Introduced by Council Member J. Carlucci:

ORDINANCE 2024-165

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FAÇADE RENOVATION GRANT PROGRAM APPROVED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE THAT GRANT MATCHING DOLLARS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED WHEN A CITY-APPROVED JACKSONVILLE SMALL AND EMERGING BUSINESS ("JSEB") IS RETAINED BY AN ELIGIBLE BUSINESS AND COMPLETES THE FAÇADE RENOVATION WORK AND TO INCREASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CITY FUNDING THAT MAY BE PROVIDED IN LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2 AREAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a revised Public Investment Policy of the Office of Economic Development by adoption of Ordinance 2016-382-E, which has most recently been amended by Ordinance 2022-726-E; and

WHEREAS, the Public Investment Policy includes a Façade Renovation Grant Program (the "Program") to be administered by the Office of Economic Development which targets economically distressed areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Program guidelines provide that eligible businesses seeking funding must strive to utilize City-approved Jacksonville Small and Emerging Businesses ("JSEBs") for façade renovation work associated with the Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to further encourage the use of JSEBs throughout the City by modifying the Program criteria to eliminate the requirement for a grant recipient to provide matching

dollars when a JSEB is retained and completes the façade renovation work; and

WHEREAS, the Council also acknowledges that the costs for materials and labor to complete façade and other types of improvements contemplated by the Program have increased and desires to further modify the Program guidelines to increase the City funding amount authorized in Level 1 and Level 2 Areas; now therefore

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

Program of the Public Investment Policy. The City Council hereby approves and authorizes an amendment to the Façade Renovation Grant Program provisions of the Public Investment Policy of the Office of Economic Development as outlined in Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Except as specifically provided herein, there are no other changes or amendments to the Program or the Public Investment Policy approved by Ordinance 2016-382-E, as amended.

Section 2. Oversight Department. The Office of Economic Development shall continue to have oversight of the Program as described herein.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

Form Approved:

Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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