

1 Introduced by Council Member White:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-714**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$120,000 FROM THE
6 ECONOMIC GRANT PROGRAM, MISCELLANEOUS
7 NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT TO THE
8 MUNICIPAL DUES AND AFFILIATIONS - CHAMBER OF
9 COMMERCE, DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT TO
10 PROCURE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF
11 JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.
12 ("JAX CHAMBER") TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN KEY
13 BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS IN DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE
14 AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER TO
15 SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; WAIVING SECTION 110.112
16 (ADVANCE OF CITY FUNDS; PROHIBITION AGAINST),
17 PART 1 (THE CITY TREASURY), CHAPTER 110 (CITY
18 TREASURY), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR
19 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS TO JAX CHAMBER; INVOKING THE
20 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM
21 COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL
22 REGULATIONS; ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC
23 CONTRACTING), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),
24 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
25 WITH JAX CHAMBER; WAIVING SECTION 118.107
26 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A
27 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1
28 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
29 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
30 WITH JAX CHAMBER; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE
31 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION

1 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF
2 THE CITY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
3 JACKSONVILLE AND JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL CHAMBER
4 OF COMMERCE, INC.; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY
5 THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING AN
6 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

9 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
10 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
11 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
12 listed in subsection (b):

13 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
14 incorporated herein by this reference)

15 (a) Appropriated from:

16 See **Exhibit 1** \$120,000

17 (b) Appropriated to:

18 See **Exhibit 1** \$120,000

19 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

20 The funding above is an appropriation of \$120,000 from the
21 Economic Grant Program, Miscellaneous Non-Departmental
22 Expenditures account to the Municipal Dues and Affiliations
23 - Chamber of Commerce, Dues and Subscriptions account to
24 procure the professional services of Jacksonville Regional
25 Chamber of Commerce, Inc. ("Jax Chamber") to attract and
26 retain key business headquarters in downtown Jacksonville.

27 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
28 Section 1 is to provide funding from the City of Jacksonville to Jax
29 Chamber for the provision of services related to attracting and
30 retaining key business headquarters in downtown Jacksonville as more
31 specifically described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated

1 herein by this reference. The Jax Chamber will engage with businesses
2 that have an existing presence in downtown Jacksonville to advocate
3 for their expansion while also receiving feedback on ways to improve
4 the downtown experience. In addition, Jax Chamber will provide an
5 economic analysis and data on the impact of attracting and maintaining
6 corporate headquarters in downtown Jacksonville.

7 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall
8 not lapse but shall carryover to September 30, 2025.

9 **Section 4. Waiving Section 110.112, Ordinance Code.**
10 Section 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against), Part 1
11 (The City Treasury), Chapter 110 (City Treasury), *Ordinance Code*, is
12 hereby waived to allow for quarterly payments to Jax Chamber for
13 services rendered in accordance with **Exhibit 2**, beginning October 1,
14 2024.

15 **Section 5. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.108(g),**
16 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure
17 the professional services of Jacksonville Regional Chamber of
18 Commerce, Inc. for the provision of services described herein.
19 Pursuant to Section 126.108(g) (Exemptions from competitive
20 solicitation), Part 1 (General Regulations; Ethics and Transparency
21 in Public Contracting), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance*
22 *Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation
23 because the supplies or services are to be provided by those
24 specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation. With the
25 exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126,
26 *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect.

27 **Section 6. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
28 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
29 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
30 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
31 for a direct contract with Jax Chamber. This waiver is justified

1 because Jax Chamber is regularly engaged in the business of growing
2 jobs and driving a thriving economy in Jacksonville and northeast
3 Florida. Jax Chamber's existing, often long-term, relationships with
4 businesses in Jacksonville and specifically in the downtown area are
5 the product of years of investment in the community, making it
6 uniquely situated to provide this economic service to the City.

7 **Section 7. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
8 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
9 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
10 the City a funding agreement with Jacksonville Regional Chamber of
11 Commerce, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$120,000, payable in equal
12 quarterly installments beginning on October 1, 2024, subject to the
13 Term Sheet attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on
14 August 21, 2024 through August 20, 2025, and all other contracts and
15 documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the
16 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate
17 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
18 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the
19 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
20 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
21 *Ordinance Code*.

22 **Section 8. Oversight Department.** The Office of Economic
23 Development shall oversee the project described herein.

24 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
25 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
26 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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