

1 Introduced by Council Member Becton and Co-Sponsored by Council Member
2 Diamond, Ferraro:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-276-D**

6 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MAYOR'S FINAL ANNUAL
7 BUDGET PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL; ENCOURAGING
8 THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET
9 PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 USING
10 ANTICIPATED AD VALOREM REVENUES BASED ON THE
11 ESTIMATED ROLLED-BACK MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, Section 106.201 of the *Ordinance Code* requires that the
15 Mayor submit a final annual budget proposal to Council no later than
16 the first City Council Committee meeting in July so that Council can
17 begin its review of the Mayor's final annual budget proposal; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Office is currently working with City
19 Departments to prepare the final annual budget proposal for the July
20 submission; and

21 **WHEREAS**, each year the millage is fixed by Council, as the
22 governing body of the county, pursuant to Section 200.011, *Florida*
23 *Statutes*, but due to statutory timeframes, the Council sets a tentative
24 millage rate in late July and the final millage rate in September of
25 each year; and

26 **WHEREAS**, for the last seven fiscal years, the Mayor has proposed
27 no adjustment in the millage rate, but due to the real estate economic
28 boom in Jacksonville over the last decade and other favorable
29 conditions, the millage rate has remained unchanged, but the effect is
30 an increase in ad valorem revenues each year; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in fiscal year 2015-2016 an additional \$25,231,378 ad
2 valorem revenues were realized budget year over year (from 2014-2015),
3 and has steadily increased each year: \$25,311,007 in 2016-2017,
4 \$35,330,769 in 2017-2018, \$46,069,270 in 2018-2019, \$48,650,711 in
5 2019-2020, \$50,660,102 in 2020-2021 and culminating in 2021-2022, to
6 an additional \$54,703,509 of ad valorem revenues, which were included
7 in the Mayor's final annual budget proposal before Council could vote
8 on the tentative and proposed millage rates; and

9 **WHEREAS**, if the millage rate remains unchanged, the ad valorem
10 revenue for fiscal year 2022-2023 is anticipated to increase due to:
11 (1) the cap on the increase to homesteaded property values being at the
12 full 3% for the 2022 property valuations; (2) the continued amount of
13 new construction in the Jacksonville market; and (3) the increase in
14 price of property sales; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the rolled-back millage rate still generates additional
16 ad valorem revenue based on the increase in assessed values on non-
17 homesteaded properties, home sales and new construction. For example,
18 for fiscal year 2021-2022, if the rolled-back millage rate had been
19 adopted, it would have generated an additional \$19,353,555 in ad valorem
20 revenue; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the City also continues to benefit from increasing
22 revenues from other funding sources; and

23 **WHEREAS**, City revenues from the half-cent sales tax have grown
24 from \$89.9 million in fiscal year 2015-2016 to \$114.9 million in fiscal
25 year 2020-2021 (an annual average increase of \$5.0 million) and other
26 state shared revenues grew during that same time period from \$66.3
27 million to \$80.9 million (an average annual increase of \$2.9 million),
28 suggesting that the trend in these two revenue sources will be a
29 continued increase; and

30 **WHEREAS**, due to unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic federal and state
31 funding over the last two years, the City has received a total of \$422.5

1 million in additional funds (\$167.1 million in CARES Act Funding, \$171.9
2 million in American Rescue Plan ("ARP") funding, \$78.8 million in other
3 COVID-19 funding and \$4.7 million in State passthrough COVID-19 funding)
4 to keep the Jacksonville economy moving forward and is anticipated to
5 receive another \$171.9 million in ARP funding in June 2022; and

6 **WHEREAS**, with the approval of the LOGT in Ordinance 2021-223-E,
7 beginning January 1, 2022, the City is also anticipated to receive
8 additional local option gas tax ("LOGT") funding of \$12.4 million per
9 year; and

10 **WHEREAS**, national real estate market predictions from Zillow have
11 ranked Jacksonville as the second hottest in the nation and Zillow has
12 forecasted that the typical home value in Jacksonville may rise by 22%
13 through November 2022; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Council desires to lessen the tax burden of the
15 taxpayers of Duval County, especially now that residents are
16 experiencing historic rates of inflation for regular household goods
17 and services and that housing and rental rates and gas prices have
18 reached record increases; and

19 **WHEREAS**, given the anticipated double-digit percentage increase
20 in real estate values in Jacksonville resulting in higher ad valorem
21 revenues, expected increases in the half cent sales tax revenues, the
22 influx of COVID-19 funding and the newly available LOGT funding, which
23 amounts to the City's budgeted revenues increasing by \$328,682,052 (Net
24 Budgeted General Revenues increasing from \$1,051,131,543 in fiscal year
25 2015-2016 to \$1,379,813,595 in fiscal year 2021-2022), the Council
26 encourages the Mayor to calculate anticipated ad valorem revenues using
27 the rolled-back millage rate, as defined by Section 200.065, *Florida*
28 *Statutes*, for the final annual budget proposal submitted to Council;
29 now, therefore

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

1 **Section 1. Encouraging the Mayor to Use the Rolled-Back**
2 **Millage Rate for Ad Valorem Revenues in the Final Annual Budget Proposal**
3 **Calculations.** The Council encourages the Mayor to utilize estimated
4 ad valorem revenues generated under the rolled-back millage rate for
5 the final annual budget proposal submitted to Council for fiscal year
6 2022-2023. The Council determines that given current economic
7 conditions, the taxpayers of Duval County should receive economic relief
8 in the form of a rolled-back millage rate providing lower ad valorem
9 assessments for fiscal year 2022-2023 versus using a flat millage rate
10 and that the City may be able to use other revenue sources outlined
11 herein to offset the impact on the approved final budget.

12 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become
13 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without
14 the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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20 Office of General Counsel

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