (FORMAT AND DETERMINATION OF
26 AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED), SUBPART A (GENERAL
27 PROVISIONS), PART 3 (APPROPRIATIONS), CHAPTER
28 106 (BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING CODE), *ORDINANCE*
29 *CODE*, TO ALLOW MODIFICATION OF THE APPROPRIATION
30 OF FUNDS EXHIBIT TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH
31 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH

1 DISABILITIES ACT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE
2 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; REQUESTING
3 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
4 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

7 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,
8 found and declared as follows:

9 (a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

10 (b) The location of the Chamber's marketing and economic
11 development efforts in Jacksonville, Florida ("Program"), is more
12 particularly described in the Agreement. The Agreement will promote
13 and further the public and municipal purposes of the City.

14 (c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are matters
15 of State and City policy and State and City concern in order that the
16 State and its counties and municipalities, including the City, shall
17 not continue to be endangered by unemployment, underemployment,
18 economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and consume an
19 excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because of the
20 extra services required for police, fire, accident, health care,
21 elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and
22 housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services
23 and facilities.

24 (d) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in the
25 Agreement is necessary and appropriate to make the Program feasible;
26 and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive, taking
27 into account the needs of the Chamber to make the Program economically
28 and financially feasible, and the extent of the public benefits
29 expected to be derived from the Program, and taking into account all
30 other forms of assistance available.

31 (e) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for public

1 uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a county,
2 municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of Florida
3 and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public interest
4 for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a matter of
5 legislative determination.

6 (f) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of
7 Chapters 163, 166 and 125, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City's
8 Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

9 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
10 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
11 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
12 listed in subsection (b):

13 (B.T. 26-077, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
14 by this reference)

15 (a) Appropriated from:

16 See B.T. 26-077 \$26,666.67

17 (b) Appropriated to:

18 See B.T. 26-077 \$26,666.67

19 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

20 The funding above is an appropriation of \$26,666.67 from
21 the Municipal Dues & Affiliation - Dues and Subscriptions
22 Account to the EDED Office of Economic Development -
23 Industry Development - Contractual Services Account to
24 provide funding to the Jacksonville Black Chamber of
25 Commerce, Inc. ("Chamber") as described herein.

26 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
27 Section 2 is to provide funding to the Chamber to market the City and
28 promote economic development and job creation within the City.

29 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute a**
30 **Marketing Funding Agreement Between the City and the Jacksonville**
31 **Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. ("Chamber").** There is hereby

1 approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
2 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
3 the City a Marketing Funding Agreement with Jacksonville Black Chamber
4 of Commerce, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$26,666.67,
5 substantially in the form placed **On File** with the Legislative Services
6 Division, for a term through September 30, 2026, including extensions,
7 renewals and amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all
8 action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject
9 to appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or
10 his or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
11 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
12 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

13 **Section 5. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
14 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
15 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
16 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
17 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with Jacksonville
18 Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. This waiver is justified because the
19 Chamber offers unique services regarding marketing the City of
20 Jacksonville in conjunction with attracting business relocations,
21 expansions, and job creation. The Chamber has provided the Affidavit
22 of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*,
23 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** to accompany this waiver.

24 **Section 6. Waiving the Provisions of Section 106.303,**
25 **Ordinance Code.** Section 106.303 (Format and determination of amounts
26 appropriated), Subpart A (General Provisions), Part 3
27 (Appropriations), Chapter 106 (Budget and Accounting Code), *Ordinance*
28 *Code*, is hereby waived. This waiver is necessary to allow the
29 modification of the Appropriation of Funds Exhibit to be in the form
30 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, in order to facilitate compliance with
31 the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. B.T. 26-077

1 in the form authorized pursuant to Ordinance 2015-428-E and reflecting
2 the Mayor's approval can be found on file with the Budget Office.

3 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Office of
4 Economic Development shall oversee the agreement described herein.

5 **Section 8. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction.**
6 Emergency passage upon introduction is requested as the term of the
7 agreements authorized hereby expire September 30, 2026, and the
8 Chamber is requesting funding so that it may fully utilize such
9 funding within the term authorized.

10 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
11 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
12 without the Mayor's signature.

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos
17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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