

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-778**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM THE
6 NORTHWEST OED FUND - CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, TO THE
7 NORTHWEST OED FUND - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS
8 TO PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT, FOR THE
9 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A NORTHWEST JACKSONVILLE
10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND ("NWJEDF") BUSINESS
11 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT TO SPRINGFIELD ANIMAL
12 HOSPITAL, LLC ("COMPANY") TO FUND CERTAIN
13 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
14 THE RENOVATION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING AND
15 CONSTRUCTION OF A DOG PARK LOCATED AT 1632 N.
16 MAIN STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA ("PROJECT"),
17 AS INITIATED BY B.T. 25-121; MAKING CERTAIN
18 FINDINGS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
19 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
20 EXECUTE AND DELIVER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
21 CITY, AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
22 THE CITY AND COMPANY, TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT;
23 AUTHORIZING THE BIG GRANT; AUTHORIZING APPROVAL
24 OF TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE
25 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
26 ("OED"); AFFIRMING THE PROJECT'S COMPLIANCE WITH
27 THE NWJEDF GUIDELINES APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY
28 ORDINANCE 2016-779-E, AS AMENDED; AFFIRMING THE
29 PROJECT'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT
30 POLICY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 2024-286-E, AS
31 AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE

OED; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Springfield Animal Hospital, LLC (the "Company") is seeking public investment through the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 to support certain infrastructure improvements related to the renovation of an existing building and construction of a dog park (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Company estimates capital investment of approximately \$1,000,000 and anticipates the creation of six full-time equivalent job opportunities in the Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund area in Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons more fully described in the Economic Development Agreement ("Agreement") authorized hereby, the payment of the BIG Grant in the aforesaid amount serves a paramount public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the recommended level of assistance is within Public Investment Guidelines for a Northwest Jacksonville BIG Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Project will have a positive return of investment for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Development ("OED") has reviewed the application submitted by the Company for community development and, together with representatives of the City, has negotiated an Economic Development Agreement and, based upon the contents of the Agreement, has determined the Agreement and the uses contemplated therein to be in the public interest, and has determined that the public actions and financial assistance contemplated in the Agreement take into account and give consideration to the long-term public interests and public interest benefits to be achieved by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested the City to enter into an Agreement in substantially the form placed **On File** with the

1 Legislative Services Division; now therefore

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

3 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,
4 found and declared as follows:

5 (a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

6 (b) The location of the Company's Project in Jacksonville,
7 Florida, is more particularly described in the Agreement. The Project
8 will promote and further the public and municipal purposes of the
9 City.

10 (c) Enhancement of the City's tax base and revenues, are
11 matters of State and City policy and State and City concern in order
12 that the State and its counties and municipalities, including the
13 City, shall not continue to be endangered by unemployment,
14 underemployment, economic recession, poverty, crime and disease, and
15 consume an excessive proportion of the State and City revenues because
16 of the extra services required for police, fire, accident, health
17 care, elderly care, charity care, hospitalization, public housing and
18 housing assistance, and other forms of public protection, services
19 and facilities.

20 (d) The provision of the City's assistance as identified in
21 the Agreement is necessary and appropriate to make the Project
22 feasible, and the City's assistance is reasonable and not excessive,
23 taking into account the needs of the Company to make the Project
24 economically and financially feasible and the extent of the public
25 benefits expected to be derived from the Project.

26 (e) The Company is qualified to carry out and complete the
27 construction and equipping of the Project, in accordance with the
28 Agreement.

29 (f) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for
30 public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a
31 county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of

1 Florida and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public
2 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a
3 matter of legislative determination.

4 This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapters
5 163, 166 and 125, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, the City's Charter,
6 and other applicable provisions of law.

7 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
8 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
9 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
10 listed in subsection (b):

11 (B.T. 25-121, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated
12 herein by this reference):

13 (a) Appropriated from:

14 See B.T. 25-121 \$50,000

15 (b) Appropriated to:

16 See B.T. 25-121 \$50,000

17 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

18 The funding above is an appropriation of \$50,000 from the
19 Northwest OED Fund - Contingency account, to the Northwest OED Fund
20 - Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account, for
21 the purpose of providing a Northwest Jacksonville Economic
22 Development Fund ("NWJEDF") Business Infrastructure Grant to the
23 Company to assist in funding infrastructure improvements to support
24 the renovation of an existing building and related improvements.

25 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
26 Section 2 is to provide the Company funding in the form of a Northwest
27 Jacksonville Business Infrastructure Grant in an amount not to exceed
28 \$50,000 to fund infrastructure improvements needed to complete the
29 Project.

30 **Section 4. Economic Development Agreement Approved.** The
31 Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby

1 authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, the
2 Agreement between the City and the Company, in substantially the form
3 placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division (with such
4 "technical" changes as herein authorized), for the purpose of
5 implementing the recommendations of the OED as set forth herein.

6 The Agreement may include such additions, deletions, and changes
7 as may be reasonable, necessary, and incidental for carrying out the
8 purposes thereof, as may be acceptable to the Mayor or her designee,
9 with such inclusion and acceptance being evidenced by execution of
10 the Agreement by the Mayor or her designee. No modification of the
11 Agreement may increase the financial obligations or the liability of
12 the City and any such modification shall be technical only and shall
13 be subject to appropriate legal review and approval of the General
14 Counsel or his or her designee and all other appropriate action
15 required by law. "Technical" is herein defined as including, but not
16 limited to, changes in legal descriptions and surveys, descriptions
17 of infrastructure improvements and/or any road project, ingress and
18 egress, easements and rights of way, performance schedules (provided
19 that no performance schedule may be extended for more than one year
20 without City Council approval), design standards, access, and site
21 plans which have no financial impact.

22 **Section 5. Designation of Authorized Official/OED Contract**
23 **Monitor.** The Mayor is designated as the authorized official of the
24 City for the purpose of executing and delivering any contracts, notes,
25 and documents and furnishing such information, data, and documents
26 for the Agreement as may be required and otherwise to act as the
27 authorized official of the City in connection with the Agreement, and
28 is further authorized to designate one or more other officials of the
29 City to exercise any of the foregoing authorizations and to furnish
30 or cause to be furnished such information and take or cause to be
31 taken such action as may be necessary to enable the City to implement

1 the Agreement according to its terms. The OED is hereby required to
2 administer and monitor the Agreement and to handle the City's
3 responsibilities thereunder, including the City's responsibilities
4 under the Agreement working with and supported by all relevant City
5 departments.

6 **Section 6. Further Authorizations.** The Mayor, or her
7 designee, and the Corporation Secretary, are hereby authorized to
8 execute the Agreement and all other contracts and documents and
9 otherwise take all necessary action in connection therewith and
10 herewith. The Executive Director of the OED, as contract
11 administrator, is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary
12 changes and amendments to the Agreement and other contracts and
13 documents, to effectuate the purposes of this legislation without
14 further Council action, provided such changes and amendments are
15 limited to amendments that are technical in nature (as described in
16 Section 4 hereof), and further provided that all such amendments
17 shall be subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the
18 General Counsel, or his or her designee, and all other appropriate
19 official action required by law.

20 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The OED shall oversee the
21 Project described herein.

22 **Section 8. NWJEDF Guidelines.** This Ordinance conforms to
23 the NWJEDF Guidelines adopted by City Council Ordinance 2016-779-E,
24 as amended.

25 **Section 9. Public Investment Policy.** This Ordinance
26 conforms to the guidelines provided in the Public Investment Policy
27 adopted by City Council Ordinance 2024-286-E, as amended.

28 **Section 10. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.
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Form Approved:

/s/ Joelle J. Dillard

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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