

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-63**

5 A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS, AND
6 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")
8 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ("CITY") AND
9 ECKART, LLC ("COMPANY"), TO SUPPORT THE CREATION
10 OF THE COMPANY'S REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION FACILITY
11 WITHIN THE CITY ("PROJECT"); AUTHORIZING A LOCAL
12 TARGETED INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT GRANT IN THE
13 MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$67,500, CALCULATED IN THE
14 AMOUNT OF \$1,500 FOR EACH NEW JOB CREATED, FOR
15 A MAXIMUM OF 45 NEW JOBS TO BE CREATED BY
16 DECEMBER 31, 2029; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
17 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION
18 SECRETARY; AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL
19 AMENDMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
20 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ("OED");
21 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE OED; WAIVER OF
22 THAT PORTION OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT POLICY
23 ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 2024-286-E, TO AUTHORIZE
24 THE LOCAL TARGETED INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT GRANT,
25 WHICH IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT
26 POLICY; REQUESTING TWO-READING PASSAGE PURSUANT
27 TO COUNCIL RULE 3.305; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
28 DATE.

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30 **WHEREAS,** ECKART, LLC (the "Company") has committed to create
31 45 permanent full-time equivalent new jobs in Jacksonville with an

1 average salary, exclusive of benefits, of \$79,960 per annum by
2 December 31, 2029, as further described in the Project Summary
3 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; and

4 **WHEREAS**, for the reasons more fully described in the Project
5 Summary, the Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant in such amounts
6 serves a paramount public purpose; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the City's Office of Economic Development ("OED") has
8 reviewed the application submitted by the Company for community
9 development, and, together with representatives of the City,
10 negotiated the Economic Development Agreement and, based upon the
11 contents of the Economic Development Agreement, has determined the
12 Economic Development Agreement and the uses contemplated therein to
13 be in the public interest, and has determined that the public actions
14 and financial assistance contemplated in the Economic Development
15 Agreement take into account and give consideration to the long-term
16 public interests and public interest benefits to be achieved by the
17 City; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Company has requested the City to enter into an
19 Economic Development Agreement; now therefore

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

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

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

24 (b) The location of the Company's Project in Jacksonville,
25 Florida, is more particularly described in the Economic Development
26 Agreement. The Project will promote and further the public and
27 municipal purposes of the City.

28 (c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are
29 matters of State and City policy and State and City concern in order
30 that the State and its counties and municipalities, including the
31 City, shall not continue to be endangered by unemployment,

1 underemployment, economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and
2 consume an excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because
3 of the extra services required for police, fire, accident, health
4 care, elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and
5 housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services
6 and facilities.

7 (d) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in
8 the Economic Development Agreement is necessary and appropriate to
9 make the Project feasible; and the City's assistance is reasonable
10 and not excessive, taking into account the needs of the Company to
11 make the Project economically and financially feasible, and the extent
12 of the public benefits expected to be derived from the Project, and
13 taking into account all other forms of assistance available.

14 (e) The Company is qualified to carry out and complete the
15 construction and equipping of the Project, in accordance with the
16 Economic Development Agreement.

17 (f) The authorizations provided by this Resolution are for
18 public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a
19 county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of
20 Florida and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public
21 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a
22 matter of legislative determination.

23 (g) This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of
24 Chapters 163, 166 and 125, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City's
25 Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

26 **Section 2. Economic Development Agreement Approved.** The
27 Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby
28 authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the
29 Economic Development Agreement substantially in the form placed **On**
30 **File** with the Office of Legislative Services. The Economic Development
31 Agreement may include such additions, deletions, and changes as may

1 be reasonable, necessary, and incidental for carrying out the purposes
2 thereof, as may be acceptable to the Mayor or her designee, with such
3 inclusion and acceptance being evidenced by execution of the Economic
4 Development Agreement by the Mayor or her designee. No modification
5 of the Economic Development Agreement may increase the financial
6 obligations or the liability of the City and any such modification
7 shall be technical only and shall be subject to appropriate legal
8 review and approval of the General Counsel or his or her designee and
9 all other appropriate action required by law. "Technical" is herein
10 defined as including, but not limited to, changes in legal
11 descriptions and surveys, descriptions of infrastructure improvements
12 and/or any road project, ingress and egress, easements and rights of
13 way, performance schedules (provided that no performance schedule may
14 be extended for more than one year without City Council approval),
15 design standards, access and site plans which have no financial
16 impact.

17 **Section 3. Further Authorizations.** The Mayor, or her
18 designee, and the Corporation Secretary, are hereby authorized to
19 execute the Economic Development Agreement and all other contracts
20 and documents and otherwise take all necessary action in connection
21 therewith and herewith. The Executive Director of the OED, as contract
22 administrator, is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary
23 changes and amendments to the Economic Development Agreement and
24 other contracts and documents, to effectuate the purposes of this
25 Resolution, without further Council action, provided such changes and
26 amendments are limited to amendments that are technical in nature (as
27 described in Section 2 hereof), and further provided that all such
28 amendments shall be subject to appropriate legal review and approval
29 by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and all other
30 appropriate official action required by law.

31 **Section 4. Oversight Department.** The Office of Economic

1 Development shall oversee the Project described herein.

2 **Section 5. Execution of the Economic Development Agreement.**

3 If the Economic Development Agreement approved by this Resolution has
4 not been signed by the Company within ninety (90) days after the OED
5 delivers or mails the unexecuted Economic Development Agreement to
6 the Company for execution, then the City Council approval of the
7 Project and authorization for the Mayor to execute the Economic
8 Development Agreement is automatically revoked, provided however,
9 that the Executive Director of the OED shall have the authority to
10 extend such ninety (90) day period in writing at his discretion for
11 up to an additional ninety (90) days.

12 **Section 6. Waiver of Public Investment Policy.** The

13 requirements of the Public Investment Policy adopted by City Council
14 Ordinance 2024-286-E, are waived to authorize the Local Targeted
15 Industry Employment Grant, which is not authorized pursuant to the
16 Public Investment Policy. The waiver is justified due to the fact
17 that the Project will cause private capital investment in the Project
18 in the estimated amount of \$1,000,000 and the creation of 45 new
19 jobs.

20 **Section 7. Requesting Two Reading Passage Pursuant to**
21 **Council Rule 3.305.** Two reading passage of this legislation is
22 requested pursuant to Council Rule 3.305.

23 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 Harry M. Wilson, IV

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Terrence L. Harvey

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