

1 Introduced by Council Members Howland, Gay, Freeman, Amaro, Carrico,  
2 Miller, Gaffney, Jr., Arias and Pittman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2026-155**

6 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FIRST COAST CRIME  
7 STOPPERS, INC. AS DUVAL COUNTY'S AGENT SOLELY  
8 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR, RECEIVING, AND  
9 EXPENDING MONEY FROM THE FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS  
10 TRUST FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 16.555, *FLORIDA*  
11 *STATUTES*, AND RULE 2A-9.002, *FLORIDA*  
12 *ADMINISTRATIVE CODE*, FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS  
13 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029;  
14 DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO  
15 SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE ATTORNEY  
16 GENERAL'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS,  
17 AND TO FIRST COAST CRIME STOPPERS, INC. UPON ITS  
18 ADOPTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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20 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 16.555,  
21 *Florida Statutes*, has established a Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Attorney General's Office, Department of Legal  
23 Affairs (the "Department"), is authorized by the State of Florida to  
24 apply for state and federal grants which meet the purposes of  
25 advancing Crime Stoppers in the State of Florida and to deposit all  
26 such grant funds received in the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund; and

27 **WHEREAS**, funds deposited in the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund are  
28 disbursed to units of local government upon application to the  
29 Department for funding assistance in accordance with Section 16.555  
30 (5) (a), *Florida Statutes*; and

31 **WHEREAS**, additionally, proceeds from court costs imposed

1 pursuant to Section 938.06, *Florida Statutes*, shall be deposited into  
2 a separate account within the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund to be used  
3 in the judicial circuit in which they were collected, as outlined in  
4 Section 16.555(5)(b), *Florida Statutes*; and

5 **WHEREAS**, any county may apply to the Department for a grant  
6 from the funds collected in the judicial circuit in which the County  
7 is located, however a grant may be awarded only to counties which are  
8 served by an official member of the Florida Association of Crime  
9 Stoppers, and may only be used to support Crime Stoppers and their  
10 programs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, only one official member of the Florida Association of  
12 Crime Stoppers shall be eligible for support within any county; and

13 **WHEREAS**, First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. is the one and only  
14 official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers in the  
15 Fourth Judicial Circuit serving Duval, Nassau, Baker, Bradford, Clay  
16 and Union Counties; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that designating First Coast  
18 Crime Stoppers, Inc. as the agent for Duval County for the purposes  
19 described herein to be a just and proper action to take; now therefore

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

21 **Section 1. Designating First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. as**  
22 **Duval County's Agent.** Duval County hereby designates First Coast  
23 Crime Stoppers, Inc. as authorized agent for Duval County solely for  
24 the purpose of applying for, receiving, and expending funds from the  
25 Florida Crime Stoppers Trust Fund pursuant to Section 16.555(5)(b),  
26 *Florida Statutes*, and Rule 2A-9.002(2), *Florida Administrative Code*,  
27 for a period of three years beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30,  
28 2029.

29 **Section 2. Directive to the Legislative Services Division.**  
30 The City Council Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to  
31 provide a copy of this Resolution to the Attorney General's Office,

1 Department of Legal Affairs, and First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc.  
2 upon its adoption.

3           **Section 3.           Effective Date.**   This Resolution shall become  
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
5 without the Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

10 Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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