

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 amended by the Rules Committee:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-63-A**

6 A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS, AND
7 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")
9 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ("CITY") AND
10 ECKART, LLC ("COMPANY"), TO SUPPORT THE CREATION
11 OF THE COMPANY'S REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION FACILITY
12 WITHIN THE CITY ("PROJECT"); AUTHORIZING A LOCAL
13 TARGETED INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT GRANT IN THE
14 MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$67,500, CALCULATED IN THE
15 AMOUNT OF \$1,500 FOR EACH NEW JOB CREATED, FOR
16 A MAXIMUM OF 45 NEW JOBS TO BE CREATED BY
17 DECEMBER 31, 2029; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
18 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION
19 SECRETARY; AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL
20 AMENDMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
21 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ("OED");
22 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE OED; REQUESTING
23 TWO-READING PASSAGE PURSUANT TO COUNCIL RULE
24 3.305; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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26 **WHEREAS**, ECKART, LLC (the "Company") has committed to create
27 45 permanent full-time equivalent new jobs in Jacksonville with an
28 average salary, exclusive of benefits, of \$79,960 per annum by
29 December 31, 2029, as further described in the Project Summary
30 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; and

31 **WHEREAS**, for the reasons more fully described in the Project

1 Summary, the Local Targeted Industry Employment Grant in such amounts
2 serves a paramount public purpose; and

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

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

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

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

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

20 (b) The location of the Company's Project in Jacksonville,
21 Florida, is more particularly described in the Economic Development
22 Agreement. The Project will promote and further the public and
23 municipal purposes of the City.

24 (c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are
25 matters of State and City policy and State and City concern in order
26 that the State and its counties and municipalities, including the
27 City, shall not continue to be endangered by unemployment,
28 underemployment, economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and
29 consume an excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because
30 of the extra services required for police, fire, accident, health
31 care, elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and

1 housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services
2 and facilities.

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

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

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

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

22 **Section 2. Economic Development Agreement Approved.** The
23 Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby
24 authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the
25 Economic Development Agreement substantially in the form placed
26 **Revised On File** with the Legislative Services Division. The Economic
27 Development Agreement may include such additions, deletions, and
28 changes as may be reasonable, necessary, and incidental for carrying
29 out the purposes thereof, as may be acceptable to the Mayor or her
30 designee, with such inclusion and acceptance being evidenced by
31 execution of the Economic Development Agreement by the Mayor or her

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

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

27 **Section 4. Oversight Department.** The Office of Economic
28 Development shall oversee the Project described herein.

29 **Section 5. Execution of the Economic Development Agreement.**
30 If the Economic Development Agreement approved by this Resolution has
31 not been signed by the Company within ninety (90) days after the OED

1 delivers or mails the unexecuted Economic Development Agreement to
2 the Company for execution, then the City Council approval of the
3 Project and authorization for the Mayor to execute the Economic
4 Development Agreement is automatically revoked, provided however,
5 that the Executive Director of the OED shall have the authority to
6 extend such ninety (90) day period in writing at his discretion for
7 up to an additional ninety (90) days.

8 **Section 6. Requesting Two Reading Passage Pursuant to**
9 **Council Rule 3.305.** Two reading passage of this legislation is
10 requested pursuant to Council Rule 3.305.

11 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Resolution 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: Terrence L. Harvey

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