Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Clark-Murray, Gaffney, Jr. and Johnson:

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## ORDINANCE 2024-292-E

APPROPRIATING \$200,000.00 ΑN ORDINANCE AVAILABLE REVENUE FROM THE COUNTYWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT II PROJECT TO THE FACADE RENOVATION GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL OR RETAIL FAÇADE RENOVATION FUNDING ASSISTANCE EXISTING BUSINESSES FOR ΙN ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS OF JACKSONVILLE, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 24-086; REQUIRING REPORTS FROM OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND COUNCIL AUDITOR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

- (B.T. 24-086 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)
  - (a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 24-086

\$200,000.00

(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 24-086

\$200,000.00

(C) Explanation of appropriation

> The funding above is a transfer of available funds from the Countywide Economic Development II Project to the

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Façade Renovation Grant Program (the "Program").

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide funding for the Program which is designed to provide commercial or retail façade renovation funding assistance for existing businesses in economically distressed areas of Jacksonville. The public investment in façades of structures can help to reduce blight and create positive momentum towards community redevelopment. Façade renovations approved to date include extensive painting and pressure washing projects, new and improved signage to increase visibility, upgrading windows and doors for energy efficiency and enhanced security/safety, repairing or replacing fencing, repairing masonry, and upgrading landscaping.

Section 3. Reports Required. The Office of Economic Development shall continue to provide biannual reports to the City Council and Council Auditor in accordance with Ordinance 2018-370-E relative to the Program.

Section 4. 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

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