

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-838**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A
6 DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT FOR THE COMMERCIAL
7 PROPERTIES ALONG 103RD STREET FROM BLANDING
8 BOULEVARD TO CECIL COMMERCE CENTER; DIRECTING
9 THE CHIEF OF THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
10 TO DISTRIBUTE PETITIONS TO COMMERCIAL AND
11 BUSINESS OWNERS WITHIN THE PROPOSED WONDERLAND
12 DISTRICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, it is the City of Jacksonville's intent to establish a
15 special dependent district consisting of those commercial properties
16 along 103rd Street, between Blanding Boulevard and Cecil Commerce
17 Center, the "Wonderland District", consistent with various goals,
18 objectives and policies set forth in the *2045 Comprehensive Plan*
19 concerning revitalization of run-down and/or under-utilized
20 commercial areas; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the potential Wonderland District would be a tool for
22 economic vitality, neighborhood identity, and sustainable development
23 by fostering economic growth, enhancing property values and promoting
24 commercial revitalization on Jacksonville's Westside connecting with
25 City Council Districts 9, 12 & 14; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Wonderland District could also be used to leverage
27 other grants and philanthropic funds for the betterment of those
28 properties located along the Wonderland Corridor; and

29 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City of Jacksonville that the
30 Wonderland District would raise funds through special assessments on
31 those properties located within the Wonderland District;

1 **WHEREAS**, it is intent of the Council to provide an initial
2 infusion of \$750,000 (from district Council Members Community 9, 12
3 & 14 Benefits Agreement funds) to assist with the initial creation
4 and start-up of the Wonderland District; and

5 **WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the City Council to determine the
6 community interest in establishing the Wonderland District; now
7 therefore

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

9 **Section 1. Directive to Chief of Legislative Services**
10 **Division.** The Chief of the Legislative Services Division is hereby
11 directed to distribute petitions attached as **Exhibit 1**, to all of the
12 owners of commercial property within the proposed Wonderland
13 District, as set forth in **Exhibit 2**, in order to determine the support
14 of the establishment of the Wonderland District.

15 **Section 2. Directive to Council Secretary/Director.** The
16 petitions shall be returned to the Council Secretary/Director. The
17 Council Secretary/Director is directed to report the results to the
18 City Council. The report shall indicate the number of petitions in
19 favor, number of petitions opposed and the percentage of the total
20 number of businesses that responded.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Dylan Reingold

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Dylan Reingold

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