

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-465

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Arias

Date of Introduction: May 26, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2026

Type of Action: Appropriation; Agreement authorization; *Ordinance Code* waivers; Provides for oversight; Emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$26,666.66 from the Municipal Dues & Affiliation – Dues and Subscriptions account to the EDED Office of Economic Development – Industry Development – Contractual Services account to provide funding to the Asian Chamber of Commerce of North Florida Inc. (the "Chamber") as authorized by Ordinance 2025-842-E, as initiated by B.T. 26-078. The bill authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to enter into a Marketing Funding Agreement between the City and the Chamber to market Jacksonville and promote economic development and job creation within the City. The bill waives Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures) of the Ordinance Code to allow for a direct contract with the Chamber, and waives Section 106.303 (Format and determination of amounts appropriated) of the Ordinance Code to allow modification of the Appropriation of Funds Exhibit to facilitate compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The bill provides for oversight by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested.

Background Information: The Asian Chamber of Commerce of North Florida Inc. provides marketing services for the City of Jacksonville in conjunction with attracting business relocations, expansions, and job creation. The waiver of Section 118.107 is justified on the basis that the Chamber offers unique services in this area. The Chamber has provided the Affidavit of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), Ordinance Code. Emergency passage is requested because the term of the agreement expires September 30, 2026, and the Chamber requests funding so that it may fully utilize the funding within the authorized term.

Policy Impact Area: Economic Development; City Grants

Fiscal Impact: No additional appropriation required. This bill reallocates \$26,666.66 within the General Fund Operating fund, transferring \$24,866.66 from the Municipal Dues & Affiliation – Dues and Subscriptions account and \$1,800.00 from the CIP Debt Service Repayment – ISA-Debt Management Fund – Interest account to the EDED Office of Economic Development – Industry Development – Contractual Services account, as initiated by B.T. 26-078.

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