

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and
3 Safety Committee:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2025-778-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM THE
8 NORTHWEST OED FUND - CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, TO THE
9 NORTHWEST OED FUND - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS
10 TO PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT, FOR THE
11 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A NORTHWEST JACKSONVILLE
12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND ("NWJEDF") BUSINESS
13 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT TO SPRINGFIELD ANIMAL
14 HOSPITAL, LLC ("COMPANY") TO FUND CERTAIN
15 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
16 THE RENOVATION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING AND
17 CONSTRUCTION OF A DOG PARK LOCATED AT 1632 N.
18 MAIN STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA ("PROJECT"),
19 AS INITIATED BY B.T. 25-121; MAKING CERTAIN
20 FINDINGS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
21 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
22 EXECUTE AND DELIVER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
23 CITY, AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
24 THE CITY AND COMPANY, TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT;
25 AUTHORIZING THE BIG GRANT; AUTHORIZING APPROVAL
26 OF TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE
27 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
28 ("OED"); AFFIRMING THE PROJECT'S COMPLIANCE WITH
29 THE NWJEDF GUIDELINES APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY
30 ORDINANCE 2016-779-E, AS AMENDED; AFFIRMING THE
31 PROJECT'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT

POLICY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 2024-286-E, AS
AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE
OED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Springfield Animal Hospital, LLC (the "Company") is seeking public investment through the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 to support certain infrastructure improvements related to the renovation of an existing building and construction of a dog park (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Company estimates capital investment of approximately \$1,000,000 and anticipates the creation of six full-time equivalent job opportunities in the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund area in Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons more fully described in the Economic Development Agreement ("Agreement") authorized hereby, the payment of the BIG Grant in the aforesaid amount serves a paramount public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the recommended level of assistance is within Public Investment Guidelines for a Northwest Jacksonville BIG Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Project will have a positive return of investment for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Development ("OED") has reviewed the application submitted by the Company for community development and, together with representatives of the City, has negotiated an Economic Development Agreement and, based upon the contents of the Agreement, has determined the Agreement and the uses contemplated therein to be in the public interest, and has determined that the public actions and financial assistance contemplated in the Agreement take into account and give consideration to the long-term public interests and public interest benefits to be achieved by the City; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Company has requested the City to enter into an
2 Agreement in substantially the form placed **Revised On File** with the
3 Legislative Services Division; now therefore

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

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

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

8 (b) The location of the Company's Project in Jacksonville,
9 Florida, is more particularly described in the Agreement. The Project
10 will promote and further the public and municipal purposes of the
11 City.

12 (c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are
13 matters of State and City policy and State and City concern in order
14 that the State and its counties and municipalities, including the
15 City, shall not continue to be endangered by unemployment,
16 underemployment, economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and
17 consume an excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because
18 of the extra services required for police, fire, accident, health
19 care, elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and
20 housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services
21 and facilities.

22 (d) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in
23 the Agreement is necessary and appropriate to make the Project
24 feasible, and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive,
25 taking into account the needs of the Company to make the Project
26 economically and financially feasible and the extent of the public
27 benefits expected to be derived from the Project.

28 (e) The Company is qualified to carry out and complete the
29 construction and equipping of the Project, in accordance with the
30 Agreement.

31 (f) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for

public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of Florida and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 163, 166 and 125, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, the City's Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 2. Appropriation. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

(B.T. 25-121, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference):

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 25-121 \$50,000

(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 25-121 \$50,000

(c) Explanation of Appropriation

The funding above is an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Northwest OED Fund - Contingency account, to the Northwest OED Fund - Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account, for the purpose of providing a Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund ("NWJEDF") Business Infrastructure Grant to the Company to assist in funding infrastructure improvements to support the renovation of an existing building and related improvements.

Section 3. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 2 is to provide the Company funding in the form of a Northwest Jacksonville Business Infrastructure Grant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to fund infrastructure improvements needed to complete the Project.

1 **Section 4. Economic Development Agreement Approved.** The

2 Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby
3 authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the
4 Agreement between the City and the Company, in substantially the form
5 placed **Revised On File** with the Legislative Services Division (with
6 such "technical" changes as herein authorized), for the purpose of
7 implementing the recommendations of the OED as set forth herein.

8 The Agreement may include such additions, deletions, and changes
9 as may be reasonable, necessary, and incidental for carrying out the
10 purposes thereof, as may be acceptable to the Mayor or her designee,
11 with such inclusion and acceptance being evidenced by execution of
12 the Agreement by the Mayor or her designee. No modification of the
13 Agreement may increase the financial obligations or the liability of
14 the City and any such modification shall be technical only and shall
15 be subject to appropriate legal review and approval of the General
16 Counsel or his or her designee and all other appropriate action
17 required by law. "Technical" is herein defined as including, but not
18 limited to, changes in legal descriptions and surveys, descriptions
19 of infrastructure improvements and/or any road project, ingress and
20 egress, easements and rights of way, performance schedules (provided
21 that no performance schedule may be extended for more than one year
22 without City Council approval), design standards, access, and site
23 plans which have no financial impact.

24 **Section 5. Designation of Authorized Official/OED Contract**
25 **Monitor.** The Mayor is designated as the authorized official of the
26 City for the purpose of executing and delivering any contracts, notes,
27 and documents and furnishing such information, data, and documents
28 for the Agreement as may be required and otherwise to act as the
29 authorized official of the City in connection with the Agreement, and
30 is further authorized to designate one or more other officials of the
31 City to exercise any of the foregoing authorizations and to furnish

1 or cause to be furnished such information and take or cause to be
2 taken such action as may be necessary to enable the City to implement
3 the Agreement according to its terms. The OED is hereby required to
4 administer and monitor the Agreement and to handle the City's
5 responsibilities thereunder, including the City's responsibilities
6 under the Agreement working with and supported by all relevant City
7 departments.

8 **Section 6. Further Authorizations.** The Mayor, or her
9 designee, and the Corporation Secretary, are hereby authorized to
10 execute the Agreement and all other contracts and documents and
11 otherwise take all necessary action in connection therewith and
12 herewith. The Executive Director of the OED, as contract
13 administrator, is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary
14 changes and amendments to the Agreement and other contracts and
15 documents, to effectuate the purposes of this legislation without
16 further Council action, provided such changes and amendments are
17 limited to amendments that are technical in nature (as described in
18 Section 4 hereof), and further provided that all such amendments
19 shall be subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the
20 General Counsel, or his or her designee, and all other appropriate
21 official action required by law.

22 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The OED shall oversee the
23 Project described herein.

24 **Section 8. NWJEDF Guidelines.** This Ordinance conforms to
25 the NWJEDF Guidelines adopted by City Council Ordinance 2016-779-E,
26 as amended.

27 **Section 9. Public Investment Policy.** This Ordinance
28 conforms to the guidelines provided in the Public investment Policy
29 adopted by City Council Ordinance 2024-286-E, as amended.

30 **Section 10. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

6 Office of General Counsel

7 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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