

1 Introduced by Council Member Freeman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-337**

5 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING AND REQUESTING THE
6 MAYOR TO CONDUCT A COUNTY-WIDE ASSESSMENT TO
7 IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAPITAL
8 IMPROVEMENTS, STUDIES OR NEEDS ASSESSMENTS, AND
9 OTHER INITIATIVES AIMED AT ADDRESSING BLIGHT,
10 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, REVITALIZATION,
11 REHABILITATION AND REDEVELOPMENT IN
12 ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES AND
13 NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF
14 JACKSONVILLE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
15 WOODLAND ACRES, MIXON TOWN/LACKAWANNA AND
16 MAGNOLIA GARDENS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATE
17 FUNDING IN THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
18 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TO PAY FOR
19 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, STUDIES OR NEEDS
20 ASSESSMENTS, AND OTHER INITIATIVES IDENTIFIED
21 THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
22 DATE.
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24 **WHEREAS,** the City Council recently discussed the need and
25 desire to undertake a county-wide assessment of the City's most
26 economically distressed communities and neighborhoods to identify
27 opportunities for revitalization and improvement of these areas; and

28 **WHEREAS,** the Council recognizes this type of assessment is a
29 significant effort that would require coordination between the Mayor
30 and her Administration and the City Council to identify the true
31 needs of these communities and to propose effective and appropriate

1 solutions that address blight, infrastructure needs, and
2 opportunities for capital improvements and revitalization of these
3 important and historic neighborhoods of the City; and

4 **WHEREAS,** the Council believes it is in the best interests of
5 the City to initiate this assessment in conjunction with the
6 Administration's preparation of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget for
7 the City of Jacksonville with the hope that appropriate funding can
8 be included in the proposed budget; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1. Encouraging the Mayor to Conduct a County-wide**
11 **Assessment of Economically Distressed Areas of the City and to Provide**
12 **for Appropriate Funding in the Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget to Address**
13 **Identified Needs.** The Council hereby encourages and requests the
14 Mayor to conduct a county-wide assessment to identify opportunities
15 for capital improvements, studies or needs assessments, and other
16 programs and initiatives aimed at addressing blight, infrastructure
17 improvements, revitalization, rehabilitation and redevelopment of
18 economically distressed communities and neighborhoods throughout the
19 City of Jacksonville. This assessment should specifically include,
20 but is not limited to, the Woodland Acres, Mixon Town/Lackawanna and
21 Magnolia Gardens neighborhoods. Furthermore, the Council requests the
22 Mayor to include appropriate funding in the proposed Fiscal Year
23 2024-2025 budget of the City of Jacksonville to pay for capital
24 improvements, studies or needs assessments, and other initiatives
25 identified through the county-wide assessment.

26 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

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