Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA):

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ORDINANCE 2024-101-E

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING \mathtt{THE} JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (JTA) FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-504-E (THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BUDGET ORDINANCE) BY AMENDING REVISED SCHEDULE O (ESTIMATED OPERATING REVENUES) AND REVISED SCHEDULE P (OPERATING EXPENDITURES) TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO OFFSET INCREASED OPERATING EXPENSES EXCEEDING THE APPROVED JTA BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2022-504-E, which included the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Operating and Capital budgets for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), was enacted by Council on September 27, 2022; and

a copy of Revised Schedule O (JTA Estimated Operating Revenues) and Revised Schedule P (JTA Operating Expenditures) approved by Ordinance 2022-504-E is attached hereto as Exhibit 1; and after a thorough review of operating expenses for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, JTA has determined that operating expenditures

have exceeded the approved budget for the Bus Division by \$863,263, the Connexion Division by \$677,215, and the Ferry Division by \$703,607; and

WHEREAS, the increased expenses for the Bus Division were largely driven by the timing of grant-related expenses for the services incurred in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 that will not be reimbursed until Fiscal Year 2023-2024, along with higher than anticipated fringe benefits expenses; the increased expenses for the Connexion Division were due to increased fuel costs, and the increased expenses for the Ferry Division were due to the Ferry haul-out that occurred from February through April of 2023; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2023, the JTA Board of Directors approved Resolution 2023-20, attached hereto as Exhibit 2, which recommended amending Ordinance 2022-504-E to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 JTA Operations Budget to appropriate additional revenues to offset the increased operating expenses that exceeded the approved budget; and

WHEREAS, Revised Schedules O and P of Ordinance 2022-504-E are amended to appropriate \$2,244,085 in additional Net Sales Tax-Operating revenue to cover the increase in operating expenses of \$863,263 in the Bus Division, \$677,215 in the Connexion Division, and \$703,607 in the Ferry Division; and

WHEREAS, JTA is requesting the City Council approve amendments to the JTA Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; now therefore

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

Section 1. Amendment of Ordinance 2022-504-E to Amend Revised Schedules O and P for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 JTA Operations Budget. Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of Ordinance 2022-504-E are hereby amended, in part, to amend the Revised Schedules O and P outlining the JTA Operations Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The Second Revised Schedules O and P are attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and are, by this reference, made a part of Ordinance 2022-504-E.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor, or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.