

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-770**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$694,234.00 FROM
6 THE TAX SLAYER BOWL CONTINGENCY TO PROVIDE
7 FUNDING IN CONNECTION WITH THE JANUARY 2021
8 TAXSLAYER GATOR BOWL NCAA COLLEGE FOOTBALL
9 GAME TO BE HELD AT TIAA BANK FIELD, AS
10 INITIATED BY B.T. 21-032; PURPOSE OF
11 APPROPRIATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS
12 DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE
13 AND DELIVER AN INTERIM AGREEMENT EXTENDING THE
14 LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
15 GATOR BOWL SPORTS INC., FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE
16 GATOR BOWL ASSOCIATION, TO EXTEND THE TERM OF
17 THE LEASE THROUGH MARCH 2021 AND TO PROVIDE
18 FUNDING AS SET FORTH HEREIN; REQUESTING
19 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
20 FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
21 OFFICE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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23 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville ("City") and Gator Bowl
24 Sports, Inc., formerly known as the Gator Bowl Association ("GBS")
25 previously entered into that certain Amended and Restated Lease
26 dated October 26, 1994 (as amended, the "Lease"), whereby GBS
27 leases a portion of TIAA Bank Field and pursuant to which the GBS
28 and City hosted the annual TaxSlayer Gator Bowl NCAA college
29 football game; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Lease expired in accordance with its terms on
31 March 31, 2020, and the parties have been negotiating terms for a

1 new lease since that time (the "New Lease"); and

2 **WHEREAS**, as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic,
3 GBS and the City did not finalize the New Lease in time for the
4 City to file legislation seeking its approval so that the new
5 economic and other terms will apply to the January 2021 TaxSlayer
6 Gator Bowl game (the "Game"); and

7 **WHEREAS**, GBS and the City wish to enter into the Interim
8 Agreement to Extend Amended and Restated Lease attached hereto as
9 **Exhibit 1** to ratify and extend the Lease and to provide for revised
10 economic and other terms as set forth therein applicable to the
11 Game, with all other terms and conditions of the Lease remaining
12 unchanged; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Schools and the City will finalize the New Lease
14 in the near future and the City will subsequently file legislation
15 seeking to authorize the City to enter into the New Lease; now
16 therefore

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

18 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year,
19 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the
20 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to
21 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

22 (B.T. 21-032, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein
23 by this reference)

24 (a) Appropriated from:

25 See B.T. 21-032 \$694,234

26 (b) Appropriated to:

27 See B.T. 21-032 \$694,234

28 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

29 The appropriation authorizes funding for costs of the
30 game in the amount of \$694,234 for costs attendant to
31 hosting the Game and securing the participation of the

1 schools and conferences.

2 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
3 Section 1 is to provide funding for the costs attendant to hosting
4 the Game and securing the participation of the schools and
5 conferences.

6 **Section 3. Authorization.** The Mayor, or his designee,
7 and Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and
8 deliver that certain Interim Agreement Extending Amended and
9 Restated Lease ("Amendment") between and among the City of
10 Jacksonville ("City"), Gator Bowl Sports, Inc., formerly known as
11 the Gator Bowl Association, inn substantially the form attached
12 hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein. The Amendment
13 ratifies and extends the term of the Lease to the earlier to occur
14 of March 31, 2021 or the effective date of the New Lease and
15 provides funding attendant to costs of the Game in the amount of
16 \$694,234, with all other terms and conditions of the Lease
17 remaining unchanged.

18 **Section 4. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
19 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
20 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
21 emergency is that the 2021 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl game is scheduled
22 to be played at TIAA Bank Field on January 2, 2021 and the parties
23 wish to authorize the use of the stadium and funding for the Game.

24 **Section 5. Oversight.** The Sports and Entertainment Office
25 shall oversee the agreement described herein.

26 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.

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Form Approved:

 /s/ John Sawyer

Office of General Counsel

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