

1 Introduced by Council Member White:
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3 **ORDINANCE 2026-537**

4 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FORGIVENESS TO THE
5 JACKSONVILLE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
6 FOUNDATION, INC. ("FOP FOUNDATION"), FOR NON-
7 COMPLIANCE WITH THE AUDIT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
8 OF SECTIONS 118.201 (RELEASE OF APPROPRIATIONS)
9 AND 118.202 (CONTENT OF AUDITS BY INDEPENDENT
10 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT), PART 2
11 (DISBURSEMENT OF CITY GRANTS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY
12 GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*; AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL
13 AUDITOR TO REMOVE THE FOP FOUNDATION FROM THE
14 CHAPTER 118 NON-COMPLIANCE LIST; REQUIRING THE
15 GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE
16 FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO COORDINATE WITH THE
17 COUNCIL AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO EFFECTUATE THIS
18 ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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20 **WHEREAS**, Sections 118.201 and 118.202, *Ordinance Code*, require
21 City grant recipients to provide an accounting of City grant funding
22 received and expended, either in the form of an annual report or
23 audited financial statements depending on the amount of City grant
24 funding received; and

25 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance 2025-72-E, The Jacksonville
26 Fraternal Order of Police Foundation, Inc. ("FOP Foundation")
27 received a City grant in the amount of \$200,000 to support various
28 charitable and educational initiatives of the FOP Foundation;

29 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 City Grant
30 Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the FOP Foundation and
31 Sections 118.201 and 118.202, *Ordinance Code*, FOP Foundation was

1 required to provide an audit report by April 30, 2026, for funds
2 received during the FOP Foundation's fiscal year ending December 31,
3 2025; and

4 **WHEREAS,** FOP Foundation provided a limited procedures audit
5 report that did not meet the requirements of Sections 118.201 and
6 118.202, *Ordinance Code*, by the required deadline but failed to
7 provide the required audit and was therefore placed on the Council
8 Auditor's Chapter 118 non-compliance list (the "Non-Compliance List")
9 on June 12, 2026; and

10 **WHEREAS,** FOP Foundation is not eligible to receive further
11 City grants due to it being on the Non-Compliance List and has
12 requested the City Council forgive the non-compliance described above
13 and authorize the Council Auditor to remove FOP Foundation from the
14 Non-Compliance List; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals above are true and
17 correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

18 **Section 2. Forgiveness of Non-Compliance.** The City Council
19 forgives The Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Police Foundation,
20 Inc.'s non-compliance with the requirements of Sections 118.201
21 (Release of Appropriations) and 118.202 (Content of audits by
22 independent certified public accountant), Part 2 (Disbursement of
23 City Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, for failure
24 to provide the required audit for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

25 **Section 3. Removal from Non-Compliance List.** The City
26 Council authorizes the Council Auditor to remove FOP Foundation from
27 the Non-Compliance List for the non-compliance described in Section
28 2 above.

29 **Section 4. Requiring Coordination with the Council**
30 **Auditor's Office.** The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the
31 Finance Department shall cooperate with the Council Auditor's Office

1 as necessary to effectuate this Ordinance.

2 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
3 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
4 without the Mayor's signature.

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6 Form Approved:

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8 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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