

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-248**

5 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO
6 THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
7 PROTECTION ("FDEP") FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH
8 THE READINESS AND RECREATION INITIATIVE GRANT
9 PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
10 INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AND THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND COMMITTING TO
12 UNDERTAKE A FUTURE PROJECT TO ACQUIRE AND
13 DEVELOP APPROXIMATELY 57± ACRES OF PROPERTY
14 (R.E. NUMBER 168281-0000 AND R.E. NUMBER 168437-
15 0000) LOCATED ADJACENT TO NAVAL STATION MAYPORT
16 ALONG STATE ROUTE A1A ("PROJECT") SUBJECT TO THE
17 GRANT AWARD; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
18 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
19 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ALL GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
20 THE CITY AND FDEP, AS WELL AS ALL DOCUMENTS
21 RELATED TO SUCH GRANTS; ACKNOWLEDGING
22 WILLINGNESS TO AMEND THE CITY'S CAPITAL
23 IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE THE PROJECT;
24 PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT
25 OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES;
26 REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE;
27 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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29 **WHEREAS,** the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State
30 Assistance and Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration
31 (REPI) Partnership Challenge Program, known as the Readiness and

1 Recreation Initiative Grant Program (the "Program"), is a federal
2 grant opportunity funded by the Department of the Interior, National
3 Park Service, and the Department of Defense, providing for the
4 acquisition or acquisition and development of compatible recreation
5 facilities on public lands within a REPI Partnership Agreement or
6 Sentinel Landscape boundary; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville ("City") in partnership with
8 the United States Navy ("Navy") has identified an approximately 57±-
9 acre parcel of land, containing frontage on the Intracoastal Waterway,
10 (the "Property") that is owned by a willing seller, and qualifies for
11 the Program, which Property is shown in context to the neighboring
12 city, state and federal lands on **Exhibit 1** attached hereto and
13 incorporated by reference herein; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Navy is interested in holding a restrictive
15 easement over the Property and contributing federal funds to the
16 City's acquisition of the Property to increase outdoor recreation
17 opportunities for nearby Navy family housing and the general public,
18 promote compatible land use by preserving the Navy's operational
19 mission, and enhance the resilience of Naval Station Mayport;

20 **WHEREAS**, Program grant applications must be accompanied by
21 legislation committing the applicant to amend its Capital Improvement
22 Plan and complete the proposed project should it receive the grant;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community
25 Services has recommended the Project for submission to FDEP; now,
26 therefore

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

28 **Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals above are true and
29 correct and incorporated herein by reference.

30 **Section 2. Approved Project.** The Shermans Creek
31 Acquisition project ("Project") as more fully described in the Project

1 Information Sheet attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein
2 by this reference, has been recommended by the Department of Parks,
3 Recreation and Community Services and is approved for submission to
4 the FDEP for purposes of applying for and receiving grants from the
5 Program. The Project is estimated to cost \$1,250,000.00, occur in
6 FY 2024-2025, and be funded by the Program grant and a City
7 contribution of approximately \$625,000.00. In addition to the
8 foregoing, it is expected that the Navy will contribute additional
9 funds at the closing of the acquisition of the Property.

10 **Section 3. Authorization.** The Mayor, for and on behalf of
11 the City, is hereby authorized to apply for the Program grant for
12 funding of the Project.

13 **Section 4. Execution authorized.** The Mayor, or her
14 designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
15 execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City, all grant
16 agreements, including any grant agreement extensions, for the Project
17 between the City and FDEP, as well as any and all documents related
18 to such grants.

19 **Section 5. Acknowledging Willingness to Amend Capital**
20 **Improvement Plan.** The City of Jacksonville is willing to amend its
21 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan to include the Project described
22 in **Exhibit 2** and complete such Project if it receives grant funding
23 from the Program.

24 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Department of Parks,
25 Recreation and Community Services shall oversee the Project.

26 **Section 7. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
27 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
28 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that deadline
29 for the Program grant application is April 15, 2024 and to receive a
30 certain amount of points the application requires an adopted
31 resolution committing the City to amend its Five-Year Capital

1 Improvement Plan to include the proposed project should the City
2 receive Program funds.

3 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
5 without the Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Joelle J. Dillard

10 Office of General Counsel

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