

1 Introduced by Council Members Salem, Dennis and Boylan & Co-  
2 Sponsored by Council Members Gaffney, Morgan, Newby, Ferraro,  
3 Priestly Jackson, Bowman, Carlucci and White:  
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6 **ORDINANCE 2020-355**

7 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 OF CARES  
8 ACT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE  
9 2020-243-E FOR THE COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT -  
10 CITY STIMULUS RESPONSE FUNDS - MORTGAGE, RENT  
11 AND UTILITIES RELIEF PROGRAM TO: \$3,000,000 TO  
12 THE COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT  
13 PROGRAM AND \$2,000,000 TO THE UTILITY RELIEF  
14 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR A PURPOSE; AUTHORIZING  
15 THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
16 AGREEMENT WITH FIDELITY NATIONAL INFORMATION  
17 SERVICES; INVOKING THE EXCEPTION OF 126.107(G)  
18 (EXEMPTIONS), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),  
19 ORDINANCE CODE, TO DIRECT CONTRACT WITH  
20 FIDELITY NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.  
21 ("FIS") TO PROVIDE PAYMENT CARDS TO THE CITY  
22 TO BE PROVIDED TO APPROVED GRANT RECIPIENTS  
23 UNDER THE COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT  
24 PROGRAM AND THE UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM;  
25 AMENDING THE MORTGAGE, RENT AND UTILITIES  
26 RELIEF PROGRAM APPROVED IN 2020-243-E TO  
27 PROVIDE UP TO 10,000 PAYMENT CARDS IN THE  
28 AMOUNT OF \$200; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE  
29 MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION  
30 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER, AN AGREEMENT  
31 WITH JEA TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING ELIGIBLE

1 RECIPIENTS; INVOKING THE EXCEPTION OF  
2 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS), CHAPTER 126  
3 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW  
4 JEA TO IDENTIFY ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS FOR THE  
5 COVID-19 UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM \$200 PAYMENT  
6 CARDS; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON  
7 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

10 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year,  
11 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the  
12 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to  
13 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

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

16 (a) Appropriated from:

17 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$5,000,000

18 (b) Appropriated to:

19 See attached **Exhibit 1** \$5,000,000

20 (c) **Explanation of Appropriation:**

21 The funding above is \$5,000,000 previously appropriated  
22 in Ordinance 2020-243-E from the COVID-19 Economic Impact  
23 - City stimulus response funds - Mortgage, Rent and  
24 Utilities Relief program to provide \$3,000,000 in  
25 additional funding to the COVID-19 Small Business Relief  
26 Grant program approved in Ordinance 2020-247-E; and  
27 \$2,000,000 to the Utility Relief Program as described in  
28 Section 5 herein.

29 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
30 section 1 is to provide funding to two programs: an additional  
31 \$3,000,000 in funding for grants via pay cards to eligible small

1 businesses located in Duval County to partially combat the economic  
2 impacts of the COVID-19 virus and encourage approved businesses to  
3 retain their employees for the duration of the declared emergencies  
4 as established by Ordinance 2020-247-E; and \$2,000,000 in funding  
5 for the Utility Relief Program as described in Section 5 here.

6 **Section 3. Authorizing the City to enter into an**  
7 **Amendment to the agreement with Fidelity National Information**  
8 **Services (FIS).** The City is hereby authorized to enter into an  
9 Amendment to the Agreement with Fidelity National Information  
10 Services for the purposes described in Section 2, and to also allow  
11 for a negotiated compensation to FIS. The Amendment will provide  
12 additional \$3,000,000 in funding, which will be distributed in the  
13 form of cards for the same purpose and in the same process  
14 described in 2020-247-E. The Amendment will also provide an  
15 additional \$2,000,000 in funding and authorize FIS to distribute up  
16 to 10,000 prepaid cards for the Utility Relief Program as outlined  
17 in Section 5 herein.

18 **Section 4. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g),**  
19 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into the  
20 Second Amendment to the Agreement with Fidelity National  
21 Information Services, Inc. for the purposes described in Section 2  
22 and Section 5, as well as allowing for a negotiated compensation to  
23 FIS. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General  
24 Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such  
25 procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the  
26 supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically  
27 prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the  
28 same. With the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of  
29 Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect.

30 **Section 5. Amending the Mortgage, Rent and Utilities**  
31 **Relief Program approved by 2020-235-E to allow for \$2,000,000 of**

1 **funding for the Utility Relief Program.** The City established the  
2 Mortgage, Rent and Utilities Relief Program ("MRU Program") in  
3 2020-235-E to provide Duval County residents, negatively impacted  
4 by COVID-19 with \$1,000 COVID-19 mortgage, rent and utilities  
5 relief grants. Ordinance 2020-243-E approved an additional  
6 \$5,000,000 to the MRU Program. The City Council hereby approves an  
7 amendment to the MRU Program to earmark \$2,000,000 from the MRU  
8 Program to be utilized to provide COVID-19 assistance in the form  
9 of up to 10,000 payment cards in the amount of \$200 to assist Duval  
10 County residents who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19,  
11 resulting in delinquent bills, including utilities bills and who  
12 may be in danger of their utilities being shutoff. The criteria  
13 for eligible individuals is described in **Exhibit 2** attached hereto.

14 **Section 6. Authorizing an agreement with JEA.** There is  
15 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation  
16 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, an  
17 agreement with JEA for the purposes of assisting in identifying  
18 eligible recipients and assisting in determining eligibility for up  
19 to 10,000 payment cards as described in Section 5. The Office of  
20 General Counsel will prepare an agreement to provide for the  
21 identification for distribution of payment cards in the amount of  
22 \$200 for assistance for those that have become delinquent in their  
23 bills and may be facing imminent shut off of utilities as Florida  
24 approaches the hottest months of the summer due to COVID-19.

25 **Section 7. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g),**  
26 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into an  
27 agreement with JEA for assistance in identifying eligible  
28 individuals for distribution of cards to 10,000 individuals  
29 affected by COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions),  
30 Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126, Procurement Code),  
31 *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive

1 solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by  
2 those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that  
3 appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all  
4 other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in  
5 full force and effect.

6 **Section 8. Rule 4.901 Requesting Emergency Passage Upon**  
7 **Introduction.** Emergency passage upon introduction of this  
8 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the  
9 negative health and economic impacts of COVID-19 are ongoing and  
10 immediate economic assistance is needed to maintain the viability  
11 of businesses and ease the financial needs of the citizens of Duval  
12 County impacted by COVID-19.

13 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
14 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
15 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20       /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman

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