

Introduced by Council Member Amaro and amended by the Neighborhoods,
Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

ORDINANCE 2025-749-E

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE 2025 DUVAL COUNTY
LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY UPDATE; MAKING
FINDINGS; ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE 2025 DUVAL
COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY UPDATE;
ASSIGNING REVIEW, MAINTENANCE, AND COORDINATION
RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PERIODIC REVIEW
AND RE-ADOPTION; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY
THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT'S
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIVISION; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy (the "LMS")
is intended to provide a strategy to mitigate dangers and costs
associated with natural and man-made hazards and to provide a priority
for mitigation activities before and after a hazardous event occurring
in Duval County; and

WHEREAS, the LMS provides a legal basis for FEMA mitigation
planning requirements for local governments as a condition of
mitigation grant assistance and is required in order for the City to
remain eligible to apply for certain types of pre- and post-disaster
funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Security and Emergency Preparedness
Planning Council (SEPPC) serves as the Local Mitigation Strategy
Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the LMS has been updated in 2025 by the Local Mitigation
Strategy Working Group and the Emergency Preparedness Division to

1 meet federal requirements (the "2025 Duval County Local Mitigation
2 Strategy"); and

3 **WHEREAS**, the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy
4 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-
5 term risk to people and property in Duval County from the impacts of
6 future hazards and disasters; and

7 **WHEREAS** adoption of the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation
8 Strategy by the City Council demonstrates Duval County's commitment
9 to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025
10 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy has
12 been reviewed and approved by the Florida Division of Emergency
13 Management, as evidenced by the letter dated July 22, 2025, attached
14 hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy was
16 also reviewed and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
17 (FEMA) as evidenced by the letter dated September 9, 2025, attached
18 hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy has
20 been placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division; now
21 therefore

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

23 **Section 1. Findings.** The above-stated recitals are true and
24 correct, and by this reference are incorporated herein and are adopted
25 as findings of the Council.

26 **Section 2. Acceptance, Adoption, Review, Maintenance,**
27 **Coordination, Review and Re-adoption.** The 2025 Duval County Local
28 Mitigation Strategy, in substantially the same form as has been placed
29 **On File** with the Legislative Services Division, is hereby accepted
30 and adopted as the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy. Review and
31 maintenance of the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy shall

1 be assigned to the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy Working
2 Group. Such review and maintenance responsibilities shall be
3 coordinated by the Emergency Preparedness Division of the City of
4 Jacksonville's Fire and Rescue Department. Notwithstanding the
5 foregoing, the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy shall be
6 reviewed and re-adopted by the Council at least once every five (5)
7 years or at such other earlier times as directed by the Council.

8 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
9 Department's Emergency Preparedness Division shall oversee the
10 project described herein.

11 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation prepared by: Joelle J. Dillard

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