

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-688**

5 AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING AND/OR  
6 DISCLAIMING AN OPENED AND UNIMPROVED PORTION OF  
7 AN UNNAMED RIGHT-OF-WAY AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK  
8 3, PAGE 51, PLAT OF JACKSONVILLE HEIGHTS NORTH  
9 HALF OF TOWN SITE, OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC RECORDS  
10 OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA, LOCATED IN COUNCIL  
11 DISTRICT 9, AT THE REQUEST OF JOSEPH AND EMILY  
12 LATCHMAN, SUBJECT TO RESERVATION UNTO CITY OF A  
13 NON-EXCLUSIVE ALL UTILITIES, FACILITIES AND  
14 ACCESS EASEMENT OVER THE CLOSURE AREA; PROVIDING  
15 FOR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN  
16 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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18 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

19 **Section 1. Closure and Abandonment.** An opened and  
20 unimproved portion of an unnamed Right-of-Way as recorded in Plat  
21 Book 3, Page 51, Jacksonville Heights North Half of Town Site, of the  
22 current public records of Duval County, Florida, located in Council  
23 District 9, a depiction and description of which is attached hereto  
24 as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby  
25 closed and abandoned and/or disclaimed at the request of Joseph and  
26 Emily Latchman (the "Applicant"), subject to reservation unto City  
27 of a non-exclusive all utilities, facilities, and access easement on,  
28 over, under, through and across the closure area.

29 The Applicant has paid the closure application fee of \$2,091.00  
30 and this sum has been deposited into the City's General Fund. This  
31 closure request was reviewed and approved by the various city, state,

1 and utility agencies that might have an interest in the right-of-way  
2 and there were no objections to the Applicant's request.

3       **Section 2.       Purpose.** The Applicant owns the fee parcel  
4 adjacent to the closure area (R.E. No. 013216-0200) and has requested  
5 this closure to extend their property and install a security fence  
6 over the area to reduce crime and loitering.

7       **Section 3.       Hold Harmless Covenant.** The closure and  
8 abandonment by the City of its interests in the right-of-way is  
9 subject to Applicant's execution and delivery to the City of a Hold  
10 Harmless Covenant, in substantially the same form attached hereto as  
11 **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference. Accordingly, the  
12 closure and abandonment of the right-of-way shall not be recorded in  
13 the public records until execution and delivery to the City by the  
14 Applicant of the required Hold Harmless Covenant.

15       **Section 4.       Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21       Harry M. Wilson, IV

22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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