

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-496**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$72,300.00 INCLUDING
6 \$36,150.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF
7 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
8 ("FDEP") AND A REQUIRED CITY MATCH OF \$36,150.00
9 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING - REPAIRS AND
10 MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR
11 FDEP'S FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PARKS INVASIVE
12 SPECIES REMOVAL INITIATIVE, FOR THE PROTECTION
13 OF NATURAL RESOURCES LOCATED IN JACKSONVILLE,
14 FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE NATURAL
15 AND MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION OF THE PARKS,
16 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT;
17 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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19 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

20 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
21 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
22 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
23 listed in subsection (b):

24 (B.T. 26-079, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
25 by this reference)

26 (a) Appropriated from:

27 See B.T. 26-079 \$72,300.00

28 (b) Appropriated to:

29 See B.T. 26-079 \$72,300.00

30 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

31 The funding above represents an appropriation of

1 \$72,300.00, which is comprised of \$36,150.00 in grant funds
2 from the State of Florida Department of Environmental
3 Protection ("FDEP") and a required City match of
4 \$36,150.00, for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Parks Invasive
5 Species Removal initiative (the "Project").

6 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
7 Section 1 is to receive grant funds from FDEP and allocate those
8 funds, along with required City match funds, for the Project.
9 Historically, the City's Department of Parks, Recreation and
10 Community Services has undertaken efforts to identify and map invasive
11 species within City parks. This funding will allow for the continued
12 removal of certain invasive species and also provide for the
13 installation of signage that will educate the public on how to control
14 the spread of invasive species within the following parks and
15 preserves: Arlington Lions Club Park, Blue Cypress Park, Castaway
16 Island Preserve, Helen Cooper Floyd Park, Joe Carlucci Sisters Creek
17 Boat Ramp, Reddie Point Preserve, Ribault River Preserve, Riverview
18 Park and Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park. The State of Florida
19 Department of Environmental Protection Standard Grant Agreement
20 between the City of Jacksonville and the State of Florida Department
21 of Environmental Protection (Agreement Number: CZ823) (the
22 "Agreement") has been placed **On File** with the Legislative Services
23 Division. The grant term begins upon execution of the Agreement and
24 continues through March 31, 2027.

25 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Natural and Marine Resources
26 Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department
27 shall oversee administration of the grant, the Project and the
28 Agreement described herein.

29 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /S/ Christopher N. Loy, Jr.

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Christopher N. Loy, Jr.

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