

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-738**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$148,870.00, IN GRANT
6 FUNDING AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
7 DEFENSE, DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY, TO
8 THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE (THE "CITY") THROUGH
9 THE FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, FOR THE
10 PURPOSE OF IMPROVING DUVAL COUNTY UNIFORMED AND
11 OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)
12 VOTER EXPERIENCE, FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF A FIVE
13 YEAR GRANT TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 14, 2024
14 THROUGH JULY 14, 2029, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 24-
15 150; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON
16 INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING OVERSIGHT BY THE
17 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
18 DATE.

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

21 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
22 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
23 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
24 listed in subsection (b):

25 (B.T. 24-150 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and incorporated herein
26 by this reference)

27 (a) Appropriated from:

28 See B.T. 24-150 \$148,870.00

29 (b) Appropriated to:

30 See B.T. 24-150 \$148,870.00

31 (c) **Explanation of Appropriation** - The funding above represents

1 a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Human
2 Resources Activity, to the City of Jacksonville (the
3 "City") through the Federal Voting Assistance Program, to
4 improve the Duval County Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
5 Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voter experience through
6 technologies that provide faster and more accurate ballot
7 duplication. No local match is required.

8 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
9 Section 1 is to provide funding to the City for a digital ballot
10 duplication system to implement a hardware solution to duplicate
11 returned UOCAVA ballots that are unreadable or on the incorrect stock,
12 improving transparency and trust in the UOCAVA process. The funding
13 will also reduce staff burden by using more efficient processes. A
14 copy of the Grant Agreement Award (No. H98210-24-1-0006) has been
15 placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division (the
16 "Agreement").

17 **Section 3. Approval and Authorization.** There is hereby
18 approved, and the Supervisor of Elections is hereby authorized to
19 execute and deliver on behalf of the City, the Agreement in
20 substantially the form that has been placed **On File** with the
21 Legislative Services Division.

22 **Section 4. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction.**
23 Emergency passage upon introduction of this ordinance is requested
24 to insure that the digital ballot duplication systems are purchased
25 and in place prior to the November elections.

26 **Section 5. Oversight.** The Supervisor of Elections shall
27 oversee the project and the grant described herein.

28 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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