

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

ORDINANCE 2025-278

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A \$300,000.00 GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, FUNDED THROUGH THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OF 2022, FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF AIR MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY IN HEALTH ZONE 1, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 25-067; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS INTO FISCAL YEAR 2028-2029; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2024-2025 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. 25-067 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 25-067	\$300,000.00
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(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 25-067	\$300,000.00
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(c) **Explanation of Appropriation**

The appropriation above is a grant award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency funded by the

Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. The grant funds will be used to procure equipment for the expansion and enhancement of air monitoring activities. The grant period commenced on October 1, 2024 and ends December 31, 2028. No local match is required.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to expand and enhance air monitoring activities and conduct mobile monitoring to identify Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) plumes and VOC air toxic hotspots in disadvantaged communities, particularly Jacksonville's Health Zone 1 who face disproportionate exposure to air pollutants resulting in an increased vulnerability for health risks. This project will revolutionize the City's understanding of air quality issues and its impact on public health in vulnerable areas of the City. A copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant Agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

Section 3. Carryover. The funds appropriated in this Ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year 2028-2029.

Section 4. Oversight. The Office of Administrative Services Department, Environmental Quality Division, shall oversee the grant and project described herein, including preparation and submittal of any reports required by the grant.

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

Form Approved:

/S/ Joelle J. Dillard

Office of General Counsel

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